

**Select Board & Board of Assessors Meeting- Agenda and Minutes**

**June 26, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Rd.**

**Present Board Members-Joel Lind, Karen Paz, Tor Glendinning, Thomas Kostenbader, and Rufus Percy.**

**Interim Town Manager- Kevin Sutherland**

**Minutes transcribed by Lauren Allen- Town Clerk**

**1. Meeting called to Order- *Joel Lind called the meeting to order at 7:02pm***

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Amendments to the Agenda (Pending Approval)- *Introduction of the Town of Newcastle's new Interim Town Manager: Kevin Sutherland and the newest Select Board member: Rufus Percy.***

**4. Minutes- *Joel requested to combine and approve 4.1 through 4.3. Karen Paz moved to approve all minutes. Motion was seconded by Thomas Kostenbader. Vote 4-0 with Rufus Percy abstaining. Minutes were approved.***

**4.1 June 5, 2023, Special Town meeting**

**4.2 June 10, 2023**

**4.3 June 22, 2023**

**5. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

**- The Board requests that public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per subject.**

- *Kathleen Keoughan (5 Cross St) spoke about the gully being filled at her home by Seth Hagar.***
- *Bill Leary (293 North Dyer Neck Road) voiced concerns about the road conditions on North & South Dyer Neck Road. Bill brought a bucket of the road's gravel to show the Select Board what the road material consisted of.***
- *Kathleen Hogan (320 North Newcastle Road) asked questions about the status of the Traffic and Parking Ordinance since the last meeting. Joel Lind said that there were still some legal wording changes needing to be made. They hoped to have a new draft this season.***
- *Steve Ward (231 North Dyer Neck Road) voiced concerns about the condition of North Dyer Neck Road and how he and other residents have had their tires destroyed by the rocks on the road.***
- *Roger Wilcox (28 North Dyer Neck Road) asked why there is still a weight limit on North Newcastle Road. Joel Lind stated that there is no longer a current weight limit on that road. Roger asked if the town would consider an electronic sign to publicly advertise town notices and meetings viewable from the road. Tor Glendinning stated that it had been investigated by Ben Frey in the past and that cost had been an issue previously, but they would investigate it again going forward. Lastly Roger asked when the plowing contract was up for bid again and stated too much salt is being used on the roads. Karen Paz believes it is up a year from now (2024) and they were preparing to research the upcoming year's contract.***

**5. Select Board Future Agenda Items**

**7. New Business**

**7.1 Appoint Chair and Vice Chair -*Joel Lind nominated Karen Paz as Chair. Motion was seconded by Tor Glendinning. Vote 4-0 with Karen Paz abstaining. Tor Glendinning nominated Joel Lind as Vice Chair. Motion was seconded by Tor Glendinning. Vote 5-0. Motions passed.***

**7.2 Fish Ladder Harvester Compensation proposal -*Jim Brinkler stated the alewives' numbers were disastrously low this year, only harvesting two-thirds the amount of last year's numbers. Mark Becker: Fish Agent of Newcastle and Nobleboro, send a letter with options for future pay distribution. Spoke about the of splitting***

**harvesting dollars, one-third for harvesters and one-third for each town. The Select Board will reach out to Nobleboro and plan to attend Nobleboro Select Board meeting with Jim Brinkler next Wednesday to discuss the pay distribution further.**

**7.3 Certificate of Recommitment- Joel Lind made a motion to sign recommitment. Motion was seconded by Tor Glendinning. Vote 5-0. Motion passed.**

**7.4 Mike's Place Car Show- July 16, 2023, from 10am-4pm. No alcohol will be allowed or consumed on premises. No permits are needed.**

**8. Town Manager Report -Contracts need to be signed by Select Board. The warrant document for payment to the county is budgeted for \$10.00 less than what is needed. The incorrect total was provided to the town. Kevin stated he is currently contracted for 3 days a week consisting of 2 days in the office, 1 day remote. Kevin's office hours will be: In-office Monday & Tuesday 8-4, and remotely Wednesdays 8-4. He is available by phone or email. He plans to get all end of Fiscal Year requirements and contracts in place this week, and next week he hopes to meet with staff and officials. He will also meet with Select Board members and review Town of Newcastle's Bi-Laws and set Select Board goals for the next year.**

#### **9. Fiscal Warrants**

**9.1 Town Warrant- \$225,361.47- Joel Lind made a motion to approve the warrant. Motion was seconded by Rufus Percy. Vote 5-0. Motion passed.**

**10. Executive Session- \*Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) A – Personnel -Tor Glendinning made a motion to move to executive Session. Motion was seconded by Joel Lind. Vote 5-0. Motion passes. No action was taken after the executive session.**

**11. Adjournment of Meeting- Joel Lind made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Thomas Kostenbader. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.**

#### **Upcoming Events**

July 10 at 7PM — Select Board Meeting, Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Road

July 24 at 7PM — Select Board Meeting, Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Road

*\*Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) A – Personnel, C – Real Estate, D - Labor Contracts, E – Legal, H – Consultation With CEO Concerning Enforcement Action*