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NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: MONDAY, September 24, 2018
TIME: 6:00PM
LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Gonyer called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. In attendance were Selectmen, Lisa L. Gonyer, Vice-Chairman, Lawrence B. Foote, James L. Doggett, and Nancy J. Wrigley, Town Administrator. The public and non-public session was audio taped and the minutes were transcribed and typed by Nancy J. Wrigley. Excused this evening was Selectmen Robert S. Donovan Jr. and Matthew A. Burrill and Diane M. Morin, BOS Secretary.

Selectman Doggett moved that Selectman Lisa Gonyer be appointed as our liaison to the Gale Library. Second by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

The Board of Selectmen was notified today by NH Department of Health and Human Services about the influx of mosquitoes that have tested positive for EEE in Newton and other surrounding towns. Town Administrator Wrigley informed the Board that she communicated with Dragon Mosquito and they are recommending spraying at this time. The Board discussed allowing them to spray in the most vulnerable locations at this time at the discretion of Dragon Mosquito.

Selectman Doggett moved to allow Dragon Mosquito to spray for EEE in the appropriate locations. Second by Selectmen Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Doggett moved to have Robert Leverone, Health Officer be the spokesperson guiding this matter for the town. Second by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Compensation & (c) – Reputation

Selectman Doggett moved to go into non-public session at 6:06 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) - Reputation. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye.

Selectman Doggett moved to come out of this non-public session and go back to the Public Session at 6:41 pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye.

Vice Chairman Gonyer announced a recess at 6:42 pm until 6:50 pm.

Vice Chairman Gonyer called the public meeting back to order at 7:02 pm. Selectman Gonyer announced that while they were in recess she spoke with Health Officer Robert Leverone, naming him their spokesperson and left a voice message for Sarah McGregor, Dragon Mosquito advising her that the Board authorized spraying at the appropriate locations, based on the recent findings of EEE in Newton.

Selectman Doggett moved to go into non-public session at 7:03 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) - Compensation. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye.

Selectman Doggett moved to close the non-public session at 7:47 pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye.

Selectman Doggett moved that the Board just came out of a non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) - Compensation & (c) - Reputation and that they keep all matters discussed confidential until in the opinion of the majority of the Board the circumstances no longer apply, except to announce a pay increase for Acting Transfer Station Manager, Peter Gagnon, with a six month extended probationary trial period, at Grade XIV.V Step 1, effective 09/18/18; and a pay increase for Cable Operator Doug Drury at Grade III Step 1, effective 12/09/18. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Doggett moved to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Wrigley
Town Administrator