

TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 3, 2021 7:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium and Zoom

The meeting will be conducted in the Town Hall Auditorium and is available via Zoom. You may join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/9117025727> Meeting ID: 911 702 5727, 1 646 558 8656. If you have difficulty connecting, please call 603-659-3617 Ext, 1321.

Councilors Present: Council Chair Toni Weinstein and Councilor Zachary Dumont. Councilors Present Virtually: Council Vice-Chair Amy Burns, Councilor Helen Sanders, Councilor Jonathan Kiper, Councilor Megan Brabec, and Councilor Scott Blackstone.

Staff Present: Town Manager Stephen Fournier, Environmental Services Director Sean Greig, and Wendy Chase Recording Secretary.

Chair Weinstein convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Town Manager Fournier read the zoom meeting preamble.

Councilor roll call was taken.

Council Chair Weinstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Weinstein opened the public forum at 7:04 PM.

Chair Weinstein closed the public forum at 7:05 PM without public comment.

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

January 20, 2021

Councilor Burns made a motion to Approve *the January 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes*, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Motion was Passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Fournier reported on the following:

- **COVID-19 Update:** As of February 3 there are 25 active cases, 377 cumulative cases, and 43 new cases over the past 14 days. 5,282 PCR tests have been issued. Fema is reimbursing the Town 100% for Police, Fire, and Emergency Responders for pandemic related expenses.
- **Vaccination:** Many people in phase 1B have already received the vaccine or have their appointment to receive one.
- **Facilities Director:** Devin Lockley has been hired as the new shared Facilities Director for the Town and School. Mr. Lockley begins next week.
- **Macallen Dam:** SumCo has begun to remove forms from the East abutment wall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Dumont will reach out to the Ordinance Oversight Committee members this evening and set up a committee meeting within the next two weeks.

Councilor Sanders said the Arts and Tourism Commission is finalizing the "Art Walk" scheduled to take place on April 10th and 11th. They are putting flyers together to promote it.

Councilor Blackstone reported that the Planning Board is reviewing an application for an office/warehouse and parking area on Ash Swamp Road across the street from the transfer station. The applicant proposes to rent the parking area to companies to house heavy equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES IN THE 2ND READING

Resolution #2020/2021-28 - Salmon Street Pumping Station Generator Replacement

Councilor Burns made a motion to Approve *Resolution #2020/2021-28 Salmon Street Pumping Station Generator Replacement*, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Environmental Services Director Greig explained that they had a failure on the generator on Salmon Street right before Christmas. They replaced it temporarily with a rented generator. They found a generator that will fit the station. The cost of the generator is \$1,700.00 and will come out of the sewer capital reserve fund.

Councilor Dumont commended the Department for working so quickly on getting the generator replaced.

Motion was Passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

Resolution #2020/2021-29 - 77 Hersey Lane Road 320' Road Upgrade to Class V

Councilor Burns made a motion to Approve *Resolution #2020/2021-29 - 77 Hersey Lane Road 320' Road Upgrade to Class V Road*, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Town Manager Fournier explained that the Resolution would allow the work to be done to upgrade a portion of the road from a class VI to a class V; it is not a resolution to accept the road as a town road.

Town Manager Fournier mentioned that the town's road plan is updated every five (5) years.

Motion was Passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

Resolution #2020/2021-30 - Enter into Lease Agreement for Multi-purpose Copy Machines

Councilor Burns made a motion to Approve *Resolution #2020/2021-30 - Enter into Lease Agreement with Ricoh USA, Inc. for Multi-Purpose Copy Machines*, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Town Manager Fournier explained that the copier leases with Ricoh USA, Inc. have expired. The Finance Department went out to bid for a new multi-purpose copier machines lease.

Ricoh USA, Inc.	\$1,133.51 (monthly cost)
Formax	\$1,238.10 (monthly cost)
American Lazer Services, Inc.	\$1,423.02 (monthly cost)

The Finance Director recommends staying with our current service provider, Ricoh USA, Inc. There will be cost savings due to the fact that we will be consolidating the various department's copiers under one lease agreement.

Motion was Passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Ben Stebbins - Parking Commission - Non-resident Business Owner- Term Expiration December 2023

Councilor Burns made a motion to Approve *the Appointment of Ben Stebbins to the Parking Commission as a Non-resident Business Owner Member with a term expiration of December 2023*, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Councilor Kiper said that Mr. Stebbins owns several commercial properties in Town and supports his appointment.

Motion was Passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

Nichole Jones - Reappointment to the Arts & Tourism Commission - Term Expiration December 2023

Councilor Burns made a motion to Approve *the Re-appointment of Nichole Jones to the Arts & Tourism Commission with a term expiration of December 2023*, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Councilor Sanders said that Nichole Jones is currently the Chair of the Arts and Tourism Commission and would like to see her continue on the Commission.

Motion was Passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

Sonke Dornblut - Representative to the Coast Bus Board of Directors

Councilor Burns made a motion to Approve *the Appointment of Sonke Dornblut to the Coast Bus Board of Directors as Newmarket's Representative with no term expiration*, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Motion was Passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

Resolutions/Ordinances in the 1st Reading

Resolution #2020/2021-31 - Purchase of of UPS units

Chair Weinstein read Resolution #2020/2021-31 - Purchase of UPS units into the record.

Resolution #2020/2021-32 - New Road Water and Drainage Improvements

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Ordinance No. 5-2020/2021- To Reaffirm Requiring the Wearing of Face Coverings Under Certain Conditions Within The Town Of Newmarket

Councilor Burns made a motion to Approve *Ordinance No. 5 - 2020/2021 - to Reaffirm Requiring the Wearing of Face Coverings Under Certain Conditions Within The Town of Newmarket*, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

The Ordinance did not have to be read into the record because it was originally read when first adopted. A second reading is not required in accordance with Section 3.9 of the Town Charter, this Emergency Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and shall stand repealed as of the 61st day following the date on which it was adopted unless it is reaffirmed by the Town Council.

Motion was Passed by a vote of 6-1-0. Nays: Dumont

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

CLOSING COMMENTS BY TOWN COUNCILORS

Councilor Dumont said that the filing period for elected officials has expired, but there are open seats on the Town Council, Planning Board, and Budget Committee and encourages anyone who would like to serve to do so.

Chair Weinstein thanked Councilors Dumont, Brabec, and Blackstone for running for Town Council again.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

February 17, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weinstein adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM without objection.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Chase, Recording Secretary