

**TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

January 21, 2015 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Council Chairman Gary Levy, Councilor John Bentley, Councilor Dan Wright, Councilor Phil Nazzaro, Councilor Toni Weinstein, Councilor Ed Carmichael

EXCUSED: Council Vice Chairman Dale Pike

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Steve Fournier, Public Works Director Rick Malasky, Town Moderator Christopher Hawkins

AGENDA

Chairman Levy welcomed all present and called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Levy asked for a motion to seal the Non-Public minutes. Councilor Weinstein made the motion and it was seconded by Councilor Nazzaro. The motion passed the Council unanimously, 6-0. Chairman Levy announced that Vice Chair Pike was excused.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman Levy specified that the Public Forum would include any comments regarding the *Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program* petition warrant article.

Ms. Elizabeth Crepeau of 27 Hamel Farm Drive, stated that she had been a resident of Newmarket for 43 years, and that she was a Board member of Lamprey Health Care and also a patient. She stated that she would provide general information regarding Lamprey Health Care, followed by Ms. Debbie Bartley, the Transportation Director of Lamprey Health Care, who would give more specifics. She said that a lot of questions had arisen the previous evening at the Budget Committee meeting regarding Lamprey in general, the Transportation Program, and the services they provided to Newmarket. She stated that Lamprey served 5,215 patients in Newmarket, with a proportion of these Newmarket residents. She said that of these patients, 20% were on Medicaid and 15% were uninsured. She added that they had provided 6,350 visits to Newmarket residents in 2013, 1,567 of which were uninsured Newmarket residents, with a total of approximately \$47,000 of revenue of which most was uncollected. She stated that they had also assisted Newmarket residents in obtaining \$71,748 in free prescriptions and provided

1,735 rides valued at \$101,000, amounting to a total community benefit to the Town of \$220,000. She added that Lamprey also provided other free programs to Newmarket residents such as Baby Basics, Better Choices-Better Health, and Walk with a Dog. Ms. Crepeau stressed that financial support from the Town was crucial to Lamprey not only in real dollars, but in the importance of demonstrating to State and Federal Grantors that their services provided a benefit to the Town and its citizens. She relayed a message from Ms. Mary Ann Watson, a resident of Newmarket Health and the President of Senior Citizens Programs, stating that these organizations depended on the transportation services provided by Lamprey for doctor appointments, trips to the Mall, and food shopping. She provided a fact sheet to the councilors with additional information, saying she would answer any questions. Chairman Levy asked if there were any questions for Ms. Crapo. Councilor Weinstein asked exactly what transportation services were provided.

Ms. Debbie Bartley, Transportation Manager at Lamprey Health Care, addressed the Council giving a description of the transportation services provided. She stated that rides were provided for Senior Citizens and adults with disabilities to grocery stores and medical appointments. Medical appointments included not just Lamprey Health Care patients, but included transport to Portsmouth, Manchester, Exeter and some to Salem for specialists. She said that for grocery trips they were picked up, taken shopping, and could also make stops at the pharmacy or bank. She added that for some it provided a social opportunity to get them out of their homes. She said that when they arrive at the home of the patient, if they are not at the door they telephone them, and if they cannot be reached the Police may be contacted to provide a "wellness check". Ms. Bartley stated that they did not charge a fee, but they asked for a \$5.00 donation which most clients paid, with an estimated \$60-\$80 per ride. Councilor Weinstein asked how the clients qualified for the services. Ms. Bartley replied that the services were provided to senior citizens 60 years of age and older and adults with disabilities, who are given a "profile sheet" to fill out. She said that if they had time available for the medical appointment it is added to the schedule, and if not they worked with the doctor and the patient to have the visit rescheduled. Councilor Carmichael asked for the number of patients from Newmarket and the amount of notice needed. Ms. Bartley replied that 1,735 rides were provided, and that for shopping clients could call the day before, but should give as much notice as possible for medical appointments. Councilor Carmichael mentioned that the staff at Lamprey included 65 workers. Ms. Bartley replied that this was their entire staff, but that for transportation there were only three (3) people, two (2) fulltime and one (1) at 75%. Chairman Levy announced that Town Administrator Steve Fournier would present some statistics.

Town Administrator Fournier explained that when receiving Social Services Grant applications annually, everyone was requested to fill out the same packet. He said that Lamprey had filled one out earlier this year and that the number of clients listed this year for transportation for Newmarket was 53, with 47 last year and 49 the year before. He said that the number of rides provided for the Community Health Care Center this year for Newmarket was 1,602, with last year at 1,641 and the year prior at 1,660. He added that this was something put in place two (2) years ago. Councilor Bentley asked how many were Newmarket residents and Town Administrator Fournier replied approximately one-third. Chairman Levy asked for clarification on the amount of money being used strictly for rides. Town Administrator Fournier replied that it was \$10,403, with the warrant article for transportation being separate, and asked Ms. Bartley to make sure the funds were put into a separate account from the regular Lamprey funding. Chairman Levy said that it amounted to \$10,403 for basically 53 Newmarket persons, and Town

Administrator Fournier verified his statement. Councilor Nazzaro pointed out that the amount came to \$196 per person. He then asked that if Newmarket was not the only community receiving the services, was this due to their not being included in the base budget under Social Services grants. Town Administrator Fournier replied that he would address that later. Councilor Nazzaro then asked what the other communities using the services were giving Newmarket for grants. Ms. Bartley said that it depended on the size of the community, and that they ranged from Exeter giving \$6,000, Sandown and Hampstead giving approximately \$1,800, Deerfield/Northwood/Nottingham giving approximately \$4,000 and Durham giving \$3,600. Chairman Levy asked if this was just for transportation or included the number of people being served. Mr. Bartley replied that it was just for the transportation program and what they received historically from the towns in a grant. Town Administrator Fournier stated that Newmarket gave the largest contribution of \$10,000, with Raymond the highest contributor after that at \$6,500, and Exeter at \$6,180. He added that this year they were not contributing and that Lamprey had petitioned to include these funds, which the Town Council needed to recommend or not recommend.

Petition Warrant Article from Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program

Town Administrator Fournier then read the petition warrant article for the *Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program*, which the Town Council had received on January 13, 2015, out of order of the Agenda. He explained that in reducing the Town budget, the Lamprey contribution had been removed and that he had made his decision based on two criteria, the first being that the Lamprey facilities in the Town did not pay taxes. He explained that Lamprey had two (2) facilities, one at 287 South Main Street with an assessed value of \$2,398,600 for which the estimated tax bill would have been \$62,052. The second facility at 14 Elm Street had an assessed value of \$239,000 with a tax bill of \$6,201. Chairman Levy asked if they would normally pay taxes, and he replied that they did not. He added that all properties were reviewed annually for tax-exempt status, including Lamprey. He said that the State Law differed from 5013C (Federal) and that if any income was being received by the facility, collecting rent for example, that portion would not be exempt from property taxes. Town Administrator Fournier cited his second reason as historical, in that between 1998-2003 Lamprey paid taxes as a "pilot" in which school costs were backed out and Lamprey paid the County and local portion as part of an agreement entered into with the Town of Epping. These payments were stopped with no record as to why, with the last payment of \$2,500 in 1998. Town Administrator Fournier said that this had been brought to the attention of everyone, including the Town Council, during the budget process when the payment to Lamprey was removed from the budget. He stated that he had worked with individuals from Lamprey Health Care when they had voiced their concerns, telling them they could petition for the funds. Chairman Levy said that the warrant article listed Lamprey Health Care as a private not-for-profit organization, and asked whether or not they would normally pay taxes as a private institution. Councilor Nazzaro pointed out that a private entity did not pay taxes if the property was exempt, and this was verified by Town Administrator Fournier.

Councilor Wright asked Transportation Director Bartley why this was being submitted so late in the game. Ms. Bartley replied that when she originally submitted the request for funding, she had not heard back as to whether or not it had been received. She said she had emailed Town Administrator Fournier and spoken with Ms. Kathy Castle in October, and had received word from Town Administrator Fournier at the beginning of December that the request had been pulled from the general budget, but that they

could petition. She said that she was informed that the petition was due January 13th, at which time she had put the warrant article together and sent it out for signatures. Councilor Wright asked if in the past this request had been specifically earmarked for transportation, and whether any of the Federal money could also be earmarked for transportation. Ms. Bartley said that it had been earmarked in the past, and that they did receive funding from the Bureau of Elderly & Adult Services for transportation and also received support from New Hampshire DOT for the vehicles, for which NH DOT paid 80% and Lamprey 20%. Councilor Wright asked the total received from that grant and Ms. Bartley replied approximately \$67,000. He then asked what the total transportation cost was, and she replied that they budgeted for approximately \$205,000. Councilor Nazzaro asked the number of riders in Exeter. Ms. Bartley replied that ridership in Exeter was 49. Councilor Nazzaro then questioned why, if the number of riders in Exeter and Newmarket were approximately the same, the grant for Newmarket was higher. Ms. Bartley replied that ridership fluctuated. Chairman Levy then gave a breakdown of the number of riders per town, with Seabrook at 21, Exeter at 49, Hampton at 34, Newmarket at 53, and Raymond at 31. He asked whether all towns were giving a commensurate amount, and Town Administrator Fournier reminded the Council that the figure could not be amended at this meeting. Ms. Bartley explained that it was not just based on riders, but also the number of rides provided, which for Newmarket was 1,600 rides at \$60 per ride. Councilor Nazzaro suggested that when this issue came up again next year, all the numbers be provided in advance. Town Administrator Fournier stated that last year Newmarket paid \$196 per client, Hampton paid \$140 per client and Exeter paid \$126 per client.

Councilor Carmichael questioned why the Budget Committee had been brought up, and Town Administrator Fournier explained that when he had received the petition the name of the petitioner was unknown and he was unable to notify them regarding the Budget Committee Special Session held on January 20, 2015, but that he had to call the meeting. He reported that the Budget Committee, having insufficient information, had not recommended the warrant article 0-6, with 1 abstention. He added that they understood that they could change their recommendation at the deliberative session. Councilor Weinstein said that if 1,735 rides were provided in Newmarket, this amounted to \$5.76 per ride. Chairman Levy raised another question regarding the Newmarket contribution of \$10,000, which was higher than other communities, asking whether any other grants or dollars were given to Lamprey Health Care from the Town. Town Administrator Fournier replied that he was not aware of any other contributions.

Chairman Levy closed Public Forum at 7:38 pm.

Councilor Weinstein made a motion to recommend the petition warrant article to raise and appropriate **\$10,403** for the *Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program* and Councilor Nazzaro seconded.

Chairman Levy asked if there was any further discussion on the issue. Councilor Weinstein stated that she was inclined to recommend the warrant article based on the information that had been provided at the meeting, and the fact that the cost was only \$5.76 per ride.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the council and the motion passed the council 4-2. Chairman Levy added that in future information needed to be provided earlier, adding that he felt Newmarket should

give an amount commensurate with other communities, and that it was not proper for Newmarket to give more than other larger communities.

PUBLIC HEARING – Cutting of the Trees along a Scenic Road, Bay Road

Chairman Levy asked whether anyone from the public wished to speak.

John Bracket of 19 Sutton Street, stated that he was a member of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. He said that he had seen the reports and agreed with the findings with the exception of one (1) tree listed between Pole 9/84 and Pole 9/85 on Bay Road. He said that with his own observations and the information that was provided, the 26-inch oak was located on a neutral power line, and that pruning would be sufficient. Councilor Wright said that he was a member of the Planning Board and that pictures of the trees to be cut down were requested to be provided. Chairman Levy asked which tree was at issue, and Councilor Weinstein provided two photographs. Mr. Bracket described one picture as being taken on a sunny day, and the other taken at ground level to show the size of the tree. He added that he saw some potential value in keeping that particular tree. Chairman Levy asked for the specific location of the tree from Cushing Road. Mr. Bracket stated that from Cushing Road the tree was located on the right-hand side and was the last tree marked.

Chairman Levy closed the Public Hearing at 7:47 pm.

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Acceptance of Minutes of January 7, 2015

Councilor Bentley made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2015, and Councilor Weinstein seconded. Chairman Levy requested an update on the information from PSNH be provided by Town Administrator Fournier.

As there were no changes or questions, Town Administrator Fournier polled the council and the minutes of January 7, 2015 were approved 5-0, with 1 abstention.

MEETING WITH TOWN MODERATOR

Chairman Levy introduced Town Moderator Christopher Hawkins, out of order of the Agenda, to give his overview of the upcoming Deliberative Session.

Town Moderator Christopher Hawkins addressed the Council saying that he was present at the meeting to address three (3) topics. Firstly, he expressed his hope that the Town Council had had a chance to look over the proposed rules for the Deliberative Session. Secondly, he asked the Council whether they anticipated anything unusual or controversial arising. Lastly, he requested the “game plan” for the warrant articles, regarding who would present what articles. He stated that the procedure for the proposed rules reflected what had been done in the past, with some differences. Mr. Hawkins explained that firstly, the only amendments to the warrant articles that would be allowed were *changes to the amount of the appropriations*, adding that the Town Attorney would be present. He said that he also did

not intend to read the complete text of each warrant article at the session, as copies would be handed out and a slide show presented. He explained that in the past motions to “call a question/not call a question” required a 2/3 vote, a tactic used to prevent certain people from talking. He stated that *negative motions* would be disallowed, as this was a legal nullity. He then stated that motions to reconsider the raise requested would only be recognized by voters who were on the prevailing side of the vote, as this was otherwise a tactic for delay.

Chairman Levy said that for clarification, he understood that if someone called the vote, that in the spirit of not cutting someone off, a 2/3 vote and roll call would be required, which he felt was a good idea. He added that Mr. Hawkins would then need to make a determination as to whether or not a reasonable amount of time had been given. Mr. Hawkins agreed that it would be a judgment call on his part and a function of how many people were waiting to speak and the “temperature” of the room at the time. He felt he was inclined to never cut off debate prematurely. Town Administrator Fournier said that procedurally, a Town Councilor would make a motion to place a warrant article on the ballot and this would be seconded. He stated that he would then give a small summary of the meaning of the article and take any questions. He said that he would have copies of all the warrant articles, a summary of the budget, and copies of all slides presented, adding that the budget was also posted online for review. He felt they were not anticipating any surprises, with the only question being in regard to the recently received petition warrant article for Lamprey Health Care. Town Administrator Fournier then stated that the Town was scheduled for 2 hours starting at 9:00 am, with the School following at 11:00 am, on Saturday January 31, 2015.

Mr. Hawkins said that it would be helpful for him to know who would propose each warrant article and who would second the motion. Town Administrator Fournier replied that he would set up a spreadsheet and send it to councilors who planned to be present, rotating the names for first and second motions. Mr. Hawkins stated that any questions from the floor would be referred to Chairman Levy to decide who would respond, and Chairman Levy answered that Vice Chairman Dale Pike would be running the meeting. Town Administrator Fournier said that the only other question Mr. Hawkins would need to ask was whether there was any objection to allowing non-residents to speak. Mr. Hawkins replied that he would presume anyone present would be allowed to speak, whether a resident or not, unless someone objected. Town Administrator Fournier said that Town Attorney Charlie Tucker would be present at the session. Councilor Weinstein asked Mr. Hawkins to review the procedure for “motion to reconsider”. Mr. Hawkins explained that if a motion to reconsider is raised, it could only be raised by someone on the winning side of the question, as otherwise it becomes a stall tactic and the whole issue is re-debated. He added that per the statute, a motion to restrict reconsideration was not subject to reconsideration. Chairman Levy thanked Mr. Hawkins for taking the time to address the Council.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINSTRATOR

Deliberative Session – Town Election: Town Administrator Fournier reiterated that the **Deliberative Session** was scheduled to be held on Saturday January 31st at 9:00 am for the Town, and at 11:00 am for the School. He said that he would need a Town Councilor present at the polls on **Election Day**, Tuesday March 10th, from **7:00 am to 7:00 pm**, to certify the ballots, adding that if the councilor was currently running they would be unable to certify ballots. He stated that the filing period was now open and

would close on Friday January 30th at 5:00 pm. He explained that currently there were two 3-year appointments being considered for the Town Council, three 3-year appointments for the Budget Committee, a Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years, one Supervisor of Checklists for 3 years, two Planning Board members for 3 years, and one Trustee of Trust Funds for a 3-year period. He said that an office that was not listed for a Library Trustee, due to the uncertainty as to whether or not they were an “elected” or an “appointed” official. Town Administrator Fournier explained that when the Mill seized ownership of the Library, it was turned over to the Town with the Board of Selectmen appointing all members and trustees, now replaced by the Town Council. Councilor Weinstein asked Town Administrator Fournier if all the applicants would be posted online, and he replied that he was posting them as soon as they were received.

Town Administrator Fournier then said that he was happy to announce the success of the Town in the case of **Cheney vs. Town**, and that as a result the land at Lot 13 in the Moody Point subdivision would be subject to developmental restrictions. He next presented an update on the **Codification** process, saying that the Town should be seeing a first draft of the documents shortly. He stated that Town Attorney and Municode had been working diligently, scouring 20 years of policies, ordinances and resolutions, to come up with one (1) document containing all the laws. He then addressed the **FY2015 Budget** stating that they were currently halfway through the year with 51% of the budget spent. He highlighted one difference in legal expenses between FY14 and FY15, saying that at this point in FY14 they were already over budget by 24% expending \$83,479, and that this year he expected 53% of the budget for \$49,404. He stated that on the revenue side, the Town was doing better than expected with revenues running higher than anticipated, due to proceeds of the sale of Condos on Bass Street, a 56% increase in motor vehicle permits, and a 63% increase in building permits. He added that the Town had also received more money from the State for their share of the Rooms and Meals tax by \$44,245. Chairman Levy asked for clarification on Legal budget had being overspent by 124%, and Town Administrator Fournier replied that last year they were over-budget for 24%.

Chairman Levy then raised a few questions regarding the monthly reports from Department Heads, first questioning the increase in overtime for Public Works, listed on page 40. Town Administrator Fournier replied that this was due to some summer projects and that the Public Works Director was aware that overtime would be limited for the rest of the year, including for any storms. Chairman Levy then questioned the increase in Public Works Vehicle Maintenance, and Town Administrator Fournier said this was due to a large repair done during the year. Chairman Levy then questioned the YTD Salt usage by the Public Works Department on page 42, saying that though the amount of salt used was down by 80 tons, the cost remained the same at \$38,000. Town Administrator Fournier replied that the difference was not huge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Wright reported on the Planning Board meeting held the previous evening, at which the tree cutting along Bay Road had been approved. He said that also a rough draft of Chapter 4 of the Master Plan on demographics and housing had been received, and that a representative of the Strafford County Commission would be coming back to explain more. He said that Shearwater Investment Corp had also been at the meeting, basically concerning a line-of-sight issue on 2 Forbes Road, which would be

discussed at the next meeting. Councilor Weinstein asked Councilor Wright where the Planning Board stood on the issue of the tree in question on Bay Road. Councilor Wright replied that since most of the members of the Planning Board lived in that area, they had all agreed to cut the tree down. He added that ice tended to bend the trees over the power lines, and felt it was prudent for the crews to take care of it while they were there, and that transformers in that area were frequently lost.

Councilor Weinstein reported on the Budget Committee Public Hearing, which she had attended on January 12th, regarding the Police Contract which was recommended with no discussion by a vote of 11-0. She said that the rest of the meeting had focused on the School Budget and the warrant articles associated with the School. She added that she had not attended the Special Session the previous evening as she had not been notified.

Councilor Weinstein then reviewed the Conservation Committee which met January 8th. She said that the focus had been on the Wright-Pierce Wetlands permit which had been presented and discussed.

Chairman Levy stated that the Economic Development Committee (EDC) would be meeting the next evening, and that anyone who wanted to know more regarding elderly housing should attend the meeting which would be starting at 5:30 pm. Town Administrator Fournier asked where the meeting was to be held as the School Board held a workshop meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. It was assumed it would be held in the Auditorium.

Chairman Levy reported that the School Joint Advisory Committee meeting had been cancelled as Mr. Randy Bell's report was due to be out in a week or so. He said the committee was scheduled to meet on February 3rd, the first Tuesday in February, and that the report would be posted online.

Councilor Bentley said that as a member of the Negotiation Committee with Councilor Nazzaro, he had voted to recommend the Police Contract. He felt that this spoke volumes about the Police Department, as the officers and dispatchers had gone for a year without a new contract, and had brought reasonable requests before the committee. He added that he was pleased that both the Town Council and the Budget Committee had voted unanimously to approve the contract.

Councilor Weinstein wished to add that there had been a resignation from the Conservation Committee and that there was currently an opening.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 2ND READING

Resolution #2014/2015-38 Dedication and Naming of the Large Room Located in the Sunrise Sunset Center for Martha Sandy McNeil

Councilor Bentley made a motion to approve *Resolution #2014/2015-38 Dedication and Naming of the Large Room Located in the Sunrise Sunset Center for Martha Sandy McNeil*, and Councilor Carmichael seconded.

Town Administrator Fournier added that a plaque would be installed in the room and a ribbon-cutting would be held. As there was no further discussion, he polled the council and the resolution passed unanimously, 6-0.

Resolution #2014/2015-39 Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 Default Budget

Councilor Bentley made a motion to approve *Resolution #2014/2015-39 Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 Default Budget*, which was seconded by Councilor Weinstein.

Town Administrator Fournier clarified that the amount was last year's budget minus any expenditures, plus any contract obligations, with an impact on the tax rate of \$5.83. He then polled the council and the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Resolution #2014/2015-40 Approving the Cutting of Trees Along a Scenic Road, Bay Road

Councilor Weinstein made a motion to approve *Resolution #2014/2015-40 Approving the Cutting of Trees Along a Scenic Road, Bay Road*, which was seconded by Councilor Bentley.

Discussion: Town Administrator Fournier read the letter received from the Planning Board regarding their decision on the resolution. He stated that the Planning Board had unanimously recommended approval of *Resolution #2014-2015-40*, but that there had been some discussion regarding one 26-inch tree, which might warrant further review and selective pruning instead. Public Works Director Rick Malasky stated that the tree was a large oak located right before 249 Bay Road, with the primary power line approximately 3 feet away. He said that the second wire down, the neutral power line, was only about 3 inches, and it was at the junction of where two (2) large leaders separated. He added that on a windy day the branches tapped the power line. Chairman Levy asked that if that limb snapped, could it take out a transformer. Public Works Director Malasky replied that it could take out the power line, and that the arborist working with PSNH had recommended it be removed. He also stated that it would cost \$1,200 to have the tree removed by a tree service, and that PSNH was removing the tree at their cost, with the assistance of the Public Works Department in removal of the wood. Town Administrator Fournier said that per New Hampshire State Law, trees located in a right-of-way of the Town belonged to the property owners, and that they could not be cut down without permission. He added that the wood could only be taken with the permission of the owners. Public Works Director Malasky stated that PSNH would take care of obtaining the permissions. He also clarified that on Conservation Property trees were simply knocked down and left for bugs to live in.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the council and the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 3ND READING - None

ITEMS LAID ON THE TABLE - None

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Resignation – Eric Wigode, Conservation Committee

Town Administrator Fournier read the letter of resignation of Eric Wigode from the Conservation Committee in full.

Councilor Nazzaro made a motion to accept the resignation and Councilor Weinstein seconded.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the council and the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 1ST READING

Resolution #2014/2015-41 Approving the North Main Street Water Main Replacement Construction Budget

Chairman Levy read in full *Resolution #2014/2015-41 Approving the North Main Street Water Main Replacement Construction Budget*, which requested approval of a total budget of **\$1,126,171**.

Resolution #2014/2015-42 Authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Wright-Pierce for Project Management and Oversight Services Related to the North Main Street Water Main Replacement Project

Chairman Levy read in full *Resolution #2014/2015-42 Authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Wright-Pierce for Project Management and Oversight Services Related to the North Main Street Water Main Replacement Project*, for a total contract cost of **\$112,750**.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Chairman Levy said that correspondence had been received from Harvest Way regarding their request that it be accepted as a Town road. Town Administrator Fournier said that he was still working on the situation to pull the history together, as the entrance portion of the road was in Epping. He stated that an agreement had been signed “in perpetuity” between the towns of Epping and Newmarket to plow that portion of the road. The request received was from the Harvest Way Homeowner’s Association, asking that road be accepted as part of the Town. He said that with his reading, Newmarket could only maintain their portion of the road, and that he needed to determine the meaning of the words “in perpetuity” in the agreement.

Councilor Weinstein reported that *End 68 Hours of Hunger*, an organization she had mentioned several months ago, had found space in town at the Newmarket Community Church. She said that she would mail printed brochures to the councilors and that a website was also available.

CLOSING COMMENTS

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Town Administrator Fournier asked that all Councilors sign the warrant article for the default budget before leaving.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Nazzaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilor Bentley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary.