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NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE: MONDAY, March 12, 2018

TIME: 5:30PM

LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairman Burrill called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. In attendance were Selectmen, Matthew A. Burrill, Chairman, Lisa L. Gonyer, Vice-Chairman, Robert S. Donovan Jr., James L. Doggett; Nancy J. Wrigley, Town Administrator and Diane M. Morin, Selectmen's Secretary. The public meeting was audio taped; the public meeting minutes were transcribed and typed by Diane M. Morin. Selectman Lawrence B. Foote was excused this evening.

II. Scheduled Business

A. Preparations for Town Elections

In attendance were, Town Clerk/Tax Collector MaryJo McCullough, Road Agent Mike Pivero, Fire Chief John Alcaidinho, Police Chief Mike Jewett, and Town Moderator Robert Dezmelyk.

Chairman Burrill polled the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town Offices and Transfer Station should be closed due to the impending storm.

Selectman Gonyer moved to close the Town Hall Offices and Transfer Station on March 13, 2018 due to inclement weather. Seconded by Selectman Doggett with a unanimous vote.

Town Moderator Dezmelyk stated that people working at the polls should try to get a ride in as parking will be limited. Between the Police and Highway departments, people working the polls will be given a ride home once the polls close.

Chief Jewett said he has already placed "No Parking" signs on the south bound side of route 108 in front of the Town Hall and there will be a patrol vehicle outside while the polls are open. The "No Parking" signs on the north bound side will be covered to allow residents to park while the polls are open.

Transfer Station and Highway Department employees along with Custodian Romanoski will be available to keep the stairs and walkways clear of snow and to keep the floors dry as possible.

Town Administrator Wrigley will investigate providing food for those working the polls.

Chief Alcadinho stated that the Fire Station will be manned for the duration of the storm.

Selectman Gonyer will use social media to inform voters and candidates that parking is limited. Candidates should arrange to be dropped off or park in the Church parking lot.

Town Administrator Wrigley will contact Transfer Station Manager Gagnon to inform him that those Transfer Station employees scheduled to work should report to the Town Hall by 7:30am.

Secretary Morin read the notice that will be posted on the Town's web site.

Town Administrator Wrigley inquired the rate of pay for the employees that setup the voting booths.

Selectman Doggett moved to pay the Transfer Station employees who worked as a Poll Assembly Worker their normal rate of pay or the Poll Assembly Worker rate of pay whichever is higher effective March 12, 2018 . Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

III. Adjourn

Selectman Doggett moved to adjourn at 6:04pm. Seconded by Selectman Donovan with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Morin
Board of Selectmen Secretary