

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 7:00 PM

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Approved October 3, 2018

PRESENT: Council Chairman Dale Pike, Council Vice Chairman Toni Weinstein, Councilor Zachary Dumont, Councilor Gretchen Kast, Councilor Kyle Bowden, Councilor Casey Finch, Councilor Amy Burns

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Steve Fournier, Environmental Services Director Sean Greig, Renee Bourdeau of Horsley Witten

AGENDA

Chairman Dale Pike welcomed everyone to the September 19, 2018 Newmarket Town Council Meeting and called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Town Council/School Board Joint Meeting of August 23, 2018

Vice-Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council/School Board Joint Meeting of August 23, 2018, which was seconded by Councilor Burns.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the minutes of the Town Council/School Board Joint Meeting of August 23, 2018 were approved by a vote of 6-0, with 1 abstention.

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2018

Vice-Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2018, which was seconded by Councilor Kast.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of September 5, 2018 were approved by a vote of 6-0, with 1 abstention.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINSTRATOR

Town Administrator Steve Fournier apologized for being late in providing his Town Administrator Report, and stated that he was attending his first session of Leadership NH last week. He said right before the meeting the **Town Hall Wi-Fi** had been updated, and though it still had a few kinks, it should be greatly improved.

Town Administrator Fournier said at the last meeting they talked about making some **Changes to Recycling** for the Town, and said he had met with the Solid Waste Consortium of Newmarket, Newfields, and Stratham about possibly going to bi-weekly recycling and weekly garbage collection, supplying 95 gallon bins to residents. He said the Town currently paid \$301,093 for recycling and waste collection, and that after meeting with Casella Waste Management and reviewing the figures they estimated the cost increasing for Newmarket to \$313,000 to switch and \$346,000 if the bins were financed through Casella. He said Newfields and Stratham did see small savings and this might break up the consortium if they went ahead with the changes. He added that Casella also requested they sign an 8-year contract and the Town had only one year left on the current contract. He said they would continue collections as usual and would be free to renegotiate a contract with Casella next year or see who best fit the community. Chairman Pike asked if costs could increase if Newmarket were no longer part of the consortium and Town Administrator Fournier said they could.

Town Administrator Fournier stated that there was a form provided by the State of New Hampshire called the **MS 535 Financial Report** of the Town. He said this was basically Town expenses versus revenues and was the official form the Town used for tax-rate setting, which needed to be signed by all councilors. He said it also included a report of the Unreserved Fund Balance for the end of FY2018 of \$2,447,915, of which \$850,000 had been appropriated by the Council during last year's budget season to fund Capital projects for the FY2019 Budget, leaving \$1,597,915 in the Fund Balance. He explained that policy required they begin with 5-10% of total appropriations, and they were now at 5.7% without any additional revenues from their revised estimate, which had not yet been completed.

Chairman Pike asked that the \$850,000 appropriation be explained for the benefit of the public. Town Administrator Fournier said the funds were used for contributions to Capital Reserve Funds by increasing the Road Paving Fund and contributing to the Building Improvement Fund, as the Council had decided to put money into one-time expenditures. Chairman Pike said the idea was also that oil prices were still relatively low and they had a significant amount of deferred maintenance on roads and building infrastructure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Burns said the *CIP Committee* had started the meetings with Department Heads to hear proposals, and the Committee would go through everything submitted at the next CIP meeting.

Councilor Finch said the *Conservation Commission* had met and provided an update on Heron Point. He said electrical contractors had looked at the electrical hookup and measurements had been taken, but that they were still waiting on Eversource to green light the project.

Councilor Dumont said the *Water & Sewer Sub-Committee* had presentations at the last meeting from people in favor of pursuing an RBO for Newmarket, and said the next meeting set for September 26th had been postponed. He said that meeting would be held on October 10th, and people who were against having an RBO for Newmarket would speak. He stated that Town Administrator Fournier was welcome to attend as well as the Town Attorney or a representative of his law firm.

Chairman Pike said he did not have a report, but that the *Macallen Dam Committee* would meet next Monday and would continue discussions with abutters. He said they were close to having the report out to the engineering firm.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 2ND READING

Resolution #2018/2019-08 – Designating the Second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples’ and Columbus Day”

Vice-Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve *Resolution #2018/2019-08 – Designating the Second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples’ and Columbus Day”* which was seconded by Councilor Burns.

Councilor Finch said this was something he had been thinking about for a while and he had struggled with the idea of changing Columbus Day. He said he had the opportunity to visit the Rosebud Indian Reservation with students and felt it was important to be more inclusive as a community and acknowledge the original inhabitants. He said he felt that as Columbus Day was still a Federal and State holiday it would be better to combine the two into one holiday for Newmarket.

Vice-Chair Weinstein said she liked the inclusivity in general but also liked the balance of both holidays. Councilor Kast asked Councilor Finch if he had gotten any public feedback and he said the public seemed to be supportive of the idea.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and *Resolution #2018/2019-08 – Designating the Second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples’ and Columbus Day”* was approved by a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 3RD READING

Resolution #2018/2019-07 Total Nitrogen Control Plan

Environmental Services Director Sean Greig said that at the last meeting, along with Wright-Pierce and Horsley Witten, the Total Nitrogen Control Plan had been presented. He said there had been concern that the MS4 was listed and the Town could have been bound or had some issues to that. He said they had

gone back and eliminated all references to MS4 in the document, but that the rest of the document remained the same. He said all the Town was committed to do was water sampling and continuing best management practices with leaf removal and catch-basin cleaning. He said they would continue with things they were already doing and could additionally choose to do anything that would be beneficial in a good way for the Town.

Chairman Pike pointed out that section 527 stated that they would complete the water quality management plan in summer of 2018. Renee Bourdeau of Horsley Witten said it should say the end of 2018 and would be edited. Councilor Bowden asked about additional costs to the Town, and Environmental Services Director Greig said only for the sampling program to sample the water in the river.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and Resolution #2018/2019-07 Total Nitrogen Control Plan was approved by a vote of 7-0.

ITEMS LAID ON THE TABLE

NEW BUSINESS /CORRESPONDENCE

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS – None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 1ST READING

Town Administrator Fournier stated that Resolution #2018/2019-11 WWTP Boiler Withdrawal from CRE would be withdrawn as they did not have the backup material and the resolution should have included the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund with the approval of the purchase.

Resolution #2018/2019-09 Water & Sewer Rate Increase

Chairman Pike read Resolution #2018/2019-09 Water & Sewer Rate Increase in full.

Resolution #2018/2019-10 WWTP Boiler Replacement Agreement with Patriot Mechanical

Town Administrator Fournier read Resolution #2018/2019-10 WWTP Boiler Replacement Agreement with Patriot Mechanical in full.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chairman Pike brought forward a proclamation he received from an alderman in the State of Illinois with regard to suicide, as this was Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. He said he looked at some of the statistics in the heroine epidemic but that suicide remained a growing problem. He said it was the second leading cause of death for adolescents to young adults. He said the proclamation addressed how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm. He said according to the CDC each year more than 41,000 people die by suicide, and it is the tenth leading cause of death

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among adults in the USA, and second among people aged 10-24. He said Newmarket, NH was no different than any other community.

He stated that now, therefore, be it resolved that the Newmarket Town Council does hereby declare the month of September 28th as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the Town of Newmarket. Proclamation given in Council Chambers the 19th day of September 2018, by Dale Pike, Chairman.

Vice-Chair Weinstein stated that Patty Marsden of the Newmarket Community Church had attended a training around mental health and was thinking of opening it up to other community leaders. Councilor Bowden asked if any other guardians should be added to the list of impact leaders. Chairman Pike said it would not be voted on tonight and needed to be amended anyway. He said he would notify the alderman in Illinois of the proclamation issued by the Newmarket Town Council.

Vice-Chair Weinstein said the flower beds in Town were stunning and gave kudos to the gardeners. She said everyone did a fantastic job, as usual, during the election and thanked them for their work. Councilor Dumont added that Mr. Hawkins had also seen a higher turnout than expected.

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Town Council Meeting will be held on October 3, 2018 in the Town Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pike adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary