

**NHFOA Executive Council Meeting Agenda
Newmarket Housing Authority
August 22, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

Those in attendance: Chairman Paul Page, Commissioner Ernie Clark, President Tod Trask, President-Elect Jeff Delois, Secretary Jason Patch, Treasurer Jim Presher, Councilors Chuck Robert, Mike Lafond, Ron Sevigny, Mike Grondin, Steve Bracci and Jay Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Page.

ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE MINUTES:

The June meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Councilor Lafond and seconded by Councilor Grondin. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was provided by Treasurer Presher. A detailed breakdown was provided showing income and expenses to date along with a snapshot of our current budget. A motion to accept the report was made by Councilor Lafond and seconded by President-Elect Delois. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Clark provided his report and noted some potential issues in getting sub-varsity games covered on the same day that observations are held. He is going to look into options in the future so that we don't spread ourselves too thin. The feedback that has been received up to this point has been nothing but positive. It has been a valuable experience for both the observers and on-field officials. The on-field officials have been very receptive to the 1:1 feedback that was provided to them at the end of the evaluation.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Trask discussed background checks and said that he is waiting to meet with the person in charge of compliance at Edge so that they can explain how they obtain information from the State of New Hampshire. We will want to be proactive in obtaining this information in the event that questions are asked by the membership. The disqualifying criteria was been sent back by Edge and it was a bit confusing in the way that it was written. President Trask wants to iron this out before going live with the background checks. He expects this to be taken care of in a matter of days.

Councilor Lafond brought up the possibility of providing additional weekly meeting options for members with work conflicts. He is conflicted with losing officials due to their vocation because they are unable to make the required number of meetings. He suggested offering meetings during "off times" or allowing them to take a test in lieu of their attendance. The general consensus amongst the council was that we don't want to open up the possibility of the entire

association opting out of attending local meetings. There was discussion about the amount of work that goes into producing the curriculum and what is covered at local meetings goes well beyond that. It was decided that our procedures shouldn't be modified to assist officials with temporary scheduling issues and that we will keep things as they are for 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Sevigny took some time to review the local meeting curriculum for the remainder of the season. He also provided a brief overview of the material covered at the Week 1 local meetings.

The council discussed the upcoming State Meeting at Bow High School which will include a special guest to talk about season preparation and improvement as an official. Honig's will be in attendance at the meeting to sell merchandise to the membership.

The Seacoast Jr. / Sr. Football League is merging with the Northeast Jr. High Football League and Massachusetts-based assigner Bob O'Real is looking for information from us on the classification schedule that we use for our officials. We will not be releasing this to him.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by President-Elect Delois and seconded by Councilor Lafond. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting concluded at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Patch
NHFOA Secretary