

**Town of Newport
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM – Municipal Building
Minutes of May 17, 2010 - REVISED**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Virginia Irwin, Jeffrey Kessler, Beverly Rodeschin, Gary Nichols, Elizabeth Maiola.

STAFF PRESENT: Daniel P. O'Neill, Town Manager; Russell Kelsea, Airport Manager; Paul Brown, Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER: Town Manager O'Neill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW: Town Manager O'Neill added **Second Business: D. ECON Property Acquisition.**

MINUTES: On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Irwin, *the Board voted to accept the minutes of May 3, 2010. Selectman Rodeschin abstained. The motion passed 3-0-1.*

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Rodeschin, *the Board voted unanimously to appoint Virginia Irwin as Chairman and Jeffrey Kessler as Vice Chairman.*

Chairman Irwin took over the meeting.

SELECTMEN'S FORUM: Chairman Irwin opened the discussion to anyone from the public who wished to address the Board. There was no one from the public who wished to address the Board at this time.

Selectman Nichols thanked citizens who voted for him and especially for the support on the phosphorous support.

Selectman Kessler also thanked citizens for their votes for him and the phosphorous project.

Selectman Maiola joined the Board.

Selectman Rodeschin said that the DES Director of the Water Department in Concord was pleased that the phosphorous project turned out positive.

Chairman Irwin also thanked citizens for voting. She commended those who did the Sunshine 5K and 10K. Chairman Irwin added that she heard the Craft Race was a fun event as well.

Selectman Maiola announced that The Concerts on the Common are scheduled to start June 20, 2010. She added that this is the 25th season for the concerts and she thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their support. Selectman Maiola announced that the *Salute Breakfast* would take place Wednesday morning and that on Tuesday there would be a fundraiser for the Library Arts Center.

FIRST BUSINESS: EMS Week May 16th – 22nd: Chairman Irwin read a proclamation by the Board of Selectman designating May 16 – 22nd as Emergency Medical Services Week. She congratulated and thanked all those who work in the field and those who volunteer in taking care of the community.

Airport Advisory Committee – Russ Kelsea, Airport Manager: Town Manager O'Neill referred to the Advisory Board Structure composed by Mr. Kelsea, stating that he would like to get this Board's comments and adoption. Chairman Irwin recommended that membership be changed to have up to two Board of Selectmen Representatives, because they may not always have two. She also asked that the document be dated. Mr. Kelsea said he would make the changes.

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Kessler, *the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Parlin Airport Advisory Board Structure with the recommended changes.*

Selectman Maiola recommended that everyone read the Airport's monthly newsletter and thanked Mr. Kelsea for his work.

Selectman Kessler added that the next meeting of the Airport Advisory would be Thursday at 6:30. Mr. Kelsea said they are currently working on the Airport Master Plan.

Chairman Irwin asked Mr. Kelsea where the American flag went that used to be in their meeting room at the airport. Mr. Kelsea was unaware that it was missing. Chairman Irwin said she would replace it.

SECOND BUSINESS: Lead Paint CDBG Info Session – Keith Thibault: Town Manager O'Neill said he asked Mr. Thibault to discuss this grant with the Board to see if they wanted to pursue it and schedule a public hearing.

Mr. Thibault said that Newport was identified as a community with some homes having a high level of lead paint. He said state-level legislation was passed to get owners to abate lead paint, due to the serious possible complications if ingested by children. Mr. Thibault said they applied a year ago but they did not receive the grant. He said New Hampshire has since received match money, which they did not have last year, and they have also identified specific homes that qualify. Having both of those, puts Newport in a position to receive the grant money this year for up to \$500,000.00. Mr. Thibault asked the Board to schedule a public hearing to discuss this application, the Housing and Community

Development Plan, and Antidisplacement Plan. He added that there would be no cost to the Town and that any administrative work done by Town employees would be reimbursed by the grant.

The consensus of the Board was to schedule a public hearing on this matter. Mr. Thibault will work with Town Manager O'Neill to set up that hearing.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (SEE ATTACHMENT): On a motion by Selectman Rodeschin, seconded by Selectman Nichols, *the Board voted unanimously to appoint Elizabeth and Jeffrey Kessler as Board of Selectmen Representatives to the Airport Advisory.*

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Kessler, *the Board voted unanimously to appoint Virginia Irwin as Board of Selectmen Representative to the Conservation Commission.*

On a motion by Selectman Kessler, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *the Board voted unanimously to appoint Gary Nichols as Board of Selectmen Representative to the Heritage Commission.*

On a motion by Selectman Kessler, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *the Board voted unanimously to appoint Gary Nichols as Board of Selectmen Representative to the Planning Board.*

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Rodeschin, *the Board voted unanimously to appoint Elizabeth Maiola as Board of Selectmen Representative to the Rec. Advisory.*

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *the Board voted unanimously to appoint Jeffrey Kessler as Board of Selectmen Representative to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.*

On a motion by Selectman Kessler, seconded by Selectman Nichols, *the Board voted unanimously to appoint Beverly Rodeschin as Board of Selectmen Representative to ECON.*

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Kessler, *the Board voted unanimously to appoint Heath Marsden, Full Member to the Airport Advisory for a three-year term; Edmund Smith, Full Member to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term; Jeffrey North, Full Member to the Planning Board for a three-year term; David Kibbey, Alternate Member to the Planning Board for a one-year term; Kassy Helie, Full Member to the Rec. Advisory Committee for a three-year term; Glenn Halleck, Full Member to the Rec. Advisory Committee for a three-year term; James Burroughs, Full Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three-year term; Jack Liberman, Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of adjustment for a three-year term; Harold Yanofsky and John Merriman, Full Members, Both Three-Year Terms for the Airport Advisory.*

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *the Board voted unanimously to nominate and appoint Chris Miller to the Conservation Commission.*

Selectman Nichols said that there are only two members on the Heritage Commission at this time. He said they need at least three more members to hold a meeting. Chairman Irwin asked Town Manager O'Neill to write a letter to the Historical Society to see if they have anyone available to help on this Commission.

LITHOGRAPH GIFT: Town Manager O'Neill said he was contacted by former citizen Effie Krause who now lives in Washington State. She told him that her father Ransom Krause, who recently died, had an 1895 lithograph she wanted to gift to the Town of Newport. The Board thanked Ms. Krause and asked Town Manager O'Neill to send a letter on their behalf.

ECON PROPERTY: Town Manager O'Neill said that he has been working with ECON on the parcel of property on Belknap Avenue for the Rec. Department. He said the ECON Board asked for the Board of Selectmen's support on this project.

On a motion by Selectman Maiola, seconded by Selectman Kessler, *the Board voted unanimously to support ECON acquisition efforts of property on Belknap Avenue for the future use of the Recreation Department.*

Chairman Irwin asked Town Manager O'Neill if there would be space available on the Belknap Avenue property for temporary storage for the Willey-Perra Program. Town Manager O'Neill said he would look into that.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: 91-A:3 II (d) Real Estate: On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *a roll call voted was taken and passed to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Real Estate at 7:41 p.m. with Paul Brown in attendance.*

A motion was made and passed unanimously, *to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:56 p.m.*

There was no action taken during Non-Public Session.

ADJOURNMENT: *A motion was made and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.*

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for June 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Dufour
Recording Secretary