

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

MAY 1, 2019 7:00 PM

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Approved May 15, 2019

PRESENT: Council Chairman Toni Weinstein, Council Vice Chairman Amy Burns (by speakerphone), Councilor Zachary Dumont, Councilor Gretchen Kast, Councilor Jon Kiper, Councilor Casey Finch, Councilor Helen Sanders

ALSO PRESENT: Executive Assistant Wendy Chase

AGENDA

Chairman Toni Weinstein welcomed everyone to the May 1, 2019 Newmarket Town Council Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Weinstein stated that Vice-Chair Amy Burns would be participating in the meeting by speakerphone.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman Weinstein opened the Public Forum at 7:01 pm.

Jessica Waters read her note to the Town Council on why she felt qualified to be a member of the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee. She said as founder and owner of Half-Acre Beekeeping in Newmarket, she focused on sustainability and balanced the need to be profitable with the need to be environmentally responsible. She said she also worked part-time in outreach for the Great Bay Estuarine Research Reserve, and said her work involved coastal erosion and shoreline management. She said she had spoken out on environmental issues before and was a member of the Newmarket Community Garden, and felt she would be a valuable addition to the Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Non-Public Session of April 17, 2019

Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Non-Public Session of April 17, 2019, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Executive Assistant Wendy Chase polled the Council and the Minutes of the Non-Public Session of April 17, 2019 were approved by a vote of 7-0.

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2019

Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of April 17, 2019, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Executive Assistant Chase polled the Council and the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of April 17, 2019 were approved by a vote of 7-0.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Weinstein said there would be no report as the Town Administrator was out of town. She said she had a few comments on the workings of the Town Council. First she said they had decided last year to have the Vice-Chair make all the motions and anyone could second. She said also it was her personality to speak in a conversational mode, but felt it was not the best way to run a meeting, and asked that all councilors be mindful and wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking.

Chairman Weinstein said if an email communication is sent to the Town Council, anyone can reply to that individual but do not "reply all". She said she encouraged people to reply, and reminded them that no one councilor speaks for the Council as a whole. She said if they thought the issue was sensitive or controversial for which they needed a record, they should all include the Town Administrator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Dumont said the *Budget Committee* would be meeting the 4th Monday of every month but the May meeting was scheduled for May 20, 2019 due to Memorial Day. He said it was the first time all 11 members were present and felt they would have a great group of people come fall who would be very responsive to their work. Chairman Weinstein asked the names of new members: Roger Cady, Gary Swanson, Christian Matthews, and Joe Lamattina. Councilor Dumont said he would share their contact information with the Council.

Councilor Finch said he had an update for the *Conservation Commission* and said the April 20, 2019 cleanup of Heron Point had taken place and the park looked amazing. He said the gate was still not operational but should be up shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 2ND READING – None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 3RD READING

Resolution #2018/2019-36 Electronic Message Boards

Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to approve Resolution #2018/2019-36 Electronic Message Boards, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Discussion: Chairman Weinstein said there were a lot of questions at the last meeting but that Town Administrator Fournier had addressed them by email. Councilor Kiper said there would be a message board at the front door, at the top of the stairs, and in the Town Clerk's office, and he wondered if they needed that many in such close proximity. He said there might be other ways to get the message out. Councilor Finch said his concern was to hold this over until the Town Administrator was back as it made sense to talk to him.

Vice-Chair Burns said she was okay with holding it over, but felt the placement of the 3 signs made sense. She said there would be one outside and at the top of the stairs, but that they did have a third floor to the building and people did not pass by the same point all the time. Councilor Kast said her specific request from the last meeting had not yet been answered, and she also felt this was a fairly expensive solution for a simple problem. Chairman Weinstein said it was important to have all their questions answered, and they would hold this resolution over for a 4th reading.

ITEMS LAID ON THE TABLE – None

NEW BUSINESS /CORRESPONDENCE

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Energy & Environment Advisory Committee

Candidate: *Carol Ramsay – Term Expires March 2020*

Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to approve the nomination of *Carol Ramsay – Term Expires March 2020* as a member of the *Energy & Environment Advisory Committee*, which was seconded by Councilor Finch.

Executive Assistant Chase polled the Council and the nomination of *Carol Ramsay as a member of the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee* was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Energy & Environment Advisory Committee

Candidate: *Jessica Waters – Term Expires March 2022*

Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to approve the nomination of *Jessica Waters – Term Expires March 2022* as a member of the *Energy & Environment Advisory Committee*, which was seconded by Councilor Finch.

Executive Assistant Chase polled the Council and the nomination of *Jessica Waters* as a *member of the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee* was approved by a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 1ST READIN

Resolution #2018/2019-38 – Increase of Water & Sewer Rates FY 2019-2020

Chairman Weinstein read Resolution #2018/2019-38 – Increase of Water & Sewer Rates FY 2019-2020 in full.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilor Kiper said on May 11th the Wrong Brain Spring Bizarre would be held in the Millspace from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and The Bread & Puppet Theater would hold a performance from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm by donation. He said the parking on that day could be crazy. Chairman Weinstein said if you park in the Bay Road parking lot, it is a short walk to the Mills.

Councilor Dumont said that Environmental Services Director Sean Greig and Wastewater Management Supervisor Todd Gianotti had hosted him twice at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said they showed him everything and where rate increases were going, and he was impressed by what the Town has as a resource.

Chairman Weinstein said last week there was a legislative update hosted here in the Auditorium with all 4 of their State Representatives as well as State Senator Martha Fuller Clark present. She said the event was video recorded and available on the website.

Chairman Weinstein said Newmarket Cares Day was coming up this Saturday as well as next Friday, and said it was an opportunity for anyone in the community to help out with all the projects going on in Town. She said it was one of the most fulfilling events she had participated in, and said the amount of trash picked up is staggering.

Chairman Weinstein said that Memorial Day was coming up with a Memorial Day Parade in Newmarket planned for Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm, followed by a ceremony at Riverside Park at 6:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Town Council Meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Weinstein adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Council Regular Meeting
May 1, 2019

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary