

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009**

**Present:** Selectmen: Wes Moore, Rosanne Gilbert, and Michael Woodworth; Sue McKinnon; John Crisp; and Nancy Spencer.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm by Wes Moore.

A working session started at 5:50pm.

Wes made a motion to reduce the Highway Department budget for paving by \$80,000. After discussion, Wes amended his motion to reduce the Highway Department budget by \$70,000. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. The Highway Department budget for 2009 will be \$148,600.

Wes made a motion to reduce the Library budget by \$2,500 to reduce the amount of money allocated for new books. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. The total approved budget for the Library is \$30,613.

Wes stated that the Library Trustees have done a great job.

Wes made a motion to reduce the Solid Waste Cleanup budget from \$17,500. to \$2,000., eliminating the spring and fall cleanups but retaining funding for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion to accept the 2009 Budget of the Town as written. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Michael made a motion to include Article #4 – a Citizen’s Petition asking the Town for a five (5) year lease on the old post office building. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to include Warrant Article #2 - Larviciding and Mosquito Control on the Town Warrant.

A discussion was held on the merits of including a Warrant Article for a part-time police officer to cover the hours between 3am and 7am. Rosanne made a motion to eliminate the Warrant Article for a part-time police officer. Wes seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 in favor and one abstention.

The Selectmen approved \$500. for a Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm in order to conduct the Budget Hearing.

The meeting went back into session at 9:00pm.

Michael Woodworth and Police Chief Reed will attend the Homeland Security and Emergency Management meeting on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in Exeter. The meeting is being held to discuss the process to receive reimbursement funds from FEMA for money expended during the December 2008 ice storm.

Nancy updated the Selectmen on obtaining a time clock integrated with the town accounting system. Rosanne will research costs, but asked Nancy to call Staples for pricing.

The report from Melanson Heath & Company, PC was quickly reviewed. The Selectmen will take copies home for review and will discuss this at next week's meeting.

Michael made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting as written. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer  
Administrative Assistant