

MINUTES
Town of New Gloucester
SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 13, 2015
At the Meetinghouse

For review of the complete discussions and motions, please see the recording available at the Public Library or on our website at www.newgloucester.com

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman, Steven Libby, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Chairman, Steven Libby; Vice-Chairman, Linda Chase; Selectmen, Nathaniel Berry, Joshua McHenry and Laura Sturgis; and Town Manager, Paul First. Recorder, Sharlene Myers, was absent.

II. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2015
Annual Town Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 4, 2015
Board of Selectmen's Meeting– 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2015

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

Mr. First said he would like to add, under VI. Appointments, Application from Norman Chamberlain, for the Board of Appeals.

The Board was in agreement to add this appointment.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sam Coggeshall, resident, asked what the procedure was for the sale of the Town owned properties on the town meeting warrant, Article 32.

Mr. Libby said the Foreclosure Committee voted to put the three parcels on the Town Meeting Warrant. He said it takes a Town Meeting vote to give the Board permission to sell any Town owned property. He said a yes vote will put these parcels on an upcoming Selectmen's agenda for discussion.

Stephen Hathorne, resident, said as of 7:00 p.m. that evening, no one has taken out papers for the two vacancies on the SAD #15 School Board.

IV. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4.87 **To See What Action the Board Wishes to Take in Regard to May 4, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

The Board made the following changes to the Town Meeting Warrant:

Article 2:

This article was removed. Mr. First said Mike O'Donnell did not include the homestead exemption and BETE figures in his previous calculations. He said once the numbers were refigured, the Town is \$73,000 under LD1 and Article 2 is no longer necessary.

Article 11:

Mr. Libby said Mr. First and he looked at three different maps of the Wharff Road property. He said they came to three options: 1) ask for funding from the Town for a survey; 2) ask for funding from the Town and only do survey if necessary; and 3) do more research and present this property to the Town at a later date.

The consensus of the Board was to remove Article 11.

Article 30:

Mr. McHenry said he read Title 36, Section 506 A. and learned that a Town may charge from 4% to 7% interest on past due taxes (the Town charges 7%) and the Town currently refunds at 3%. He asked why the Town doesn't refund the same amount as charged.

Mr. First said he checked with Barbara Seaver and the wording of the warrant article has been the same for many years.

The consensus of the Board was to leave Article 30 as written and research this information for future years.

Mr. McHenry said he sent Mr. First an email concerning realignment of the Capital Expenses and Reserve articles.

Mr. Libby said this could be done for future warrants.

Mr. McHenry said he would like to see Account 149, Paving, be listed with the operational expenses.

Mr. Libby agreed.

Ms. Sturgis moved and Mr. McHenry seconded a motion to sign the warrant without Articles #2 and #11. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

The Board asked that as much background information as possible be posted with the warrant.

V. APPROVE FY15 WARRANTS AND PAYROLLS #41

Ms. Chase moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to approve FY15 Warrants and Payrolls #41. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1, with Ms. Sturgis abstaining.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Board of Appeals – 2 three-year terms available**
Norman Chamberlain – would like to be appointed to a three-year term

Ms. Chase moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to appoint Norman Chamberlain to the Board of Appeals, until June, 2018. The motion carried on a vote of 4-1, with Mr. McHenry opposing.

VII. LEGAL

None.

VIII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Approve Minutes of the April 6, 2015, Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

Ms. Chase moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2015, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1, with Mr. McHenry abstaining.

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATION

- A. Selectmen**
Laura Sturgis – no comments.

Joshua McHenry – he said the Library Board of Trustees held a volunteer recognition event, honoring the Library volunteers for their 900+ hours of service. He said he was not able to attend but wanted to thank them for their service to the Town.

Nathaniel Berry – asked Mr. First when the personnel policy would come back to the Board.

Mr. First said there will be an agenda item on how to proceed at the next regular scheduled meeting on May 18th.

Linda Chase – said she wanted to remind everyone about the Parsons Property workshop on Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Amvets.

Steven Libby – said Ted Shane, Public Works Director, Mr. First and he met with the Public Works Director of Pownal, to look at roads that have had chip seal applied to them. He said Mr. Shane and he then went to Durham to look at a couple roads in that Town that was paved using a different procedure. He said he would not recommend that procedure for New Gloucester. He said the Pownal Roads looked good and the chip seal procedure, upgraded from years past, would be for future discussion at a Board meeting with Mr. Shane.

B. Town Manager

Mr. First said he wanted to thank the Library Staff for all their work putting the Volunteer Recognition Event together and thank the Volunteers for all their time they have given the Library this past year.

Mr. First said he placed letters in the Board's mailbox concerning the Town's ISO rating. He said he will be meeting with Gary on this and possibly invite Gary to a future Board meeting to discuss the rating.

Mr. First said earlier that evening, the Municipal Campus lost water pressure. He said the plumber has been contacted and will be addressing the issue first thing in the morning.

Mr. First said Town Meeting packets will be worked on this week and should be ready the beginning of the following week.

C. Dept. Heads

D. Boards & Committees

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Per M.R.S.A. 31 Title 1, Chapter 13 § 405, 6. A.** Discussion or consideration of the employment, appointment, assignment, duties, promotion, demotion, compensation, evaluation, disciplining, resignation or dismissal of an individual or group of public officials, appointees or employees of the body or agency or the investigation or hearing of charges or complaints against a person or persons . . .
(Town Manager's review)

Mr. Berry moved and Mr. McHenry seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session per M. R. S. A. 31, Title 1, Chapter 13, § 405, 6. A., at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 10:01 p.m.

No action taken.

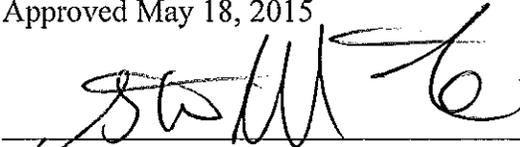
Ms. Sturgis said she would like to voice objection to how the Board Chairman conveyed comments about the budget process to the Budget Committee. She said the comments should have been made in person, rather than asking others to read it.

The Board discussed the comments from the memo on whether the Town has a spending problem vs revenue problem.

XII. ADJOURN

Ms. Chase moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Approved May 18, 2015



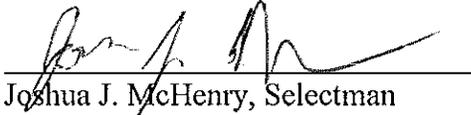
Steven M. Libby, Chairman



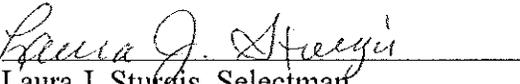
Linda D. Chase, Vice-Chairman



Nathaniel L. Berry IV, Selectman



Joshua J. McHenry, Selectman



Laura J. Sturgis, Selectman