

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009**

***Present: Selectmen Wes Moore, Michael Woodworth, and Rosanne Gilbert. Other present included Police Chief Reed, Sue McKinnon, Clay Mitchell, Theresa Walker, Laura Weit, and Trish Cox.***

***Call to order: 6:33pm***

A resident spoke to Wes Moore about a vacant house and asked what the town could do to prevent break-ins, etc. Chief Reed will stop by the property tomorrow and secure it as best he can.

Sue McKinnon and the Selectmen discussed the dates next year for hearings and elections in March. They are as follows:

Last day to submit a Citizen Petition – January 12  
Budget Hearing – January 19 at 7:00pm  
Last day to post the budget – January 25  
Deliberative Session – February 3 at 7:00pm  
Election Day – March 9

Sue was able to share a room with a woman from Sunapee while attending her conference last week. This resulted in a refund of \$166.00 from the hotel.

Chief Reed advises that cruiser 2 has gone to Newington to be stripped of its equipment. The new cruiser is in and should be in service in two weeks or so. It needs to have the equipment installed that was taken out of cruiser 2.

There was a theft in the Town Hall parking lot of a registration sticker taken off of a parked vehicle.

There was an incident at 16 Swamscott Street where the arm of an excavator pulled a telephone pole and wires. Several houses lost power for a short time.

Checks were signed.

A letter to the Exeter Snow Hounds was signed.

Michael made a motion to approve the five year renewal Workers Compensation agreement with Primex. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. The Town saves an additional 7.5% with this agreement.

Michael made a motion to approve the five year renewal Property and Liability agreement with Primex. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. The Town saves an additional 7.5% with this agreement.

Clay updated the Selectmen on a variety of items. He is working on compiling the Town Ordinances. They will need to be reviewed by several departments to make sure that they are accurate and up to date.

The Town won a "Safe Routes to School" grant. Clay is hoping that after the initial planning for "Safe Routes to School" is completed, the Town will be able to upgrade to a grant that will include installing sidewalks.

Newfields was chosen for a New Hampshire Municipal Energy Assistance Grant. If the town responds quickly, we can become a priority applicant. Clay will work on this with Michael.

Clay is hoping that solar arrays will be available to the residents in 2011. The panels have a 20 year warrantee with a life expectancy of 30-35 years.

The Selectmen offer their congratulation to Clay and his company on being awarded the solar energy project at the Exeter Area High School.

Clay is working with the new owner of 16 Swamscott Street to get his business up and running as soon as possible. The self-storage and offices will remain, but the owner would like to put in a small retail store. He will have to go before the Planning Board for approval for the store. The owner is in the process of cleaning up the property and landscaping.

Theresa Walker and Laura Weit attended the meeting to discuss designating the Squamscott River as part of the New Hampshire Rivers Management Program. This program works with river abutters to manage and protect their shoreline. They have met with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board for support in their quest. They are also approaching Stratham for their portion of the river. A public meeting will be held early next year to discuss the benefits of the program.

Trish Cox asked the Selectmen to change prior Selectmen Minutes. Wes explained that the Minutes belong to the Selectmen but are available to the public. He suggested Trish write a specific letter to the Town and it would become a part of the public record. The letter will also be placed in her map and lot file.

With regard to the building being constructed by the Water & Sewer Department, Wes is waiting for a return call from Ray Buxton to discuss the inspections.

Michael spoke to the Curriers about their recent yard sale held at the Town Hall. The event was very successful and they hope to hold another one next year. Michael advised them that any future events will require a police detail and supervisor in the Town Hall at all times.

The application for partial reimbursement of funds spent for mosquito control this year was signed by the Selectmen and will be sent to the State for consideration. We are asking that \$12,425.00 be reimbursed.

The 2009 Parcel Count Request was completed by Sue McKinnon and signed by the Selectmen.

The proposed contract with R. B. Wood & Associates, LLC was sent to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue for approval.

The audit responses were tabled for a future date.

Repairing the flagpole in front of the Town Hall was added to the list of repairs needed at the Town Hall.

Discussion on the Bestway renewal contract was tabled.

The report on the New Hampshire Health Alert Exercise was reviewed.

A property owner's appeal to the Board of Tax and Land appeals was given approval for further examination.

Books were received from the Local Government Center.

Notice was received that the Newfields Country Store will hold a Grand Opening on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> between 5 and 7 pm. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony.

A thank you from the Department of Revenue Administration was received.

Per RSA 91-A:3 II the meeting went into a non-public session at 8:25pm. The meeting re-opened to the public at 8:35pm.

Michael made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2009 minutes as amended. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

At 8:40pm the meeting went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer  
Administrative Assistant