

Board of Selectmen & Assessors Meeting- Minutes

November 8, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Rd.

Present: Board Members- Joel Lind, Tor Glendinning, Rob Nelson, Karen Paz, and David Levesque. Staff Members- Sarah Macy-Town Manager, and Seth Hagar- Road Commissioner. Peter Drum, Town Attorney. Minutes transcribed by Michelle Cameron-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 (Pending Approval): NONE

4. Minutes

4.1 September 27th minutes: **On motion Nelson/Paz moved to approve the September 27, 2021 meeting minutes.** Levesque request that 12.1 be changed to Legal- Conferring with Town Attorney. **Vote 5-0**

4.2 October 4th minutes: **On motion Levesque/Paz moved to approve the October 4th meeting minutes.** **Vote 5-0**

4.3 October 25th minutes: **On motion Nelson/Glendinning moved to approve the October 25th meeting minutes.** Levesque recommended adding Mal Carey's comment that a careful reading of the draft Code would have caught the issue of a statutory prohibition of the Town exempting itself from the requirements of the Code. **Vote 5-0**

5. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda -The Board requests that public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per subject.

James Bryant, a trustee of the Newcastle Fire Company, submitted petitions that include an ordinance to the Select Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the West Old County road construction project and a letter that was submitted by residents to the Select Board regarding road construction projects. Also discussed were the process of posting speed limit signs, why West Old County road pavement was not extended to the few houses at the end and why the road was not continued through to East Old County road.

6. Selectmen Future Agenda Items: NONE

7. New Business

7.1 CLC Ambulance Presentation by CLC Director Nick Bryant and Ellen McFarland: Bryant explained that the CLC Ambulance budget request increased by 172 percent. Bryant stated, the increase is primarily due to not enough workers in the workforce, the need to increase wages, and the number of calls received. Discussion ensued regarding why CLC Ambulance cannot increase their revenues, the issue of low wages, and the draft interlocal agreement that is being worked on.

7.2 Select Board discussion regarding tentative parking ordinance-Seth Hagar: Hagar gave an overview on the reasons Newcastle may want to look at drafting a parking ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding ordinance enforcement.

Hagar also mentioned adding a restricted weight limit on posted roads ordinance. Further discussion on this type of ordinance followed.

8. Board of Assessors: NONE

9. Unfinished Business: NONE

**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*

10. Town Manager Report and Communications: Macy stated, we are going to be removing the need to make an appointment when coming to the town hall. This will start after Thanksgiving. Macy reminded the Board that the town office is closed for November 11th for Veterans Day, Thursday November 26th for Thanksgiving and Friday the 27th the day after Thanksgiving.

11. Fiscal Warrants

11.1 Town Warrant-\$50,352.33: **On motion Glendinning/Nelson moved to approve the town warrant for \$50,352.33. Vote 5-0**

12. Executive Session – A. Conferring with Town Attorney - Personnel: On motion Paz/Nelson moved to enter executive session. Vote 4-0, 1 Levesque opposed title of session.

13. Adjournment: On motion Nelson/Levesque moved to adjourn at 10:45. Vote 5-0

Upcoming Events

Town Office Closed – Veterans’ Day – Thursday, November 11th

Board of Selectmen – Monday, November 22nd Fire Station Community Room - 86 River Rd.

Town Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26th

Town Office Closed – Thanksgiving Friday – Friday, November 27th