

**NHFOA Executive Council Meeting Agenda
October 26, 2017
Newmarket Housing Authority**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Delois

Council Members In Attendance:

President Jeff Delois, President-Elect Ron Sevigny, Chairman Tod Trask, Commissioner Ernie Clark, Secretary Jason Patch, Treasurer Jim Presher, Councilors Mike Lafond, Mike Grondin, Greg Sarette, Kevin Maes and Dick Tracy.

Invited Guests in Attendance:

Butch Munce, Jan Gruczka, Steve Hall, Mark Gregorakos, Thomas Gilpatrick and Richard Driscoll.

Absent:

Councilors Chuck Robert and Kevin Bolduc

1) Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by President Delois to approve the minutes from the 9/21/17 council meeting and it was seconded by Councilor Grondin. The motion passed unanimously and the 9/21/17 minutes were approved.

2) Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Presher presented his report which was sent out to the council in advance of the meeting. He outlined the deposits and expenditures made since our last meeting. We have an ending balance of \$12,827.49 in the general fund as of 10/11/17.

A motion was made by President-Elect Sevigny to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Presher. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sarette and it passed unanimously.

3) Old Business:

a) 75th President's Reception:

We engaged the invited guests that were in attendance for ideas and assistance in locating past officers and members who should be invited to attend the 75th Anniversary President's Reception on 12/2/17. We have approximately 30 days to invite guests outside of our current membership. Our objective is to ensure that the appropriate people are invited to attend. Councilor Robert has resigned his position on the committee and one of his primary responsibilities was to extend the formal invitations to the banquet. Commissioner Clark and Councilor Tracy are going to correspond on this once past rosters can be reviewed in detail. Butch Munce has some older rosters and he will be forwarding them on to Commissioner Clark.

Councilor Lafond will assist in getting mailing addresses and contact information for our invitees. Once we have this we will divide up the list and place phone calls / mail invitations. We had previously discussed inviting some coaches, athletic directors and our award winners from this year. At this point we are going to focus on our former members.

The meal choices were reviewed and finalized. The menu will include assorted cheese and fruit platters, spanakopeta, stuffed mushrooms, Greek salad, fried chicken tenders, barbecued lamb kabobs, broiled haddock with crumbs, house rice pilaf, green beans almondine and assorted mini pastry trays.

Contact has been made with WMUR Sports Anchor Jamie Staton to see if he would be willing to go through the Friday Night Football videos so that we extract clips of officials. Chairman Trask also suggested that we could also have a slideshow playing in the background with photographs.

Ticket sales are at 60+. Tickets are still \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members. We are unsure if any tickets have been sold through the Seacoast or Keene local meetings. Councilor Tracy will get in touch with local meetings coordinators Rick Brownley (Seacoast) and Rick Zecha (Keene).

We will follow up with Councilor Bolduc on the ordering of the pint glasses which will be provided to reception attendees. A suggestion was made to issue name tags to those that are attending as some current members may not know our former members. Treasurer Presher will be able to care of the name tags. We plan to have a 9:00 a.m. council meeting with doors open to the general membership at 10:00 a.m. Non-members will be able to enter the building at 11:00 a.m.

4) Commissioner's Report:

a) Prep for November State Meeting

The meeting will be held at Pinkerton Academy in the Academy Building. We will plan to break out into groups by position to discuss things that went well this season and areas that need improvement. The focus of the meeting will be on playoff preparation, highlights of the season and feedback from coaches and administrators. Commissioner Clark stated that this has been his busiest season ever. Numerous videos have been sent in for review and /or rule clarification. Scheduling of officials has also been challenging with respect to availability and last minute changes / additions coming in from the schools.

With respect to feedback from administrators that involve complaints with officials it cannot just be handled internally by the NHFOA. The NHIAA (Jeff Collins) also needs to be made aware of what so that he isn't blindsided and open dialogue can take place.

We will plan on discussing the apprentice program and recruiting for the 2018 class in an effort to increase our numbers.

Commissioner Clark has requested that the NHIAA football committee place the item of “hard to cover areas” on the next agenda. We are going to ask them to consider the use of three officials in these areas for sub-varsity games if needed.

A motion was made by Councilor Lafond to accept the Commissioner’s Report and it was seconded by Councilor Tracy. The motion passed unanimously.

5) Old Business (Continued):

a) Amendment to NHFOA Bylaws / Meeting Credit:

A motion was made by President-Elect Sevigny to table this until the January meeting and this was seconded by Councilor Lafond. The motion passed unanimously.

b) NHIAA Contract:

President Delois recapped a recent conference call which he conducted with Commissioner Clark, President-Elect Sevigny, Chairman Trask, Stu Dedopoulos, Brian Snow and Jim Gleason. Stu suggests that the next step should be with us and that we should be creating a paper trail. President Delois is going to draft a letter to the NHIAA essentially stating that we support the completion of background checks and that we should be approaching this as allies. There is no deadline that has been imposed by the NHIAA. There are common concerns regarding the flexibility that the NHIAA has with the bylaws. We don’t see the need to be acting in concert with other associations at this time as we are seen as the organization that has set the bar. We are going to continue to track the responses from the NHIAA and other organizations or lack thereof. Jim felt that we needed to be proactive with the background checks as we have been. President Delois will pass on information and update to the general membership at the state meeting.

c) John R. Clark Officials Award Nominees:

NHFOA member Bert Lawlor is being inducted to the NHIAA Hall of Fame on November 12 for his years of exemplary service as a football and wrestling official. We are going to submit our nominee(s) for the John R. Clark Officials Award but need time to review the list of potential candidates. This was tabled to the November meeting.

d) Shorts Policy – Being Sent to Uniform Committee:

Discussion on this topic was tabled to the November meeting so that we gather feedback from the uniform committee.

6) New Business:

a) NHFOA Ring:

President Delois has researched the possibility of offering members the chance to purchase an NHFOA ring from Josten's. He has worked with them and created a mock up which can be presented to the membership at the state meeting and President's Reception. The White Lustrium option will be offered for \$150.00, Yellow Lustrium for \$183.00 or 10K yellow – white gold for \$1,698.00. Lustrium is a non-precious metal and is Josten's most affordable option. President Delois would like to move forward with having the artwork done so that order forms can be made available on 12/2/17. Purchases can be made by current and past members. A motion to approve this was made by President-Elect Sevigny and seconded by Councilor Sarette. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Lafond and it was seconded by President-Elect Sevigny. This motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next NHFOA Executive Council meeting will be held at the Derryfield County Club in Manchester, NH on 11/20/17 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Patch, NHFOA Secretary