



TOWN OF **NEWMARKET** NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN COUNCIL

Public Hearing

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Council Chambers

MINUTES

Approved February 7, 2024

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Stephen Fournier and Environmental Services Director Sean Greig.

Chair Conley opened the first public hearing at 6:00 PM.

Warrant Article #2 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$300,000) for the purpose of all work needed to identify, engineer, purchase of materials, and replace water system services improving compliance with the Federal Lead and Copper Rule. Such sum to be raised by the issuance of Serial Bonds or Notes not to exceed \$300,000 under, and in compliance with, the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, term of payment, and rate of interest thereon,. Further, to take such other actions as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Newmarket, NH. Additionally, to authorize the Town Council to apply for, receive, and expend Federal and State Grants which may at any time become available in accordance with RSA 31:95b, and to apply for, receive, and expend money from any other Governmental Unit or Private Source to be used for purposes which the Town Council may legally appropriate money,. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$210,000 in principal forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund loan program.

Environmental Services Director Greig explained that the Environmental Protection Agency has come up with a new lead & copper rule with the goal to remove all lead galvanized water lines. His Department has been replacing lead lines over the years as they see them. They identified 15 services left that have to be replaced and the bond will help pay for those replacements. The bond comes with a 70% grant and 70% loan forgiveness.

Chair Conley closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM without public comment.

Chair Conley recessed the meeting until 6:15 PM without objection.

Chair Conley opened the second public hearing at 6:15 PM.

Warrant Article #4 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$1,750,000) for the purpose of rehabilitating the sewer collection system. Such sum to be raised by the issuance of Serial Bonds or Notes not to exceed \$1,750,000 under, and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, term of payment, and rate of interest thereon. Further, to take such other actions as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Newmarket, NH., Additionally, to authorize the Town Council to apply for, receive, and expend Federal and State Grants which may at any time become available in accordance with RSA 31:95b, and also to apply for, receive, and expend money from any other Governmental Unit or Private Source to be used for purposes which the Town Council may legally appropriate money. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$612,500 in principal forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund loan program.

Environmental Services Director Greig explained that the Town of Newmarket has received a \$100,000 American Rescue Plan Act Planning Grant to evaluate its wastewater collection system. The evaluation used a camera to evaluate approximately 50,000 linear feet of gravity sewer main for inflow and infiltration (I&I). The evaluation identified \$1.75 million is needed for repairs that will reduce inflow and infiltration. An evaluation was conducted and it found that there are defects in the pipes. The money will be used to repair the most deteriorated lines. There is a \$612,000 loan forgiveness with this bond.

Chair Conley closed the public hearing at 6:18 PM without public comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase
Recoding Secretary