

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Selectmen present were David Dwyer, Betsy Coes and James McIlroy. Others present were Brian Hart, Wolfe Tone, Gregg Caporossi, Fran Lane, Lynne Sweet, Don Doane, Brian Knipstein and Wendy Chase.

Brian Hart, Wolfe Tone and Gregg Caporossi were in to discuss the Piscassic Greenway project. Gregg handed out draft copies of an application for land grant project eligibility to each of the Selectmen for review. There were 2 changes made on the application. The first was on page 3, the acreage was changed from 430 to 340 and the contact person was changed from David Dwyer to Board of Selectmen Chairman. Gregg will email a corrected copy of the application to the Board members. Brian Hart informed the Board that the Newmarket Town Council and the Newmarket Open Space Committee will write a letter of support to go along with the application. Wendy was directed to place Gregg, Wolfe and Brian on next week's agenda.

Brian Knipstein asked the Board if they could look into the expiration date on the dredge and fill application on the Fire Pond. Wendy will look into it and get back to Brian.

Lynne Sweet of Perkins Insurance Agency presented 2005 insurance quotes for the town. Terrorism insurance was discussed. Betsy made a motion to decline the terrorism insurance, James seconded and all were in favor. Lynne informed the Selectmen that the application deadline submission is Friday, February 26, 2005. James would like Lynne to look into raising deductibles to see what effect it had on the premiums. The application needs to go in by Friday but the policy can be changed anytime and the town would be credited to reflect the change. Betsy made a motion to accept the policy from Perkins Agency, James seconded and all were in favor. Lynne will look into raising the deductibles and report back to the Selectmen.

The Hearse House ownership was discussed. There is a question as to whether the town or the water & sewer district owns the building. Lynne will keep it on the town policy until it is determined as to who owns it.

Don informed the Board that the Cooperative School payments were overpaid. Don did not receive a copy of the adjusted pay schedule. Don will make the next payment less the overpayment amount.

Don presented a job description for a Deputy Treasurer position to the Board. Don recommended someone for the position. James left a message with the interested resident to come in and meet the Board. Wendy was directed to contact the individual and ask that person to bring in a resume, cover letter and 3 references at a future Selectmen's meeting.

The Selectmen received a letter of interest to serve on the Conservation Commission.

Betsy made a motion to accept the February 17, 2005 minutes, James seconded and all were in favor.

Betsy made a motion to accept the February 15, 2005 minutes as amended, James seconded and all were in favor.

Tree cutting on town property off of Summer Street was discussed.

Betsy made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm, James seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase