

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

***Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth, Jamie Thompson and Chris Hutchins.
Others include: Wayne Steneck, Joe Perna, Scott Wachsmuth, Gerard Porteus and Sue McKinnon.***

Call to order at 7:05pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks Pd 02/13/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$39,923.37
Payroll Manifest - \$8,536.49
Accts Pay. Manifest - (\$2,517.35)
- Checks Pd 02/20/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$31,478.81
Payroll Manifest - \$8,237.84
- Current Use Change Tax Bill – Evergreen Estates

Wayne Steneck and Joe Perna met with the Selectmen to discuss the 2001 Warrant Article conflict. In order to correct the misimpression from the article in the Exeter News Letter, a letter to Betsy and Steven Coes, mass e-mail to the Newfields Residents and a press release in the Exeter News Letter from the Board of Selectmen will be drafted by Chris.

The Selectmen reviewed the letter from Attorney Ratigan regarding 301 Piscassic Rd, Vernon Farm. Attorney Ratigan would like a response from the Selectmen regarding whether or not they are satisfied with the steps the Vernon's have taken. The Selectmen are satisfied and consider the matter resolved. They will not seek attorney fees. Scott Wachsmuth inquired when these documents will become public record. Sue will contact Attorney Ratigan. Scott would like copies at that time.

Town Residents have requested that copies of the Tax Impact of the Bond (2015 Warrant Article #1) be available at the Library.

The Selectmen reviewed the draft of the Severe Inclement Weather Sub Paragraph for Personnel Policy Manual prepared by Chris. Jamie made a motion to approve Severe Inclement Weather sub paragraph as written for the Personnel Policy Manual, seconded by Chris. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed and signed the Current Use Change Tax Bill for Evergreen Estates. On June 3, 2014 Aaron Brown met with the Selectmen and Sue McKinnon to discuss the non-contiguous lot status of the Evergreen Estates subdivision which resulted in the current use change bill. Aaron, then asked, if the Board would consider delaying the billing for a maximum of 18 months from April 1, 2014 or until a lot is sold. Aaron stated he would draft a proposal to the Town for review by the Board, which has not been received to date.

The Selectmen reviewed the Highway Budget due to the expense of the snow. The cost for salt and snow removal to date is \$125,449.53.

Sue McKinnon updated the Board on the following:

- ✓ Town Election – March 10th – 8am to 7 pm; half-day shifts for Ballot Clerks.
Absentee Ballots should be received next week
- ✓ Computer Update – DMV computer and workstation in progress to Windows 7
- ✓ Website - needs to be updated. Sue to get quotes.
- ✓ Town Report – completed and received back by end of Feb or 1st week of March
- ✓ Town Hall Roof – Ice Dams – Sue to call for estimate

At 7:49pm, the Board of Selectmen, by motion of Selectmen Woodworth, seconded by Selectmen Thompson and in accordance with RSA91-A:3(I), to enter into a non-public session for purpose of personnel matter [RSA91-A:3(II)(c)]. By roll call vote the Board passed the motion: Woodworth-Affirmative; Thompson – Affirmative; Hutchins – Affirmative

At 7:50pm, the Board entered into non-public session.

At 7:58pm, the Board left non-public session and entered into public session.

At 7:59pm, the Board of Selectmen, by motion of Selectmen Woodworth, in accordance with RSA91-A:3(III), that the minutes will not be disclosed because divulgence of the information would adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board or render the proposed action ineffective. All were in favor and the 2/3 requirement for affirmative vote was met.

Chris will have to forward the letter for signature tomorrow. Jamie made a motion for the Chairman of the Board to sign for all the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Scott Wachsmuth and Gerard Porteus discussed the “Farming in New Hampshire” Conservation Committee meeting with the Board. Scott was informed by Theresa Walker, when he entered, that it was a private meeting by RSVP. Scott attended the meeting along with Planning Board and ZBA members and the Town Planner. Scott and Gerard are still awaiting decisions on the driveway (DOT access – 400’ line of site), signage and parking (site plan review) at 301 Piscassic Rd. Concerns were also brought up about the potential nitrogen run-off due to animal feces and wetland drainage into the Lamprey River and Great Bay.

Minutes of the Jan. 29th meeting were read. Jamie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 8:28pm , Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jamie. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman