

**Town of Newport
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
7:00 PM – Municipal Building
Minutes of June 21, 2010 – REVISION #2**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Virginia Irwin, Chairman; Jeffrey Kessler*, Vice Chairman; Beverly Rodeschin, Elizabeth Maiola, Gary Nichols.

STAFF PRESENT: Daniel P. O'Neill, Town Manager.

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

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES: On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Rodeschin, *the Board voted to accept the minutes of June 7, 2010. Chairman Irwin abstained. The motion passed 3-0-1.*

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

Mr. Leigh Bosse, Publisher for *The Messenger*, was present to introduce himself and stated that his newspaper would like to start publishing Newport news. He distributed current copies of the newspaper to the Board and said they are published weekly on Friday morning.

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

*Selectman Kessler joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Selectman Nichols reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market is open on Friday on the Common. He announced that every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., there is a car show at Sugar River Bank. Selectman Nichols discussed a recent article on New London Hospital and their struggles with the economic times.

Selectman Rodeschin stated that the Bureau of Elderly and Adults Services has put decentralizing the region on hold. She announced that the county budget would be discussed on June 29, 2010.

Selectman Kessler said that the Airport Commission met last week and discussed their Master Plan. He said they are looking at funding from grants and discussed the condition

of the runway. He announced that the Zoning Board of Adjustment would be meeting on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Rodeschin stated that there is a bill in finance to deal with airports like Newport's and she would keep the Board posted on its status. Selectman Kessler said that the runway has cracks that are getting to such a poor condition that some pilots will not come into Newport because of it. He added that their close proximity to the Lebanon and Claremont Airport's has a negative impact on their ability to get some federal funding. There was general discussion on repairs needed to the airport runway.

Selectman Maiola discussed the cleaning of the monument on the Common. Town Manager O'Neill stated that they are in the process of getting it cleaned up. Selectman Maiola also stated that there are posts missing from the bandstand and recommended that cameras be placed in a spot to deter vandalism. Selectman Maiola announced that on Sunday, June 27, 2010, the Oak Street Bridge dedication to Michael Brady would be taking place. She said that Mr. Cote asked her to speak at that event. It was the consensus of the Board that it was fine for Selectman Maiola to make a speech at that event.

Chairman Irwin read the list of vacancies on Town Committees and Boards. She encouraged anyone who was interested to call the Town Manager's Office for further information or to join one of the committees. Chairman Irwin read the list of items for sale by the Town, stating that those interested in purchasing any of the items, should contact the Public Works Department. Chairman Irwin said that the Conservation Commission met recently and has made recommendations to the Planning Board on cases that came before them. She said that they also had discussions on the wetlands at the end of the runway, where work is being done.

PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG Lead Paint – Chairman Irwin opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing a proposed application for up to \$500,000.00 in CDBG Funds to benefit low to moderate income households and individuals for lead paint remediation at 7:28 p.m.

Town Manager O'Neill stated that Mr. Thibault was unable to attend and introduced Shelley Hadfield and Larry Troeller who were present to discuss the proposed grant application. Ms. Hadfield stated that Newport is eligible to apply for these funds. She added that they now have match funding, which they did not have last year, from New Hampshire Housing Authority.

Ms. Katie Lajoie, identified herself as a public health nurse, but stated she was present as a private citizen in support of the application. She stated that Newport was at a high risk for childhood lead paint poisoning because over 41% of its housing was built prior to 1950. Ms. Lajoie said that children are at high risk of getting this disease and urged the Board to support this application. She invited anyone to join the Claremont/Newport Healthy Homes Committee, who work on awareness.

There being no others who wished to speak on this topic, Chairman Irwin closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Housing and Community Development Plan – Chairman Irwin opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the Housing and Community Development Plan at 7:36 p.m. Chairman Irwin stated that this is part of the process when applying for these grants and a copy would be available at the Town Office and on the website.

There was no one from the public who wished to address this item. Chairman Irwin closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan – Chairman Irwin opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan at 7:38 p.m. She stated that this too was part of the process and that no one would be displaced for the purpose of obtaining funds. Ms. Hadfield stated that there may be some tenants who are temporarily relocated while the lead paint was removed from their homes. Chairman Irwin said there would be a copy available at the Town Office and on the website.

Chairman Irwin closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Kessler, *the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to submit and execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the CDBG Application for Newport CHILD-SAFE for up to \$500,000.*

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Kessler, *the Board voted unanimously to approve the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan as presented.*

On a motion by Selectman Maiola, seconded by Selectman Nichols, *the Board voted unanimously to approve the Housing and Community Development Plan as presented.*

FIRST BUSINESS: Hazard Mitigation Plan – Town Manager O’Neill Dan said that this plan has been worked on by Department Heads with assistance from the UVLSRPC. He said FEMA looks at these plans when the Town applies for reimbursement from natural disasters. Town Manager O’Neill stated that a copy of this Plan is available at the Town Office.

Chairman Irwin read the resolution into the record for the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *the Board voted unanimously to approve and adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.*

Chairman Irwin asked that a copy of this plan be given to the Chairman of Conservation Commission.

SECOND BUSINESS: July 5th , 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting – Town Manager O’Neill stated that this date is a Town holiday and asked the Board if they still wanted to schedule their next meeting for that night.

On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *the Board voted unanimously to cancel the July 5, 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting due to the holiday.*

OTHER: Chairman Irwin introduced the cameraman, Perry Edgell, who was filling in for Tim Brown.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Rodeschin, *the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.*

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for July 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Dufour
Recording Secretary