

**TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN COUNCIL NON-PUBLIC MEETING**

**JUNE 6, 2018 6:45 PM**

**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**NON-PUBLIC – PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3.II(d)**

**Consideration of the Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real or Personal Property**

PRESENT: Council Chairman Dale Pike, Councilor Zachary Dumont, Councilor Gretchen Kast, Councilor Amy Burns, Councilor Casey Finch

EXCUSED: Council Vice Chairman Toni Weinstein, Councilor Kyle Bowden

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Steve Fournier, Town Clerk-Tax Collector Terri Littlefield

**AGENDA**

Councilor Burns made a motion to move into Non-Public Session at 6:45 pm, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont. Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the motion to move into Non-Public Session was approved by a vote of 5-0.

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Town Clerk-Tax Collector Terri Littlefield said the unpaid taxes listed were for 2015. She said currently there were several properties in small claims court as they did not take the deeds to Mobile Homes, but did take the deeds to houses. She said the Mobile Homes were U3-117-26 at 20 Colby Road, and R2-86-23 at 33 Lamprey River Park, and said she would need a motion to *not* accept those two deeds as they always paid on the last day. She said there was one ranch home on U1-1-26 at 1 Woods Drive which was for unpaid Water-Sewer for 2013, and she recommended a motion to accept the deed for that property.

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Town Administrator Fournier said they accepted the mobile home deeds for the property and then sold the property in 3 years. A question was raised about the outstanding Water-Sewer taxes and Town Clerk-Tax Collector Littlefield said that now they were able to shut off the service. Town Administrator Fournier said they had greatly reduced the amount of outstanding Water-Sewer debt as a result, and said there was a grace period in the process. Town Clerk-Tax Collector Littlefield said that certified notices were sent out and they also reached out to the owners one week before-hand, or tried to determine if the owner had any intent to pay. A councilor asked if they were in contact with the owners and Town Clerk-Tax Collector Littlefield said they were as certified letters went out and the owners did pay other bills.

A question was raised about the success of small-claims court and Town Clerk-Tax Collector Littlefield said they no longer brought Water-Sewer to lien and had a lot fewer cases. She said 99% of people paid to avoid small-claims court and the Town Administrator would sign waivers. Town Administrator Fournier said he would need a motion to not accept the deeds for the two mobile homes and accept the deed for the home during the public meeting to follow.

Town Administrator Fournier said there had also been an offer in the past from Cheney Property for a small triangular property next to the railroad tracks assessed at \$97,000, which the Council would not accept at the time. He said the property was over-assessed and now valued at \$28,100. He said Cheney Property agreed to accept the offer and develop the area as they needed more land for parking. He said he would have the Town Attorney review the deed and write up the documents. Chairman Pike asked about the sidewalk situation there, and Town Administrator Fournier said they could do something by August.

Councilor Burns made a motion to move out of Non-Public Session which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the motion to move out of Non-Public Session was approved by a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary