

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016**

***Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth, Jamie Thompson and Chris Hutchins.
Others include:***

Call to order at 6:30pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Sch. Tax Pd 01/11/16: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$333,969.00
- Checks Pd 01/15/16: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$25,300.75
- Payroll Manifest - \$9,730.17

The Selectmen read and voted on the recommendations of the 2016 Warrant Articles:

- ✓ Article 1 – Recommended (Aye,Aye,Aye)
- ✓ Article 2 – Recommended (1-Nay, 2-Aye)
- ✓ Article 3 – Recommended (Aye,Aye,Aye)
- ✓ Article 4 - Recommended (Aye,Aye,Aye)
- ✓ Article 5 – Recommended (Aye,Aye,Aye)
- ✓ Article 6 – Recommended (Aye,Aye,Aye)
- ✓ Article 7 – Recommended (Aye,Aye,Aye)
- ✓ Article 8 – Recommended (Aye,Aye,Aye)
- ✓ Article 9 – Citizens Petition(We the People Agenda)
- ✓ Article 9 – Citizens Petition(Nepotism Policy)

Adjourn 6:55PM – until after Town Budget Hearing.

TOWN BUDGET HEARING – Town Hall

Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth, Jamie Thompson and Chris Hutchins.

Call to order at 7:00PM.

Michael welcomed everyone and stated that each Article would be read and any discussion would follow.

Article 1 (Operating and Default Budget) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen. Jamie stated it is a 5.6% increase over last year. This year, included in the budget are the lease payment of \$21,000.00 for the F.D. Air Paks, the paving expense of \$20,000.00 for the Highway Dept and Employee salary increases (approximately 2%) of \$30,00.00, which were in the Budget Advisory Committees' recommendation recap for 2016. Win Fream inquired about the Selectmen's decision from the 12/29/15 Board of Selectmen Meeting on the revised proposal discussion on the increase in hours cost of \$1,253.20 in the 2016 Library Budget. Jamie stated after it was discussed in depth with the Board, they decided to go with the Budget Committees' recommendations to keep in line with the 2% salary increase. Michael stated it can be changed at the Deliberative Session. Jamie noted the \$800.00 cost for the Kiosk for Tax Assessment Cards on line as being of value to the Town.

Article 2 (Adulciding/Truck Spraying) was read by Jamie and recommended by the Selectmen (2-1).

Article 3 (Larviciding / Surveillance) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 4 (Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 5 (Rescue Equipment Capital Rescue Fund) was read by Jamie and recommended by the Selectmen. Jamie stated this would be the first of a three year plan.

Article 6 (Stormwater Infrastructure) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen. These funds will be used for stormwater mapping and to control nitrogen discharge into Great Bay and acid management which is monitored by the EPA.

Article7 (Retirement Benefits) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen. These funds will be paid out this year to cover the retirement expenses for Chief Reed.

Article8 (Trustees of the Trust Fund- investment management fees) was read by Jamie and recommended by the Selectmen. These fees would be paid out of the Trust Funds instead of being part of the Town Budget.

Article9 (Citizens Petition – “We the People Agenda”) was read by Chris. Michael stated it should go on the ballot as written for voters to decide.

Article10 (Citizens Petition – Town Nepotism Policy) was read by Michael. Entire policy will be in the Town Report.

Article 11 - no discussion

Article 12 – no discussion

TOWN BUDGET HEARING – Adjourned at 7:35PM.

Resume Public Session @ 7:40PM.

The Board reviewed and approved a 1 year extension of the service agreements for Casella Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection and Processing services, together with Stratham and Newmarket, beginning 1/1/2016 through 12/31/2016. Jamie made a motion to sign the extension contract(1/1/16-12/31/16) for Casella with Stratham and Newmarket, seconded by Chris. All were in favor and the motion passed.

At 7:45 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 7:46pm, the Board entered into non-public session.

At 7:55pm, the Board left non-public session and entered into public session.

At 7:56pm, 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 discussed the upcoming Deliberative Session.

At 8:05pm, 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