



**Office of the Board of Selectmen
2 Town Hall Road, Newton, NH 03858
Tel: 382-4405 Option 5 Fax 382-9140**

www.newton-nh.gov

NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE: THURSDAY, April 25, 2019

TIME: 5:30PM

LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairman Gonyer called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. In attendance were Selectmen, Lisa L. Gonyer; Chairman, James L. Doggett; Vice-Chairman, Lawrence B. Foote, Kate Michaels; Nancy J. Wrigley, Town Administrator. The non-public session was audio taped. The public meeting was audio taped; the public meeting minutes and the non-public session minutes were transcribed and typed by Nancy J. Wrigley. Selectman Matthew A. Burrill was not present at this time.

II. Scheduled Business

A. Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring Public Employee

Selectman Doggett moved to go into non-public session at 5:30pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) Hiring Public Employee. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye, Michaels - aye.

Selectman Doggett moved to come out of the non-public session at 6:14 pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye, Burrill – aye, Michaels -- aye.

Selectman Burrill arrived at 5:45pm.

Selectman Doggett moved to go into non-public session at 6:15pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) Disciplinary. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye, Burrill – aye, Michaels - aye.

Selectman Doggett moved to close the non-public session at 6:32pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye, Burrill – aye, Michaels -- aye.

Selectman Burrill moved that the Board just came out of a non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) Hiring Public Employee and (a) Disciplinary and that they keep all matters discussed confidential until in the opinion of the majority of the Board the circumstances no longer apply. Seconded by Selectman Michaels with a unanimous vote.

B. EMPG Grant – Electronic Board Grant

Selectman Foote reviewed the grant available to purchase an electronic message board. The total amount of the grant is \$30,000.00 of which the Town will do a soft match of \$15,000. This amount is the towns soft match based on the construction cost of the new Emergency Operation Center.

Selectman Foote informed the Board that the company increased the price by \$800 which is now the town's responsible to pay. The solar message board is on a trailer and can be moved around to the different locations in town to advise the public of road closures, rabies clinic, voting, or any town events. The Board agreed to pay the \$800 out of the General Government budget.

Chairman Gonyer moved to accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant as presented in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the Electronic Message Board Project. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$30,000.00, in which the town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$15,000.00). Seconded by Selectman Doggett with a unanimous vote.

Memorandum of Understanding – Rockingham Planning Commission

Town Administrator Wrigley asked the Board if they are going to sign the MOU for the competitive Electricity Supply Aggregation to RPC, due on April 26th.

Selectman Burrill stated that everything about this MOU reads like a contract and it is his recommendation that the Board not sign it.

Selectman Burrill moved that the Board acknowledges this Memorandum of Understanding and to tell Rockingham Planning Commission that the Board wishes to move forward. Selectman Gonyer seconded with a unanimous vote.

III. Adjourn

Selectman Burrill moved to adjourn at 6.51pm. Seconded by Selectman Michael with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Wrigley
Town Administrator