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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET  
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**MAYOR ROY ZARTARIAN**

## MINUTES

### NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Conference Room L-101  
7:00 P.M.

April 28, 2016

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zartarian called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

#### III. ROLL CALL

Councilor Anest  
Councilor Budrejko  
Councilor DelBuono - absent  
Councilor Klett  
Councilor Manke  
Councilor Marocchini  
Councilor Nagel  
Councilor Serra  
Mayor Zartarian

#### Staff Attendees:

Tanya Lane, Acting Town Manager  
Tony Palermino, Assistant Town Attorney  
Linda Irish-Simpson, Clerk of the Council

### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: CONTRACTS

Councilor Klett asked for the Assistant Town Attorney, Tony Palermino, to explain why the items discussed in the June 23 meeting in public required an executive session and could not be discussed in public. She was concerned the public would be excluded from information they had a right to know.

Attorney Palermino explained that executive session items concerned contracts with AMR. There were two contracts with the Town. One was with AMR and was presently in negotiations. The second contract involved the paramedic and backup ambulance service contract. It was the second contract that required the Town to sign as well as AMR. Since the second contract was subject to negotiation, it was appropriate to discuss it in executive session. He further explained that in the Councilors' letter it was requested to make adjustments to the Town ordinance. If ordinance change was to be discussed, it could be done when the executive session ended.

Councilor Klett indicated there had been many discussions in public at council meetings which included some of the people in attendance. There had been discussions with the Town Manager and parties regarding the fines. If the Town was not going to extend the AMR contract, it had to be done within 60 days of the expiration date of June 30. The attorney agreed with the Councilor. She asked if the meeting had not been called, would the contract have just expired and the attorney explained that it would be an ongoing month to month contract and would not leave the Town without service. To discuss AMR issues related to negotiations would have to be done in executive session. Other issues could be discussed in public session after the executive session.

Councilor Klett said that if an item was discussed in executive session the Councilors could not discuss it during the public portion of the meeting. She felt that Councilors could hear something in executive session and told not to discuss it in public session. The attorney indicated the Council could talk about what was discussed as long as it did not involve ongoing negotiations with AMR, NEMS and Newington. If the Council discussed items that were part of public record, which was a different issue.

Councilor Anest asked about the different town roles between NEMS and AMR and who would be included in the executive session. Mayor Zartarian indicated Scott Woods, Scott Mangan, NEMS, Chuck Babson, and Chris **Chapman**, AMR, Chief Clark, the assistant town attorney, Tanya Lane, Frank DeMaio. Attorney Palermino indicated the Council could invite certain parties into executive session at separate times as needed.

Councilor Marocchini moved to go into executive session at 7:24 p.m. and to include the assistant town attorney, Chief Clark, Ms. Lasowitz (NEMS), Mr. Mangan (NEMS), Tanya Lane, Scott Woods, Chuck Babson (AMR) and Chris **Chapman**. The motion was seconded by Councilor Serra. The motion passed 8 – 0 (Councilor DelBuono-absent).

The executive session ended at 8:35 p.m. The public session resumed at 8:40 p.m.

### V. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Zartarian indicated the Council would proceed with the proposed revisions to the ordinance about the role and function of the emergency services committee and would be introduced at the May 10 meeting. He indicated a public hearing would be scheduled for a later date.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA**

None

**VII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. was made by Councilor Marocchini and seconded by Councilor Anest. The motion passed 8 – 0 (Councilor DelBuono-absent).

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Irish-Simpson  
Clerk of the Council

Cc: T. Lane, Town Clerk