

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20th, 2019 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Fire Engineer, John Klanchesser, Resident; Jon 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.

Minutes Approval:

M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of May 6th, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$61,178.26 dated 5/7/2019 and \$205,431.48 dated 5/14/19. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following request:

Dick Spinney-Old Town Hall Grove-August 24th, 2019-Family Reunion

K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Fire Boat Donation Acceptance:

The Board of Selectmen would like to review the agreement between Sea-3, Sprague and the Town of Newington to make sure that there were no strings attached. Fire Engineer, John Klanchesser stated that there isn't an agreement in place yet. The Selectmen asked the Board of Fire Engineers to complete a written agreement and provide the Selectmen the opportunity to review it. J. Klanchesser explained that the boat is even more essential then before because the Coast Guard no longer comes past the General Sullivan bridge for rescues. M. Marconi inquired if the Fire Department sends bills to people they rescue on the river. K. Latchaw asked J. Klanchesser to check with other Fire Departments in the area (Portsmouth, Dover and New Castle) to see if they charge for rescues. The Selectmen would like to know if Pease is required to pull permits from the Fire Department.

Committee Application-Mark Devins:

The Board of Selectmen met with Mark Devins of Beane Lane to find out his experience and preferences for volunteer opportunities. The Board thanked M. Devins for coming in and will keep Mark's name on the list for future committee openings.

Investment Policy Review and Approval:

M. Roy explained that the Town's Investment Policy is reviewed, updated and accepted each year. The internal control paragraphs on pages 3 and 4 are new in 2019. This is required by state law to be reviewed and adopted annually.

M. Marconi moved to accept the 2019 Town of Newington Investment Policy. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Deputy Town Treasurer:

M. Roy explained that the Deputy Treasurer position is open. The Selectmen asked M. Roy to post this position after conferring with the Treasurer.

Fox Point Fields-Haying-Farmer Alan Smith/Pumpkin & Squash Planting-Farmer Ben Cargill:

Farmer Ben Cargill would like to plant a crop of pumpkins and squash at Fox Point this spring. He would like to be here soon to complete some tillage work. Farmer Allen Smith would like to hay the remaining fields this summer also.

M. Marconi moved to approve of the farming of the Fox Point fields. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Crack Seal Bid-McIntyre Road/Town Hall Parking Lot:

M. Roy and Road Agent Len Thomas drove McIntyre Road and the Town Hall parking lot with the contractor Indus, that was awarded the Town of Rye crack seal low bid. They recommend that both areas be crack sealed per the Planning Commission-Road Management and Maintenance Plan. Paving of Nimble Hill Road will be postponed due to the heavy truck traffic of Eversource vehicles while the transmission lines are upgraded and installed. The three bids received by the Town of Rye for the crack sealing were:

Indus, Inc	\$17.45 per gallon	\$1.66 per lb
Nicom Coating Corp.	\$22.60 per gallon	\$2.15 per lb
Coastal Road Repair	\$23.12 per gallon	\$2.20 per lb

M. Marconi moved to award the crack seal bid to Indus, Inc for \$17.45 per gallon and \$1.66 per lb. subject to contract review and approval. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

John Chamberlain voiced concern that heavy Eversource trucks were using McIntyre Road which has a weight limit. M. Roy explained that school buses, fire trucks etc. are exempt from the weight limits on a road but she will contact Eversource as tree clearing vehicles above 10 tons should not be using McIntyre Road. The bridge can withstand heavier loads, but this traffic has not been approved for McIntyre Road.

Hourihan-Macadem-Complaint:

Tom Hourihan sent an email to the Selectmen to voice concern over the condition of his lawn after the winter plowing season. The Selectmen asked M. Roy to contact the Road Agent and ask him to review the area and report back to the board. The Selectmen asked M. Roy to research the cost of a hand operated compactor and a hand-held gas-powered pavement cutter.

Tracking Report:

The Selectmen discussed establishing an ongoing tracking report that would list all town work items as they are identified. When an item has been completed a date indicating completion would be added. This report would provide the Selectmen with a means to monitor the many town projects. The Selectmen unanimously agreed to implement it.

Assessing Driveways, Solar Panels and Generators:

M. Marconi would like to see driveways, solar panels and generators included in the assessments during the revaluation in 2019. This would add more in values, but it would also add more to the State Highway Block grant that the town receives each year. **M. Marconi moved to assess driveways, solar panels and generators. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Set date for site walk of Congregational Church Lots:

The Selectmen would like the walk to be a morning around 9:30. The Selectmen will view the Town Old Parsonage lot and the Congregational Church newly discovered lot and the balcony structural issues at the Meeting House.

2019 Goals and Objectives:

1. Support and investigate effects of US Air Force contamination of drinking water wells and surface water in their effect on residents, livestock and wildlife.
2. Maintain single digit tax rate
3. Expand information output to residents-review various media opportunities
4. Support economic development-build out of Industrial Corridor road to open more development opportunity
5. Grow unassigned balance to 2.3 million by 2022

K. Latchaw would like to see; Learn more about gas fired generation plants added to the list and add; gain a better understanding of the electric generation market and how their value is determined. M. Marconi would like to see, add a Newington resident to the Port Authority added to the list.

This will be reviewed further at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Keep Newington Green Initiative:

K. Latchaw asked M. Roy to mail out a green initiative letter to all the boards and ask them to give us any ideas and suggestions. The boards would have two months to get back to the Selectmen with their ideas.

Meeting House Structural Status:

This item was postponed until a later meeting. The Selectmen would like to go look at the Meeting House before discussing.

Cat O' Nine Tails-Cutting/No Cutting at the School:

The Town Hall has received a letter from several students who would like to put "stakes" around the cat o' nine tails, on the field adjacent to the school, to protect them. M. Roy received a letter from School Principal Peter Latchaw that stated that he has never seen them cut in the seven years he has been at the school. The Selectmen asked M. Roy to send a letter to the School Board and ask them what they think, cutting or no cutting; mosquito spraying or no mosquito spraying.

K. Latchaw asked M. Roy to send a letter to the Board of Fire Engineers asking for a list of monthly calls for the Fire Department. He would like to have the report separated into local calls, industrial calls and commercial calls.

K. Latchaw told the board the PDA will be testing storm water soon. The Board asked M. Roy to call Maria Stowell at the Pease Engineering department and ask them where the storm water is that they will be testing. We should be informed where the testing will be done.

K. Latchaw reported that the PDA is \$4,000,000 over their projected revenue for this year. Could they pave Arboretum Drive with this extra money?

The Board would like M. Roy to follow up with Fire Chief Darin Sabine about the controlled burns on Fox Point and McIntyre Road.

The Board would like M. Roy to contact the Road Agent and ask him to look at the guardrails on McIntyre Road, several of them have been knocked down.

Darryl Brown Drainage:

M. Roy showed the board a letter from Altus Engineering from 2010 explaining that the drainage issue is not a town pond issue but rather the area water table issue.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:09pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder