

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2015**

***Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth, Jamie Thompson and Chris Hutchins.
Others include: Brian Knipstein and Chief Reed.***

Call to order at 7:00 pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Sch. Tax Pd 11/04/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$385,021.00
- Checks Pd 11/06/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$7,040.80 (Casella)
Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$8,972.75
Payroll Manifest - \$9,277.50
- Tax Collector's Warrant – Property Tax Levy –Dec. 2015

Brian Knipstein met with the Selectmen to discuss:

- “No Thru Trucks” signs which should all be identical, so new signs will be swapped out for those signs with weight limit. New Road will be the exception for the 6 ton weight limit for the bridge. The Town Ordinance 503.1 will be amended and this will be the first reading, second reading- 11/10, and third reading- 11/17.
- Received the first salt delivery and a pre-buy of salt before the end of the year.
- Japanese Knotwood has been sprayed and the DES permit is in progress for Bio-Spray for the spring .
- Paving for 2016: Dixon Ave / Salt Shed area
- Estimate for Sidewalks extension with granite curbing for future Warrant Articles.

Chief Reed met with the Board to discuss:

- Claremont memo: “Change in Social Security Withholding” for a retired part-time employee, who is collecting a pension and working for an employer with the same retirement system – Rehired Annuitant – should not have social security withheld from their earned wages.
- Outstanding Parking Ordinance (2012)- Monaghan Way (Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm)- the “No Parking” signs have not been installed to date.

- Speed Count was done on Main Street, with help from the Rockingham County Planning Commission, from the end of August to the end of September (1 month) with the following results: Total of cars traveling north and south on Rte 85 was 93,000 at an average (mean) speed of 31 mph in a 30 mph zone.
- Hiring process for part time officers: 15 applications received, 4 will be tested.
- The SERT was approved in the 2015 Budget and the Chief is looking into joining.

Michael asked the Chief about the Vest Policy for the Police Dept. Chief Reed responded that it is the policy to have it on or have it with you.

At 7:52 pm, the Board of Selectmen, by motion of Selectmen Woodworth, seconded by Selectmen Thompson and in accordance with RSA91-A:3(I), to enter into a non-public session for purpose of personnel matter [RSA91-A:3(II)(c)]. By roll call vote the Board passed the motion: Woodworth-Affirmative; Thompson – Affirmative; Hutchins – Affirmative

At 7:53pm, the Board entered into non-public session.

At 8:07pm, the Board left non-public session and entered into public session.

At 8:08 pm, the Board of Selectmen, by motion of Selectmen Woodworth, in accordance with RSA91-A:3(III), that the minutes will not be disclosed because divulgence of the information would adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board or render the proposed action ineffective. All were in favor and the 2/3 requirement for affirmative vote was met.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed the following abatements:

- ✓ Jamie made a motion to approve the abatement of \$134.65 for PSNH (201-22), seconded by Chris. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- ✓ Chris made a motion to approve the abatement of \$238.00 for Dotty Dawson(104-43), seconded by Jamie. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- ✓ Jamie made a motion to approve the 2015 abatement of \$967.00 for Conner Bottling Works (203-17), seconded by Chris. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board approved the additional cost to paint the letters on the front of the Town Hall. Jamie made a motion to approve the Silver Bros. Invoice for \$325.00 to paint the letters on front of the Town Hall, seconded Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Selectmen reviewed the expenses for October and updated Budget for 2016.

Jamie updated and discussed the Police/ Town Hall Renovation with the Board.
No further decision was reached.

Minutes of the October 27th meeting were read. Chris made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Jamie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

At 9:10 pm, Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jamie. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman