

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18th, 2019 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Theresa Walker from the Rockingham Planning Commission, Police Chief, Mike Bilodeau, Fire Chief, Darin Sabine, Residents; Chris Cross and John Chamberlain, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

T. Connors opened the Hazard Mitigation Plan public hearing.

Theresa Walker from the Rockingham Planning Commission explained the history of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. After Hurricane Katrina every municipality was required to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place for natural hazards. This plan must be updated every five years. Municipalities must have a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place to receive any disaster relief funding. There is a 30-day period for public comment. Chris Cross had some small changes that he submitted to Theresa Walker. C. Cross also questioned if there was still jet fuel at the Sprague facility. M. Bilodeau thought that there was jet fuel at the National Guard facility that isn't listed on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. M. Roy asked what the Town's financial commitment would be for implementing the suggestions. Theresa Walker thought the town could apply for grants to cover the costs of implementing the suggestions. D. Sabine has applied for grants through FEMA in the past and has been turned down because the town is in a good financial position.

T. Connors closed the public hearing at 6:16pm.

Minutes Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the minutes of March 2nd, 2019 and March 5th, 2019. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifests for \$121,842.25 dated 3/5/2019 and \$33,759.63 dated 3/12/2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following requests:

Mary Wahl-Town Hall-Church Suppers-May 18th and October 26th

John Newick-Old Town Hall-Meeting-April 6th

Jessica Gregor-Fox Point-Wedding-August 17th

Recreation Committee-Town Hall-Senior Dinner-April 28th

Jan Stuart-Fox Point and OTH-Wedding-May 19 & 20

K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Adjunct Committee Updates:

T. Connors and M. Roy will be attending the Coakley Landfill meeting on March 19th. K. Latchaw reported a development proposal will remove a drainage pipe on PDA property near the Hodgdon Brook. This will increase the wetland area adjacent to the pipe by more than 4000 square feet. The Selectmen asked that a letter be sent to the PDA asking them to keep Newington informed if they intended to change existing draining areas that run on to Newington property. K. Latchaw also asked that the PDA keep Newington appraised about their efforts to clean surface water that drains onto Newington property. K. Latchaw reported that the number of noise complaints made at the monthly PDA noise meeting was not the same as reported at the PDA director's meeting. C. Cross said he thought only new complaints were reported to the directors. K. Latchaw reported that helicopter noise complaints represented the majority of the complaints. C. Cross asked that the Town request the PDA limit helicopter travel over Newington to a single corridor over the malls to the water and not over Welch Cove area.

Vision Appraisal Software Contract: This is the new software for the appraisers. It will be up and running for the revaluation. **M. Marconi moved to approve the Vision Appraisal Software Contract and authorize the Chair to sign the contract.** K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Eversource has asked for a staging area for a second project in town that will start in May. This project will replace the current telephone poles with bigger poles. The new poles will be going in the existing holes. The board asked M. Roy to contact Eversource and ask for a price for using our land for a "lay down" area. Eversource will need the area for 10 or 12 weeks. D. Sabien asked if Eversource will get a bond for the roads. M. Roy responded "yes". M. Bilodeau wanted to make sure that Eversource gives his department ample time to get a Police Officer for traffic control. M. Roy will contact Eversource and ask them to have both projects talk to each other and come back to us with a plan.

Volunteer Positions: The board reviewed the open volunteer positions for 2019. This list will be added to the website under news and announcements and be put out on the sign in front of the Fire Station.

D. Sabine mentioned that the Pumper truck is having problems. The board asked D. Sabine to get three quotes, have the BOFE approve and officially vote on the recommendation.

Fire Department Lease Purchase Agreements:

M. Marconi moved to approve the two Fire Department lease purchase agreements that were approved at Town meeting on Saturday March 16th, 2019 and authorize the Chair to sign the agreements; one lease for 3 years for two defibrillators, one auto pulse system and rebuild the existing stretcher and one lease for 7 years for 24 SCBA units. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Election of Officers: M. Marconi moved to nominate Ted Connors as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

K. Latchaw asked M. Roy to call Bell & Flynn and ask them about the road shoulders on Little Bay and Nimble Hill Road. K. Latchaw thought that they needed to be tapered down. M. Roy will ask L. Thomas to look at them.

K. Latchaw thanked M. Marconi and T. Connors for the past year. It has been a pleasure working with them. M. Marconi thanked T. Connors for doing an outstanding job as chair the past year. M. Marconi also thanked the Town Hall staff for all their hard work.

Chris Cross spoke about the General Sullivan bridge. The current proposal is to get rid of the General Sullivan bridge and put up a new pedestrian and bike bridge. The DOT has reopened the Federal Impact Statement period. The Board of Selectmen has sent a letter to the DOT. The Selectmen thanked Chris Cross for all his work on behalf of the town.

On March 27th from 6-8pm, the movie "The Devil We Know" will be shown at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:04pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder