

SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2016

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Ed Barber from Newport Daily Express, Michael Strait, Joel Cope and Teresa DeBonville.

Chairperson, Doug Niles called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Update Agenda: The Town clerk notified the board that a motion to sign the parade permit was needed. James Cross motioned to sign the parade permit for the upcoming July 4th celebration. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Mike Strait was present on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss a food vendor that will be present this weekend. The vendor is going to be here from Friday until Sunday and would like to be able to leave his station set up through the weekend instead of setting it up and tearing it down. Mike asked if the board was ok with this and if the town would charge anything for the vendor to do this. A motion was made by James Cross to charge the vendor \$45.00 to cover the cost of the electricity for the overnight stay. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Mike Strait also discussed the security for the weekend. Mike asked if the town would be willing to pay for one officer, as Jeff Noyes will no longer be doing security and the chamber will now need to hire the sheriff's department. A motion was made by James Cross to pay for one officer for security for Friday Night Live. Jonathan O'Keefe seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Authorize borrowing in anticipation of taxes: A motion was made by James Cross to authorize the town clerk to borrow \$65,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve Work strong wellness program: Joel informed the board of how the work strong program worked for the employees and informed the board that part of the program would require some things being done while the employees were working so this would be paid time. A motion was made by James Cross to approve the work strong wellness program. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Joel asked the board if they were clear that the borrowing for the storm water project was all in one year. The board said that they were all clear on this.

Joel mentioned to the board to think about paving Walnut Street. The board will look at this.

Joel also asked the board to think about replacing the chain link fence at the top of the foot bridge with guardrails. The board will discuss this more at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.