

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016**

Present: Selectmen: Chris Hutchins, Jamie Thompson and Michael Sununu. Others include: Charlotte Legg, Michael Todd, and Tom Hayward.

Call to order at 7:08pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- ✓ Sch. Tax Pd 05/05/16: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$333,969.00
- ✓ Checks Pd 05/06/16: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$11,271.11 (Casella,Comcast)
 - Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$14,264.04
 - Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$1,208.38
 - Payroll Manifest - \$7,979.87
- ✓ Current Use Land Change Tax Collector's Warrant(A-5W) (214-26.2&26.2.1)
- ✓ 2016 Inventory of Taxable Property –Past Due Letter

Charlotte Legg met with the Board to discuss the Summer Solstice on June 18th with the road being closed from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This year the Summer Solstice is part of the Celebration Committee and is covered under their insurance. All donations raised will go to the Silvani Family. All peddlers will fill out the information form and the fee will be waived. Jamie made a motion to accept the plan for the Summer Solstice on June 18th, seconded by Chris. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mike Todd met with the Selectmen to discuss the 16 solar panels on the roof of his house prior to the exemption. The electricity from the solar panels is for the sole use of the house. Only options are either net metering or battery back-up. Jamie made a motion to accept the Solar Exemption (204-20), seconded by Chris. All were in favor and the motion passed.

“Article 7. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy equipment under these statutes. (Recommended by Selectmen).”

The Elderly Exemption (213-8.1) was reviewed and signed by the Selectmen. Jamie made a motion to grant the Elderly Exemption to C. Daley, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Selectmen reviewed the Town's Elderly Exemption form, which the resident would apply for once. These forms are reviewed every 5 years with updates on assets and income, but the reviews can be updated sooner, if wanted and would be effective April 2017. Michael made a motion to send letters to all residents who receive the Elderly Exemptions for all household income, seconded by Jamie. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed and signed the Library Payroll Change for Lauren Maclachlan.

Tom Hayward met with the Board for approval to work on a plan to get more space for the Police Dept. which would be reasonable and outline the needs of the dept. Tom will keep the board updated.

The Board approved the Town Office to be closed on May 18th due to the Annual Town Clerks' Workshop.

The Selectmen reviewed the Expenditures for April.

The Board was updated by Brian Knipstein, Road Agent, that the Bond for Dave Garvey should be \$29,000.00. Clay will draft the letter. Jamie made a motion to send a letter to Dave Garvey to post a Bond for \$29,000.00 or cash payment; also, pay taxes due, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Personnel Policy changes – tabled due to more info and copies.

The Selectmen discussed the refinishing of the floors in the Town Hall as a maintenance item in the 2016 Budget. Quotes will be needed for job estimates..

Minutes of the April 19th meeting were read. Michael made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Jamie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Minutes of the April 26th meeting were read. Jamie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.

At 8:12 pm, Jamie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman