



Town of Newton, NH

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DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

- Call to Order

Chairman Doggett called the meeting to order at 5:34pm. In attendance were Selectmen James L. Doggett, Chairman, Matthew A. Burrill, Vice-Chairman, Lawrence B. Foote. Lisa L. Gonyer arrived at 5:41pm. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Nancy Wrigley and Bookkeeper Kim Hughes. The public meeting was recorded; minutes were transcribed and typed by Diane Morin, Secretary for the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Donovan was excused this evening.

- Approval of Minutes
- **Selectmen's Public Meeting minutes dated December 20, 2016 and December 22, 2016**

Selectman Foote moved to accept the public meeting minutes dated December 20, 2017 and December 22, 2107 as written. Seconded by Selectman Burrill with a unanimous vote.

- Scheduled Business

- **Review ZBA budget.**

After reviewing the Zoning Board of Appeals budget the Board reduced three line items and moved the money to the fire department vehicle maintenance.

Selectman Burrill moved to decrease the ZBA budget by \$1,000 as follows: Advertising line by \$200, Legal line by \$300 and Salary line by \$500. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Burrill moved to increase the Fire department's line Vehicle Maintenance by \$1000. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

- **Review Budget and Warrant articles.**

BUDGETS:

The Board reviewed the proposed Solid Waste Disposal budget for 2017. The following changes were made to the Solid Waste Disposal budget.

Selectman Burrill moved to decrease the Solid Waste Disposal budget line Salaries by \$10,000. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectmen Burrill moved to decrease Solid Waste Disposal budget line Disposal by \$5,000. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Burrill moved to accept the proposed Solid Waste Disposal budget for \$310,500. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Burrill moved to increase the Fire department's line Vehicle Maintenance by \$15,000. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Gonyer moved to accept the proposed 2017 Town Operating budget for \$3,165,537.00. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed the Police Department budget for 2017 and made changes to line Salary for Full Time Officers, Training and Vehicle Lease. The changes do not affect the 2017 proposed Police Department budget total.

Selectman Burrill motioned to move from the Vehicle Lease line, \$3,000 to the Training line. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Burrill motioned to move from the Vehicle Lease line \$7,500 to the Salary- Full Time Officers line. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Burrill moved to accept \$3,168,716 as the 2017 Operating Default budget. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

WARRANT ARTICLES:

Selectman Gonyer stated that the Fire Station Building Committee would like to send 2 informational mailings and hand out leaflets to Newton residents explaining the need for a new fire station.

Selectman Gonyer motion to pay RAM Printing \$2,100 for 2 mailings and leaflets to come from the General Government Building Fund. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote

Selectman Gonyer requested approval from the Board to ask the Sanborn High School Video department to create a video showing the current state of the Fire Station. The Board agreed to ask the High School to produce the video.

Selectman Gonyer explained that the Fire Station Building Committee has reduced the sum requested from \$1,754,380 to \$1,691,880 by removing the lockers and soft goods.

Selectman Burrill moved to approve the reduction for article 3 to \$1,691,880. Selectman Gonyer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the bond options for the fire station building. Town Administrator Wrigley explained the current rate and options available. She spoke with DRA, and the article will need to be revised to remove “and further raise and appropriate the sum of ____ Dollars (\$____) to pay the bond interest due February 15, 2018”. This is because the interest is not due until 2018 and cannot be appropriated in 2017.

Selectman Burrill moved to indicate a 25-year bond rate for Article 3. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Burrill will send an update for Recreation articles 8 & 9 to Town Administrator Wrigley.

Town Administrator Wrigley explained that the amount for article 5 was reduced to \$12,000 to be more in line with the revenues received.

Town Administrator Wrigley explained article 14 still needs to be updated. The Transfer Station Manager is recommending a 3rd compactor be installed to help with the overflow during the holidays. The money will need to be raised and appropriated and passed by the residents.

Selectman Doggett spoke to article 13.

- **Review Trinity Ambulance contact with Fire Chief.**

Fire Chief John Alcainho explained that the way the contract is currently written does not allow Newton to transport the victim if Trinity is not available. He would like to have the following language, noted in red, added to the contact.

Section 2: Emergency Medical Services: TRINITY EMS Inc. will provide Advanced Life Support service *consisting of two ALS ambulances to the System, certified to the standards set forth by the New Hampshire Department of Safety/Bureau of EMS*, each staffed with one (New Hampshire) Nationally Registered certified Paramedic and one (New Hampshire) Nationally certified Emergency Medical Technician or higher, within the System service area on a twenty-four (24) hour a day basis during the Term of this Agreement. TRINITY EMS Inc. shall respond immediately in accordance with applicable dispatch protocols. *(If for any reason, Newton Fire & Rescue feels that prolong delayed response will endanger the condition of the patient, then Newton Fire & Rescue shall at its discretion, transport said patient.)* (At all times while transporting an ALS criteria patient, the highest licensed provider i.e. - paramedic, will render all patient care.
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8. Back-Up Emergency Medical Services: - Whenever the primary ambulance is being utilized for emergency services, *Newton Fire & Rescue shall have the opportunity to transport or dispatch the closest EMS provider.*

Selectman Gonyer would like to remove the word “delayed”, change “prolong” to “prolonged” and change “opportunity” to “authorize”.

Selectman Burrill moved to allow the Fire Chief to present the changes to the EMS Liaison to Trinity with the recommended changes the Board provided. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

The Fire Chief announced that the new ambulance arrived. It is still being outfitted.

- Announcements

Selectman Burrill announced that Chief Jewett is now the 1033 Coordinator for the Federal surplus program representing the Newton. There was an unscheduled audit done by the 1033 state coordinator. The Chief was informed that non-police personnel should not be operate the Humvees. The expectation from the state coordinator is that this issue would be resolved at the state level at a later time.

Selectman Burrill moved to allow only Police personnel to operate the town's Humvees. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

- Other Business, Sign Manifests, Requisitions, Abatements, Tax Credits, Correspondence and Appointments

Selectman Gonyer moved to accept Chris Maguire's resignation effective 1/11/2017 with thanks. Seconded by Selectman Burrill and passed unanimously.

The Road Agent informed Town Administrator Wrigley that people are parking at the Town Hall during snow storms which is hindering his ability to plow the parking lot. Each time he comes back to plow the lot it is costing the town more money. He asked that the Board come up with a solution. Town Administrator Wrigley will ask the Police Chief for a solution.

Selectman Gonyer moved to sign the Vendor Manifest dated 01/03/17 in the amount of \$266,746.39 of which \$200,100,637 is going to the Sanborn Regional School District. Second by Burrill with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Gonyer moved to sign the payroll manifest for the pay period of 12/11/16 - 12/24/16 with a pay date of 12/29/2016. Seconded by Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Gonyer moved to sign the payroll manifest for the pay period of 12/25/16 – 01/07/17 with a pay date of 01/12/17. Seconded by Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Gonyer motion to accept the Veteran's credit for PID 7-3-22-12. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Gonyer motion to sign the Welfare Voucher in the amount of \$775.00 Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

- Adjourn 7:00pm

Respectfully,

Diane M Morin
Board of Selectmen Secretary

