

Minutes for Selectboard Meeting

March 2, 2016

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chair Breitweg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were the following: Kyle Russell, Tom Breitweg, Jack Carson, Doug Franklin and Randy Davis.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Access: Tom spoke regarding the meeting held at the Palmyra town office on March 1st. It appears as though all towns within the RSU will be signing the proclamation to be placed in the Rolling Thunder in support of school construction.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes from 02/17/2016, **Motion made and seconded Davis/Russell, unanimous.**
 - b. Communications:
 1. Town Clerk resignation: The manager spoke regarding the clerk's resignation and said a few words of recognition. The clerk said goodbye and thanked the Town of Newport for opportunities afforded her over the past 17 years. The Chair also recognized the clerk and wished her well on behalf of the board.
 2. Interim Town clerk appointment: The Selectboard appointed Shawna Varrelmann as the Interim Town Clerk until a new clerk is hired. TM also read the list of offices to be appointed by the Selectboard. **Motion made and seconded for the slate of appointments as read, Franklin/Davis, unanimous.**
 3. Summit Project: Manager apprised the board as to the mission of the Summit Project. He is involved with the committee that has started in Newport to honor Veteran's. There will be a walk of honor on April 16th, in which stones are carried that state the name of a Veteran who has given his or her life, ending at the Veteran's monument. A closing ceremony with the families of these Veterans will be held at the Cultural Center and the stones will be on display there.
 4. Solid Waste Meeting: TM attended a meeting in Plymouth on Monday the 22nd of February to discuss solid waste options. Town's that were formerly served by PERC will now be served by Fiber Right at \$71.00 a ton. Charter communities (those who used to be with PERC) will be getting better pricing than town's that are newly signing on. A caveat to lower pricing for Town's that may wish to enjoin with Newport at a cost savings, would be to give up curb side pickup. The Town of Newport could handle the increase at the Transfer Station with no new overhead. Discussion also followed regarding the idea of regionalizing fire services

between the Town of Plymouth and the Town of Newport. No decisions were made in this regard.

5. Police Union Mediation status: Mediation occurred on Feb 26th. The Union representative stated that he is not going to be spending any more effort on this and stated that if there was a Union remaining in April to contact him at that time.

4. Old Business:

a. Public Safety update: TM identified items that have been taken care of in recent weeks for furnishings, radio work, painting lines in the fire bays, conduit work, setting up the computers, etc.. After the last of the miscellaneous expenses, the remaining balance in the bond will be approximately \$242,300.00.

b. Change order review: Board members were given a copy of the change order in the amount of \$12,141.00, in which a portion of it in the amount of \$3,236.92 was for steel on the mezzanine, angle welding for the roof, and fabricating the clips. The engineer stated that this is a legitimate cost that should be paid to the contractor. **Motion to pay the change order in the amount of \$12,141.00, Franklin/Davis, unanimous.**

5. New Business: Chair moved to items 5b and 6, to dispense with them before discussions on the Fire Chief's position. After those items were retired, **a motion was made at 7:35 p.m., under Chapter 13, Title 1, §405 to enter executive session to discuss an employment matter, Davis/Franklin, unanimous.**

a. Discussion of Fire Chief's Position: Executive session.

b. Quit claim Deed to Frank & Kathy Pray, \$16,100.77. **Motion to approve, Davis/Franklin, unanimous.**

6. Warrant: **Motion to approve, Davis/Carson.** Discussion on the overage for the color copies on the photocopier contract. Discussed the costs for the lettering on the outside of the building. Discussed the costs of the Town report. Discussion ceased. **Brought to vote, unanimous.**

7. Adjourn:

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula A. Scott, CCM

Municipal Clerk

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New Business:

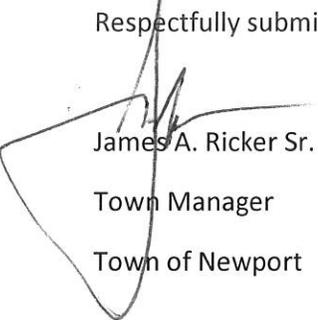
a. Discussion of Fire Chiefs Position

Out of Executive Session @ 8:07, Davis / Franklin, unanimous

Motion made by K. Russell to recommend a 2016 Fire Budget of \$204,452
Seconded by D. Franklin. After much discussion motion failed. Board members
voiced their unanimous support of the position but thought it prudent to allow
any suggested increases to the fire budget come from the floor of town meeting.

Adjourn: R. Davis / D. Franklin, unanimous

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Ricker Sr.

Town Manager

Town of Newport