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**NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020  
TIME: 6:00PM**

**LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD**

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Gonyer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. In attendance were Selectmen, Lisa L. Gonyer; Chairman, James L. Doggett; Vice-Chairman, Lawrence B. Foote, Matthew A. Burrill, Kathryn Michaels, Town Administrator Nancy J. Wrigley and Selectmen's Secretary Diane M. Morin. The non-public session was audio taped. The public meeting was audio and video taped; the public meeting minutes were transcribed and typed by Secretary Morin. The non-public session minutes were transcribed and typed by Town Administrator Wrigley.

**Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) – Hiring New Public Employee (c) -- Compensation**

**Selectman Doggett moved to go into non-public session at 6:00pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) -- Reputation. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Doggett – aye, Foote – aye, Burrill – aye, Michaels – aye.**

**Selectman Doggett moved to close the non-public session at 6:10pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Doggett – aye, Foote – aye, Burrill – aye, Michaels – aye.**

**Selectman Doggett moved to go into non-public at 6:11pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Compensation. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Doggett – aye, Foote – aye, Burrill – aye, Michaels – aye.**

**Selectman Doggett moved to close the non-public session at 6:22pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Doggett – aye, Foote – aye, Burrill – aye, Michaels – aye.**

**Selectman Doggett moved to go into non-public at 6:22pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring Public Employee. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Doggett – aye, Foote – aye, Burrill – aye, Michaels – aye.**

**Selectman Doggett moved to close the non-public session at 6:37pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Doggett – aye, Foote – aye, Burrill – aye, Michaels – aye.**

**Selectman Doggett moved to seal the January 15, 2020 non-public session minutes 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 Burrill with a unanimous vote.**

II. Scheduled Business

**A. Police Special Details rate**

Chief Jewett addressed the Board and proposed increasing the fee charged for a patrol officer on a special detail from \$40.00 to \$50.00. He does not recommend changes to the administrative and cruiser fees at this time. Chief Jewett stated that the rate the Town charges now is below surrounding towns and it is hard to find officers to fill the details.

**Selectman Doggett moved to increase the Special Detail rate from \$40.00 to \$50.00. Seconded by Selectman Burrill with a unanimous vote.**

**B. Fire/Rescue – Fire alarm testing**

Chief Alcadinho addressed the Board and stated that the fire alarm at the Fire/Rescue Station needs to be tested yearly per State Fire Codes. The cost to have the system tested is \$552.00 for 2020.

**Selectman Doggett moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Security Team to test the fire alarm system at the Fire/Rescue Station. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.**

III. Other Business

**C. Selectmen Presidential Primary Coverage**

The Board discussed which members are available on February 11, 2020 to ensure a quorum of Selectmen are present beginning at 8:00am until the final tally is completed. Chairman Gonyer and Selectman Doggett will be available the entire time. Selectman Burrill will be available from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Selectman Foote will be available from 8:00am – 4:00pm. Selectman Michaels will be available from 3:00pm until final tally is completed.

IV. Announcements

Chairman Gonyer announced that the Department of Revenue Administration set the sales ratio at 82.9% of property assessed value.

V. Approval of Minutes

**Selectmen's public meeting minutes dated January 7, 2020**

**Selectman Burrill moved to accept the public meeting minutes dated January 7, 2020 as written. Seconded by Selectman Doggett with a unanimous vote.**

**Selectmen's public meeting minutes dated January 15, 2020**

**Selectman Burrill moved to accept the public meeting minutes dated January 15, 2020 as written. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.**

**VI. Sign Manifests and Intent to Cut Timber**

**➤ Manifest**

**Selectman Doggett moved to sign vendor manifest dated January 20, 2020 in the amount of \$\$818,032.89 of which \$777,877.00 goes towards the February Sanborn Regional School District payment. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.**

**Selectman Doggett moved to sign payroll manifest pay period January 5-18, 2020 with a pay date of January 23, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.**

**➤ Intent to Cut Timber**

**Selectman Burrill moved to sign intent to cut timber for tax map 14-1-27-3. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.**

**Selectman Burrill moved to sign intent to cut timber for tax map 4-6-3-7 and 4-6-3-8. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.**

**VII. Adjourn**

**Selectman Doggett moved to adjourn at 7:01pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Morin  
Board of Selectmen Secretary