

**Town of Newport
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM – Municipal Building
Minutes of July 19, 2010**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Daniel P. O'Neill, Town Manager; Julie Collins, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Larry Wiggins, Public Works Director; Paul Brown, Finance Director.

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

AGENDA REVIEW: Selectman Nichols added **NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters Which, If Discussed in Public, Would Likely Affect Adversely the Reputation of Any Person.**

MINUTES: On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Kessler, *the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of June 21, 2010 Revision #2.*

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

Selectman Nichols commented on how well the Concerts on the Common were going. He announced that a recent article in the *Sunday New York Times* described how Sarah Hale was instrumental in getting support to complete the Bunker Hill Monument. Selectman Nichols complimented Russell Kelsea and the Airport Staff for their volunteer work and the recent successful Fly-In. Selectman Nichols asked Selectman Rodeschin to get clarification on ambulance personnel taking tests because their instructor has recently given up certification. He thought that personnel may not be able to take the test because the instructor is no longer certified.

Selectman Rodeschin complimented Mr. Wiggins on the crosswalk at Sunapee and Beech Street.

Selectman Maiola said that the Fly In was a great event. She also said that the Concerts on the Common are a great success with at least 400 people in attendance this past Sunday.

Chairman Irwin announced that there would be family movies shown at the Meadow Park starting in August. She also announced that Arnie Greenleaf received the Regional Wastewater Treatment Operator of the Year Award from the Regional Office of Environmental Protection Agency.

Selectman Rodeschin added that the Work Camp youths would be touring the State House as well as attending other local events.

FIRST BUSINESS: None

SECOND BUSINESS: **Department Updates – Public Works, Larry Wiggins:** Mr. Wiggins presented highlights from Quarterly Reports from Public Works, Highway Department, Water & Sewer, and the Sewage Treatment Plant. He stated how pleased he was that Mr. Greenleaf received the recent award. Mr. Wiggins asked Selectman Rodeschin and Town Manager O'Neill for assistance in getting a response from NH DOT on funding for the bridge projects because he has been unsuccessful in getting an adequate response. Chairman Irwin thanked all the staff for their work.

Recreation Department, P.J. Lovely: Mr. Lovely distributed a spreadsheet that summarized the second quarter activities and program revenues for 2009 to 2010 and gave highlights of those events. Mr. Lovely then distributed a map of Meadow Park showing improvements planned for the upcoming Jake Maxfield Connection project planned for August 7, 2010. Chairman Irwin reminded him that any type of memorial would need approval prior to being placed on public property.

Planning & Zoning, Julie Collins: Mrs. Collins gave an overview of the department and compared this year to previous years. She stated that this year was consistent with previous years for permits issued as well as Planning Board and Zoning Board applications. Mrs. Collins discussed new businesses in Newport and stated that the Master Plan would be completed soon. She explained that there were several zoning violations and that some are pending court action.

OTHER: Chairman Irwin asked Town Manager O'Neill to check into the recycling center and the odor coming from there. She also commended the tax payers on paying 85% on the first billing.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: On a motion by Selectman Nichols, seconded by Selectman Maiola, *a roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters Which, If Discussed in Public, Would Likely Affect Adversely the Reputation of Any Person at 8:15 p.m. with Mr. Wiggins in attendance.*

A motion was made and passed unanimously to come out of Non-Public Session at 8:30 p.m.

There was no action taken during Non-Public Session.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for August 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Dufour
Recording Secretary