

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

Select Board Present: Chairman Michael Sununu, Hoby Harmon & Mike Kessler

Others Include: Jeff Buxton, Mark Kasper, Mike and Phyllis Mackey, Bill Meserve & Police Chief Young

The Select Board reviewed and approved the following items:

Checks Dated 2/9/24: Accounts Payable Manifest \$23,663.28

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc.

Hoby motioned, seconded, Mike K., to approve the Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. contract in the amount of \$6,500 for a 15–20 minute fireworks show in Hilton field for the 175th annual celebration in May. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Amy Sununu said she spoke with a representative of the company who provided directions for the mowing of the field and placement of people and tents. He assured Amy Sununu that Kelly Downs house would be safe from the fireworks. She has informed Fire Chief Buxton of the event. The fire department will be located by the field for safety measures. Police Chief Young has been advised of the event as well. A rain date of the following Monday has been established with Pyrotecnico and the food and beer providers.

Amy told the Board the “save the date” events are solid from May 19th to the 25th. The Celebration committee will be sending out event booklets to all residents prior to the event. Ad space in the booklet will be available for anyone interested. For more information on the event people may visit newfieldsnh175.com.

Stormwater Bids

The Board opened the two bids received for the Pleasant St. & Summer St. stormwater project. These bids were qualifying bids for the project. The Board will review and discuss at the next meeting on February 20th.

Recycling

Michael advised the Board of Newmarket’s agreement to resume the acceptance of Newfields residents’ recycling at the Newmarket Transfer Station in the event the Town does not resume curbside recycling after the March Town Election. Many residents currently purchase coupons

at the Town Office from \$5.00-\$50.00 to recycle glass and other items. This will continue for any residents wishing to recycle if the Town discontinues its curbside recycling.

Vernon Family Farm

The Board discussed Michael's letter he drafted to the residents of 306 Piscassic Rd regarding the Vernon Family Farm's complaint letter from their lawyer, Ms. Manzelli. The letter asks the resident to either come before the Board to discuss it or submit a letter to the Board addressing the letter from Ms. Manzelli.

Town Hall Streaming Training

Mike K. referenced his video recording policy that he drafted and sent to Michael and Hoby. He asked them to review and provide feedback.

Town Hall Cardboard Receptacle

Hoby said that he spoke with Jim from ELM Services and asked them to add another collection day during the week. They will now come three times a week. If the number of cardboard declines, he will go back to two days a week. Jim mentioned some residents are confused as to which week the curbside recycling is collected. The Town website's calendar lists the collection day. The Town Office has also been posting the dates on the Town Hall sign since it went bi-weekly. Jim also mentioned to Hoby that residents have been placing recycling in laundry baskets. Jim suggests residents use a trash can with a piece of duct tape on it with the words, recycling. Hoby asked residents to call the Town Office with any questions or concerns they may have instead of posting on social media. Since he does not use social media, he will be unaware of posted issues and they will not get addressed. Mike K. suggested making the calendar a pdf so residents can print it.

Vernon Family Farm Signage

Hoby referenced the letter Attorney Durbin sent the Vernons in August about the signage not complying with the sign ordinance. The Vernons were told in Attorney Durbin's letter that if they did not bring their signs into compliance, they would receive a cease-and-desist order and a \$275.00 per day fine for every day they fail to comply with the Town ordinance. The Vernons removed the signs at that time but reinstalled them on January 24th. The sandwich board is not an issue as it is not within the DOT cut. The two other signs may not meet the dimensional requirement. Hoby will reach out to Attorney Durbin to type another letter and circulate it to the Board for approval.

The Board took the January revenues and expenditures home to review.

Minutes & Upcoming Dates

Michael motioned, seconded by Mike K. to approve the 1/22/24 Select Board meeting minutes as amended. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Michael motioned, seconded by Mike K. to approve the 1/16/24 Bond Hearing minutes as amended. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 7:18, Michael motioned, seconded by Mike K., to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kisha Therrien