

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Selectman Mike Marconi, Library Trustees Chair, Jack O'Reilly, Library Trustee, Peter Welch, Library Director, Lara Berry, Fire Engineer Chair, John Klanchesser, Fire Engineer, Ann Hyland Hebert, Fire Chief, EJ Hoyt, Assistant Chief, Patrick Moynihan, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of December 30th, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifest for \$38,603.49 dated 12/31/2019. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Request:

K. Latchaw moved to approve the following Facility Use Request contingent upon the Boy Scouts using the area in front of the Carriage House for their event:

Gail Klanchesser (Boy Scouts)-Fox Point-June 5th-7th, 2020

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Marconi moved to approve the following Facility Use Requests:

NHMA-Right to Know Classes- Possible Dates, May 5, 6 or 14-Town Hall

NHMA-Local Officials Workshop- Possible Dates April 15, 21, 22 or 23-Town Hall

K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Library Trustees:

The Library Trustees have brought forward a warrant article for a new parking lot for \$80,000.

T. Connors liked the idea of additional parking in the Historic District but thought that a central parking lot that would serve the Meeting House, The Library and the Old Parsonage. T. Connors would like to have a meeting with the Historic District Commission and then send the agreed plans to the Planning Board for their input. The Library could hold their big events at the Town Hall where there is plenty of parking. L. Berry didn't like this idea because she would have to close the Library to run the event at the Town Hall.

P. Welch explained that the Trustees had concerns about the parking being close enough for the older patrons of the Library. The Trustees have already done the engineering and plans for the parking lot. J. O'Reilly explained that when the library addition was built, the Trustees had intended to build a parking lot then, but they ran out of money. The Trustees wanted to wait until the bond had been paid off before proposing the parking lot. The Trustees want to do the parking lot now.

K. Latchaw thought that if the voters were going to vote on this issue in March, it would be an advantage to have a parking plan for the entire Historic District area.

L. Barry explained that the parking lot was needed because the Library exceeds its parking capacity 100 times a year.

J. O'Reilly pointed out that the Planning Board is on board with the idea.

P. Welch showed the plans for the parking lot to the Board of Selectmen. The trustees have already invested \$17,000 in the plans and design of the parking lot. An additional catch basin has been added to the plan to help with the drainage problems in the area.

T. Connors has heard that the Meeting House overflows its parking lot too and the road by the cemetery and the Meeting House is very narrow and needs to be wider.

L. Berry pointed out that there is a sense of urgency to get a new parking lot. The Trustees started to work with the Historic District on a plan for one parking lot for the whole area, but nothing ever materialized. The Library is the only building in the area that is open and active six days a week. Several local groups use the meeting rooms on a regular basis. To support the maximum use of the Library a new parking lot is needed.

T. Connors thanked the Library Trustees for coming in and talking to the Board about their proposal. The Board will review the warrant article again and let the Trustees know their decision.

T. Connors congratulated the new Assistant Fire Chief, Patrick Moynihan on his promotion.

Coast Bus Stops Update:

The Police Chief is working with Coast to establish on call bus stops in Newington. Residents could call Coast and get picked up at one of these stops in

town. K. Latchaw asked if this would be a special run or added to an existing run. M. Roy will find out. M. Roy explained that the Police Chief is concerned with one of the proposed stops and he will report back to the Board.

2020 Assessing Services:

M. Marconi moved to award the 2020 assessing services to Municipal Resources Inc. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Personnel Policy Revisions:

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Fire Department Budget 2020:

M. Roy reviewed the budget committee agenda for 1-8-20.

Police K-9 at 6:30pm

Fire Department Warrant Articles

Fire Department Budget

Fire Department Audit

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:38pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder