

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Chair Board of Fire Engineers, John Klanchesser, Historic District Commission Member, Lulu Pickering, Joe Caldarola, Special Project Coordinator, Karen Anderson, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 1:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval:

M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of January 8th and January 14th, 2020. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$241,010.02 dated 1/7/2020 and \$150,469.78 dated 1/14/2020. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Request:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following request.

Brenda Blonigen-Old Town Hall-March 28th & 29th, 2020-Road Race

K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Coast Bus Stops in Newington:

The Police Chief met with the Coast bus representative. Coast showed the Police Chief the locations of the bus stops and where they will be putting the signs. The Police Chief's concerns were alleviated. Coast will put up the signs in the beginning of June and the routes will start mid to late June. M. Marconi moved to approve the new Coast bus stops that will begin in June 2020. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Stoneface Brewery Owners Meeting-Update:

The Board of Selectmen would like to invite the Stoneface owners to meet with them to give the owners an update on their Sewer concerns. The Board can meet on February 3rd at 3pm. M. Roy will check and see if it is good for Stoneface.

Fox Point Docks Meeting Update:

The Board would like to meet with Dock master Chip Taccetta, Peter Welch and other dinghy owners in February about the boats located in the Fox Point cove. Boat owners will be notified about the meeting.

Personnel Policies Revisions:

This item was tabled until a later date.

Lydia Lane-Joe Caldarola:

T. Connors explained that the Planning Board had approved that J. Caldarola would receive his \$15,000 deposit back once all items were complete for the subdivision. The only item left on the "to do" list is to replace the Lydia Lane sign. If J. Caldarola agrees to pay for the sign-up front, then the town will release his funds. J. Caldarola is happy about this outcome but would like to explain why he is so upset. He stated that the Planning Board required him to put down a \$15,000 deposit for the Town to hold until the drainage issues on Lydia Lane had been resolved. The drainage issues have been fixed but the Planning Board continued to hold his money until the whole project was completed. T. Connors apologized for the issues that J. Caldarola has had. M. Roy will send him a bill for the cost of the Lydia Lane sign.

General Sullivan Bridge Mitigation-Lulu Pickering:

L. Pickering let the Board of Selectmen know that the State is getting ready to make some decisions about the mitigation of the General Sullivan Bridge.

In 1972 the Town leased the Bloody Point area and the Old Train Depot from the state for 20 years. In 1992 the Board of Selectmen wrote a letter to the State and said that the Town was very interested in the property but would destroy the building. The State did not like this. L. Pickering has been working with the State to let them know that Boards have changed, and times have changed and the Town is now interested in the property and the building. The area would be used as a park and the building would be used in a manner like how the buildings in Strawberry Bank are used. A commercial use on the first floor and a residential rental on the second floor. The toll master used to live on the second floor when the building was a train depot. K. Anderson suggested that there could be some wall art on the first floor to show the history of the bridge and the area. Residents could rent out the first floor for events, Stoneface could rent out for their events. Discussion ensued about ideas for the area: part of the bridge could be used to make a pergola, parking for the area the attic in the building, sprinkler system in a historic building.

The Town will be asking the State for the entire Bloody Point area, but we must have a use for everything we ask for.

L. Pickering outlined the condition of the Stone School and the future of the building. The building could have function rooms, the bathrooms would have to be ADA compliant, the building needs an elevator. L. Pickering believes it would take 1.6 million to update the Stone School. L. Pickering thinks that 1/3 could be paid with an LChip grant, 1/3 could be paid by the State and 1/3 could be paid by the Town.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 2:06pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder