

**Board of Selectmen & Assessors Meeting- Minutes**  
**July 12, 2021 @ 7:00p.m.**  
**Community Room, 86 River Rd, Newcastle**

**Present:** Board of Selectmen (BOS) Joel Lind, Tor Glendinning, Rob Nelson, Karen Paz, and David Levesque. Staff member Michelle Cameron, Interim Town Manager. Peter Drum, Town Attorney.

Minutes transcribed by Shelly Clifford, Deputy Town Clerk

**1. Call to Order:** Lind called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Amendments to the Agenda:**

3.1 Agenda item 7.1 Fred Brewer: Town audit for FY20 - Audit was received today, the board had no time to discuss / review it; this meeting is tabled.

3.2 See Agenda item 7.1

3.3 See Agenda item 7.2

**4. Minutes:**

4.1 June 28, 2021 & July 5, 2021 - Motion to accept the minutes as written – Rob, Tor seconded. **Passed 5-0.**

**5. Public Comments On Items Not On the Agenda:**

Mal Carey - Newcastle Resident, inquired to the packet availability for the public as well as the press. Also stated an interest in the terms of the discontinuation of Hassan Ave. Time frame for the information - A few months.

**6. Selectmen Future Agenda Items:**

6.1 None

**7. New Business:**

7.1 Jim Murphy - Made the board aware of (some) Newcastle residents calling the office being disrespectful and abusive in their language to the staff. He then updated the board on the revaluation and suggested that the town consider keeping up with it every 3-5 yrs., making it less costly and easier on the town and taxpayers. The commitment is scheduled for July 27th, with the tax bills going out to residents the first week of August. Sean Bailey, Newcastle resident had a question regarding values and how Jim reached those percentage values and whether it was appropriate. Jim asked that he make an appointment to come into the office or email him to further discuss their issue.

7.2 Community Room Audio/Visual Proposals - LCTV. Larry Sidelinger, President of the Board of Directors of LCTV & Interim Director gave a brief description of the packet LCTV is proposing to provide for recording options for the Town of Newcastle's meetings. Geoff Keochakin, Technical Director went through the presentation with the board, explaining what LCTV will provide. The board will review and get back to them.

7.3 Newcastle Fire Company - Discussion with the Newcastle Fire Company Trustees and board ensued on how the town deals legally with fire protection and ensuring compliance with labor laws etc. Lind discussed there being 3 models to follow according to state statute: 1) Municipal Fire Dept. 2) Volunteer Fire Dept. and 3) To contract with another town. Lind explained at this time the town isn't in compliance with any of those choices. He went on to say, Jon Duke (prior Town Manager)

had been working with MMA to create a draft fire department ordinance for the town of Newcastle. The board would like to move forward with the Fire Company to clarify the specifics in the document and to define the relationship with the Fire Company. The basis of this agenda item was to see what direction the Fire Company would like to go. The Fire Trustees stated their priority at this time is the importance of appointing / hiring a full-time Fire Chief. Peter Drum gave definition to liability protection and the importance of it for the town, its assets, and the firefighters. No decisions were made. The board invited the Fire Company to attend a workshop on Wed., July 14, 2021, to move forward with discussions and to work on the draft ordinance.

7.4 Newcastle/Nobleboro Fish Committee - Joel Lind stated that the Fish Committee had met, and the Fish Agent stated there will be upcoming projects requiring equipment, pricing will come later.

7.5 Animal Control Service Contract – Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office – Michelle stated there were no changes. Motion to accept the contract as written made by Karen; Tor seconded.

**Passed 5-0.**

**8. Board of Assessors:**

8.1 See Agenda item 7.1

**9. Unfinished Business:**

9.1 See Agenda item 7.2

**10. Town Manager Report and Communications:**

10.1 Michelle stated the streetlights have been brought down to 50% throughout town; no feedback received.

**11. Fiscal Warrants:**

11.1 Town Warrant: \$7,027.30

11.2 Town Warrant: \$14,389.98 – Motion to accept both warrants made by Rob; Tor seconded.

**Passed 5-0.**

**12. Executive Session(s):**

12.1 Motion to move to Executive Session was made by Rob; David seconded.

**Passed 5-0.**

**13. Adjournment:**

13.1 11:30 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Rob; Tor seconded.

**Passed 5-0.**

**Upcoming Events:**

Workshop with the Fire Company: July 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm - Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Rd.

Board of Selectmen - Mon., July 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm - Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Rd.

*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*