



TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE of the TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 1, 2017 7:30 PM

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Approved December 6, 2017

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Steve Fournier

AGENDA

Chairman Dale Pike welcomed everyone to the November 1, 2017 Newmarket Town Council Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman Pike opened the Public Forum at 7:33 pm.

Monica Christofili provided an update on starting a Rights Based Ordinance (RBO) in Newmarket. She handed out materials with background on CELDF and its mission, on Chemical Trespass with regard to blocking chemicals coming into waterways, and a history of Community Rights work in New Hampshire. She also distributed a flyer for the We the People documentary on CELDF shown on Mindful Monday this past September at the Stone Church and a CELDF newsletter about the connection between CELDF and NHCRN.

Ms. Christofili stated that CELDF was a non-profit public-interest law firm intent on protecting the rights of people and nature via a Rights Based recognized initiative. She said there were concerns that it should be taken to the State level which was why NHCRN was formed. She said the groups supported each other, with CELDF concentrating on helping communities develop Rights Based Ordinances and NHCRN mostly focused on State legislative level education. She said as a result of this year's education, Newmarket Representative Ellen Read was sponsoring an amendment to the State Constitution to recognize the right to self-government.

Ms. Christofili said she was now a member of the NHCRN Board and said the last packet contained information about the amendment. She said she could be contacted by email for more information, and said the goal was to set up an RBO in Newmarket for which they would gather signatures and it would go to a Town vote. Vice-Chair Weinstein said she appreciated her efforts and felt it was incredibly valuable information.

Chairman Pike closed the Public Forum at 7:38 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Non-Public Session of October 18, 2017

Vice-Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Session of October 18, 2017, which was seconded by Councilor Kast.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the minutes of the Non-Public Session of October 18, 2017 were approved by a vote of 7-0.

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2017

Vice-Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2017, which was seconded by Councilor Bowden.

Councilor Finch made a correction to line 280, page 7 to add: "could *not* be flipped to rentals".

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2017 were approved as amended by a vote 7-0.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINSTRATOR

Town Administrator Fournier first gave a **Storm Update** for the October 29-30th storm. He said as of 5:45 pm this evening there were still 337 customers without power, and Eversource estimated they would finish by tomorrow evening. He said New Road and Exeter Road were closed at the height of the storm. He said he wanted to commend Public Works, the Police Department, and the Fire Department as well as the crews still out working, and thank the community for their patience.

Town Administrator Fournier explained that **Trick or Treat** had been postponed by Police Chief True until tonight as they were unsure how much electricity they would get back and there was also a large youth event taking place last night.

Town Administrator Fournier stated that the New Hampshire Department of Revenue had set the **Property Tax Rate** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 for the Town of Newmarket at \$26.73. He said it was an increase over last year of \$1.28/1,000 of assessed valuation or a 5% increase. He said the Town portion decreased \$0.11 from \$6.24-\$6.13 or -2%, the Local School increased \$1.36 from \$15.72 to \$17.08 or +9%, the State School decreased by \$0.01 from \$2.40 to \$2.39 or -0.4%, and the County increased \$0.04 from \$1.09 to \$1.13 or +3.6%. He said the Town Clerk/Tax Collector had prepared the bills which she would be sending out shortly and would be due on December 5, 2017.

Councilor Thompson said at some point this year there was some discussion around why we are paying the County, specifically for Dispatch, and asked if there had been any progress on that. Town Administrator Fournier said he had discussed this with Salem, Portsmouth, and Derry but would have to restart the process this year.

Town Administrator Fournier provided an update on **Road Paving** and said crews were currently out shimming and getting ready to finish all Downtown side roads. He said Beech Street Extension and Elm Street needed to be aware that paving would begin soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chair Weinstein said the *Budget Committee* had met last week to finalize the schedule for the coming season, and had also talked about CIP. She said the *Energy & Environment Committee* would be meeting next Monday November 6, 2017 at 7 pm.

Chairman Pike said he attended a program yesterday on septic systems in Great Bay which Town Planner Diane Hardy also attended. He said the technology in septic systems was changing quite a bit, and there would be an effort to bring health back to Great Bay and determine whether new septic system technology will be needed. He said the other focus of the meeting was on educating the public.

Chairman Pike stated that the *Macallen Dam Study Committee* meeting would be held tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 2ND READING

Resolution #2017/2018-17 Approval of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Submitted to the Town Council by the Town Administrator on October 15, 2017

Vice-Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve Resolution #2017/2018-17 Approval of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Submitted to the Town Council by the Town Administrator on October 15, 2017, which was seconded by Councilor Burns.

Town Administrator Fournier said he also needed a motion to amend the resolution to the following numbers: General Fund \$7,622,607, Special Revenue Funds \$1,155,086, and Enterprise Funds \$3,265,038 for a total budget of \$12,042,731.

Vice-Chair Weinstein made a motion to amend *Resolution #2017/2018-17* to the above numbers, which was seconded by Councilor Burns. Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the motion to amend *Resolution #2017/2018-17* was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Town Administrator Fournier informed the councilors that the outcome of the vote on the resolution as amended would reflect the Council recommendation on the Ballot. Vice-Chair Weinstein explained that the amendment made to the resolution reflected the changes made by the Town Council at the October 28th Workshop Meeting on Saturday.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and *Resolution #2017/2018-17 Approval of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Submitted to the Town Council by the Town Administrator on October 15, 2017* was approved as amended by a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 3RD READING – None

ITEMS LAID ON THE TABLE

***Resolution #2015/2016-52** Authorizing the Designation of a Portion of Route 152 as an Economic Recovery Zone.* (This Resolution is tabled from the June 15, 2016 Council Meeting pending Planning Board action.)

NEW BUSINESS /CORRESPONDENCE

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS – None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE 1ST READING

Resolution #2017/2018-18 Resolution Authorizing the Town Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Tyler/Munis for Integrated Municipal Financial Software and to enter into an Agreement with Interware to provide for an Updated Motor Vehicle Module not part of the Tyler/Munis Software Package

Chairman Pike read *Resolution #2017/2018-18 Resolution Authorizing the Town Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Tyler/Munis for Integrated Municipal Financial Software and to enter into an Agreement with Interware to provide for an Updated Motor Vehicle Module not part of the Tyler/Munis Software Package* in full.

CORRESPONDENCE

Scoutmaster D. Robert Sargent – Re: Eagle Scout Dominic Joseph Scarponi

Town Administrator Fournier read the correspondence to the Town Council and the Town Administrator from Scoutmaster D. Robert Sargent II regarding the promotion of Dominic Joseph Scarponi to the rank of Eagle Scout. A letter or certificate of achievement from the Town acknowledging the promotion was

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requested, and Town Administrator said he would send a certificate on behalf of the Town, signed by the Council Chairman on behalf of the Council.

Vice-Chair Weinstein said she received an email from a resident about the Heron Point closing. Town Administrator Fournier said he had received a letter from the Conservation Commission requesting permission to contact Legal Counsel to try to reignite the discussion with the Board of the Homeowners Association and was moving forward with that at this time.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chairman Pike asked about the scheduling of the November 15th meeting, and Town Administrator Fournier said they had decided they would not hold the meeting. He said he preferred to be present at the discussion of the Software and would be out of town on that date.

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Town Council Meeting will be held on December 6, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary