



TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE of the TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 7:00 PM

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Approved October 2, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Steve Fournier

AGENDA

Chairman Toni Weinstein welcomed everyone to the September 18, 2019 Newmarket Town Council Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman Weinstein opened the Public Forum at 7:00 pm.

As no one from the public came forward, Chairman Weinstein closed the Public Forum at 7:01 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2019

Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of September 4, 2019 which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Changes/Corrections: Chairman Weinstein questioned the sentence beginning on line 52, which was corrected by Town Administrator Fournier and replaced.

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Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2019 were approved as amended by a vote of 7-0.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Town Administrator Steve Fournier said the Town would be interviewing contracted **Engineering Firms** at the end of September and would have a contract for Council approval at the end of the process. He said the Town Clerk can now provide **Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Recreational Vehicle Licenses** which would add to Town Revenue.

Town Administrator Fournier said he was beginning to plan for Town Meetings as his Budget was due to the Town Council by October 15, 2019, and said he scheduled the Town Council Budget Workshop for Saturday, October 26, 2019. He said the **Deliberative Session** would be scheduled for February 1, 2020 at the High School Auditorium with **Election** on March 10, 2020.

Town Administrator Fournier said the **New Hampshire Municipal Association Annual Conference** was scheduled for November 13th and 14th in Manchester, NH. Any councilors wishing to attend should email Wendy for registration and the Town will cover the costs. He clarified some misconceptions about the **Electric Vehicle Charging Station** in front of the Library, and stated that they were not charging for the service as the cost of running the credit card machine was greater than paying for the electricity, and they also looked at it as an Economic Development tool. He said the space is for electric vehicle parking only and overnight parking is not allowed. He said the spots are being used and they are studying the current flow of one-way traffic.

Questions: Councilor Kast said the exit sign from the Newberry parking lot was not labeled correctly and Town Administrator Fournier said the Town did not own the sign and he would work with the owner. Councilor Finch asked for the deadline to apply for the NHMA meeting and Town Administrator said the week before the conference.

Chairman Weinstein thanked the Department of Public Works and Director Rick Malasky for all the work they were coordinating for fall including the Lubberland Creek project. Town Administrator Fournier said there were issues with Lubberland Creek, and said the road was closed for public safety. He said cameras were installed as cyclists were taking their bikes over the fence and going around an active construction site. He said that is trespassing and if caught people will be prosecuted.

Chairman Weinstein asked about the \$244,000 for outfall pipe issues in the Water Department, and Town Administrator Fournier said there would be a resolution before the Council. Chairman Weinstein also commented on the Police Report about a student being arrested due to firearm possession and thanked the Police Department for their services at that time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chair Burns said the *CIP Committee* met prior to this meeting and they got through all the departmental presentations. She said they would meet again next Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 6 pm for deliberations.

Councilor Kast said the *Planning Board* met and reviewed scheduling the joint meeting with the Town Council. She said they understood waiting for the completion of the Economic Development Report, and Town Administrator Fournier said they were looking at some time in October.

Councilor Sanders said she met with the *Newmarket Business Association Strategic Planning Committee* and shared the information about the EV charging station. She said they were trying to form an Art Committee in Town and were looking for a chairman.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 2ND READING

Resolution 2019/2020-02 Endorsing the Newmarket Community Church LCHIP Application

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Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to approve *Resolution 2019/2020-02 Endorsing Newmarket Community Church LCHIP Application* which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Town Administrator Fournier said the Newmarket Community Church has made a application to the NH LCHIP, which is the NH Moose plate. He said money raised goes to help preserve historic buildings, and the application must be endorsed by local government.

Discussion: Councilor Kiper said the Newmarket Community Church does a lot for the community and he was glad to be able to help them out in this way, and Chairman Weinstein agreed. Councilor Kast asked about the mechanics of LCHIP, and Town Administrator Fournier said traditionally the Town Council endorsed those having significant impact on the community and were for the public good, not commercial.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 3RD READING – None

ITEMS LAID ON THE TABLE – None

NEW BUSINESS /CORRESPONDENCE

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS – None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 1ST READING

Resolution #2019/2020-03 Accepting the Report of the Government Operations Committee on Proposed Charter Amendments

Chairman Weinstein read *Resolution #2019/2020-03 Accepting the Report of the Government Operations Committee on Proposed Charter Amendments* in title only.

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Town Administrator Fournier said pursuant to State Law a Public Hearing will have to be held on these amendments at the next regular Town Council meeting, prior to submission to State Agencies for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilor Kiper asked if the completion date for Lubberland Creek was still set for October 1st, and Town Administrator Fournier said he was hoping to have the road reopened by that date.

Councilor Finch said there had been questions about whether the EV Charging Station was fiscally responsible, but he said he supported it as the free parking is an incentive for people to go out and there are environmental benefits as well. Town Administrator Fournier said the Librarian informed him by email that she had been receiving donations toward the project.

Chairman Weinstein reviewed some upcoming dates:

September 25, 2019 – Joint Town Council/School Board Meeting

September 27, 2019 – Ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new solar array at the Stone church at 4:00 pm

October 1, 2019 – Revision Energy presentation in the Auditorium for solar and energy efficiency

October 7, 2019 – Conversations with Councilors at the Loft at 6:30 pm

October 19, 2019 – Craft Festival at the Senior Center

October 26, 2019 – Town Council Budget Workshop at 9:00 am

February 1, 2020 – Deliberative Session

March 10, 2020 – Election day

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Town Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Weinstein adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary

