

TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

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MINUTES of the Draft BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday
October 22, 2013

Board Members Present: George Lawrence, Chairman, Michael Conlin and Benjamin Cargill
Also present was Town Administrator Roberta Fraser

1st Order of Business: Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board discussed the minutes from October 15th. Selectman Conlin had one correction- he knew the fees were collected to offset the expenses of operating the pool- he was wondering why the fees are collected if they are not supposed to be per the federal grant to install the pool. Roberta will make the change by removing the sentence in the minutes.

Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to approve the minutes of Oct. 8, 2013. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

2nd Order of Business: Appointments

Senator Peggy Gilmore addressed the Board and discussed different issues and activities that are happening in the NH Senate right now. She asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns. Selectman Conlin asked her about minimum wage and if there was any intent to raise it in NH and Senator Gilmore indicated that it is something that is being discussed. After a few minutes more discussion, the Board thanked Senator Gilmore for attending.

After Roberta made the change on the minutes, Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to approve the minutes of October 15, 2013. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

Bob Boynton, Conservation Commission chairman, addressed the Board and asked who was going to pay for the fence repairs at 130 Main Street? He feels the town should pay for it since they are the owner of the property. Conservation land doesn't start until the stone wall. Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** that the money to do the fence repair be charged to the General Government buildings budget. Chairman Lawrence seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

3rd Order of Business: Business

Last week there was discussion regarding charging each department for services performed by the DPW. Eric Maxwell, park & recreation director, has put monies into the budget to pay for work that the DPW performs. Roberta asked the board about charging private entities for services performed, such as Souhegan Ambulance and the office building where the police department is, they both are plowed by the DPW. And the school receives salt/sand at no cost. The Board

discussed whether these companies should be charged for the services received and they will discuss it again at a future meeting. They would like individual departments charged accordingly for any work the DPW does.

There is a discussion regarding the website and obtaining a new company to build and host the website. Bob Boynton currently maintains the town's website and his recommendation is to create an RFP and advertise and Roberta will do that.

The Town has received the county bill and \$431,820.00 is due by Dec. 17th.

Roberta informed the Board that New Ipswich is one of eight towns that is ready to set the tax rate and the Board will have to make a decision next week on what to use in the unreserved fund balance and what to keep in the overlay, then a tax rate will be set and tax bills can go out the first week of November.

There is a request from the cemetery sexton to hire Bruce Aho as a laborer and to set his rate of pay at \$12.00/hr. Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to hire Bruce Aho at \$12.00/hr. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Lawrence discussed with the Board the recent finance committee meeting. The Board needs to make a decision as to whether the 3% increase for salaries that stands now is going to be a COLA or a merit raise. Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** that the 3% salary increase be a merit raise and not to go above 3%. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

There is discussion regarding the pool fees and whether they should be charged or not. Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to no longer charge entrance fees for open swim. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

There is discussion regarding the proposed police department budget for 2014 and the addition of a 7th officer. Chief Carpenter will be presenting his budget to the FAC on Monday and he will be asking for a 7th officer. The Board is not opposed to the 7th officer as long as it doesn't increase his salary line, which it shouldn't because Garrett Chamberlain is still being paid and the position will be filled when that is done.

The Board approved and signed the A/P's manifest and payroll

4th Order of Business: Adjournment

Selectman Cargill ***made a motion*** to adjourn. Selectman Conlin seconded it. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully recorded,
Roberta Fraser

October 22, 2013 BOS Regular Minutes approved by the Board:

George Lawrence, Chairman

Benjamin Cargill

Michael Conlin