

**Town of Newport
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM – Municipal Building
Minutes of June 7, 2010**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Gary Nichols, Acting Chairman; Beverly Rodeschin, Elizabeth Maiola.

STAFF PRESENT: Paul Brown, Acting Town Manager.

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairman Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Chairman Nichols stated that Selectmen Irwin and Kessler were attending Newport's Class Night this evening and would not be present at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. He congratulated all the students on their achievements.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES: On a motion by Selectman Rodeschin, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of May 17, 2010.*

SELECTMEN'S FORUM: Acting Chairman Nichols opened the discussion to anyone from the public who wished to address the Board.

Mr. Larry Cote announced that the Oak Street Bridge Dedication to Mike Brady would take place on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. and invited everyone to attend. He also invited the Selectmen to speak at the event. Mr. Cote asked to use a portable P.A. system and Acting Town Manager Brown suggested he call Scott Blewitt or P.J. Lovely at the Rec. Center for one.

There was no one else from the public who wished to address the Board at this time.

Selectman Rodeschin informed everyone that the State is looking at taking \$500,000.00 from the Sportsmen and Boaters Fund to balance the budget. She encouraged everyone to contact the governor's office to voice his or her opinion prior to Wednesday's legislative session and to attend the hearing on Tuesday regarding this issue. She added that she does not look favorably on this. Selectman Rodeschin said she would bring any information back from Concord that would impact the communities.

Selectman Maiola read the recent list of surplus equipment for sale by the Town. She also announced that the 25th Annual Concert on the Common schedules are printed and available for the public. She thanked the Newport Chamber of Commerce, Lake Sunapee

Bank, and all the sponsors for these events. Selectman Maiola announced that her grandson-in-law would be leaving Wednesday for Afghanistan. She thanked all the condominium residents who celebrated his service.

Acting Chairman Nichols encouraged everyone to read the Water Quality Report that was recently published. He reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market started last Friday.

FIRST BUSINESS: Sesquibicentennial: Acting Town Manager Brown said that he received a request for a link on the Town website to publicize this Committee's activities, meetings, events, and schedules, if the Board agreed to it. He said the Town's sesquibicentennial would take place in October 2011 and Selectman Maiola was serving on this Committee. It was the consensus of the Board that a link on the Town's website was a good idea. Acting Town Manager Brown said that Chairman Irwin asked that funding for this event be put on the next agenda for discussion since the Town has no funds set aside. Selectman Rodeschin said she would like to invite Catherine Baird and/or P.J. Lovely to attend a Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss what the costs would be. Selectman Maiola informed the Board of some of the events they discussed so far at the Committee Meetings. She stated that they are in the beginning stages of planning but said there would be fundraisers held to help fund these events. She also encouraged everyone to attend their Committee Meetings.

SECOND BUSINESS: Tax Deeded Properties – Acting Town Manager Brown referred to *Summary of Potential Tax Deeded properties* dated June 7, 2010 (copy attached) from the Tax Department with recommendations on five properties. He stated that two properties would subject the Town to liability risks contrary to public interest and it was not recommended to take those deeds.

On a motion by Selectman Rodeschin, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations as presented on the June 7, 2010 Summary of Potential Tax Deeded Properties.*

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Selectman Rodeschin, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.*

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for June 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Dufour
Recording Secretary