



Town Council Regular Session

January 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Town Council Chambers

MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Conley convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Councilor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: Council Chair Katanna Conley, Councilor Vice-chair Brian Ward, Councilor Scott Blackstone, Councilor Joe LaMattina, Councilor Colin White, Councilor Justin Glazebrook

Excused: Councilor Sonke Dornblut

Staff Present: Town Manager Stephen Fournier, Police Chief Greg Jordan, Wendy Chase, Recording Secretary

3. Public Forum

Chair Conley opened the public forum at 7:01 PM.

Chair Conley closed the public forum at 7:01 PM without public comment.

4. Town Council to Consider Acceptance of Minutes

a. December 20, 2023

Motion: Councilor Ward made a motion to approve the December 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Second: Councilor White

Vote: Unanimously Approved (6-0-0)

5. Report of the Town Manager

Town Manager Fournier presented the following unwritten report:

- January 8, 2024 - Town and School Budgets Public Hearing at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium.
- The Presidential Primary Election is January 23, 2024 at the Jr./Sr. High School from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.
- Town Candidacy filing period begins January 24, 2024 through February 2, 2024. Positions available are Town Council: 2 3-year terms and 1 2-year term; Budget Committee: 3 3-year terms and 1 2-year term; Planning Board: 2 3-year terms. The remaining list is on the town's website.

- February 3, 2024 Town and School deliberative session at 9:00am. The Town will present first.

6. Committee Reports

Councilor Glazebrook reported on the January 2nd Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission meeting:

Community Development Director Bart McDonough attended the Commission meeting to discuss the Master Plan. The Commission decided to devote their March meeting to work on the Master Plan. The Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) has grants available, and the Commission intends to apply for a \$7,500.00 grant from them to acquire more funding for Willey Park.

Councilor LaMattina reported on the NH Community Power Coalition:

The week of January 22nd, Newmarket residents will receive a mailing stating that they are being switched to Newmarket Community Power and how they can OPT-OUT if they choose. In March 2024 residents will be switched over to Newmarket Community Power and April 2024 residents will receive their first bill. There will be a Community Power Coalition Public Information Session on January 31st at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium.

7. Old Business

8. Resolutions/Ordinances in the 1st Reading

- a. Resolution # 2023/2024 - 29 Bennett Well Project
Chair Conley read Resolution #2023/2024-29 into the record.
- b. Resolution # 2023/2024 - 30 Bennett Well ARPA
Chair Conley read Resolution #2023/2024-30 into the record.
- c. Resolution # 2023/2024 - 31 Water Master Plan
Chair Conley read Resolution #2023/2024-31 into the record.
- d. ORDINANCE NO. 2 – 2023/2024 An Ordinance to Amend the Downtown Commercial Overlay District
Chair Conley read Ordinance No. 2 - 2023/2024, in title only, into the record without objection.

9. New Business/Correspondence

- a. Correspondence to the Town Council
There was no correspondence to the Council.
- b. Closing Comments by Town Councilors
Councilor LaMattina said that the Town of Newfields is changing their policy regarding recycling and asked the Town Manager if Newfields residents were going to use the Newmarket Transfer Station to recycle. Town Manager Fournier explained that in the past Newmarket has allowed Newfields residents to use the transfer station to recycle, charging \$5.00 per bin. He said that currently we do not have that agreement with the Town of Newfields.

Chair Conley encouraged people to go to the Budget Public Hearing on January 8th at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium.

c. Next Meeting

- i. January 17, 2024

10. Adjournment

Chair Conley adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase
Recording Secretary