

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 7th, 2019 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Police Chief, Mike Bilodeau, Conservation Commission Chair, Jane Hislop, Historic District Commission Chair, Lulu Pickering, Road Agent, Len Thomas, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:**

M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Goats-Invasive Clean Up-Fox Point:**

This item was tabled until a later meeting.

**Little Bay Washout Update:**

T. Connors visited the site and observed that a lot of work had been done but thought that there were still 2 or 3 days of work left to do.

**Halloween:**

Trick or Treating will be on October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm.

**Conservation Commission Budget 2020:**

Conservation Commission Chair Jane Hislop reviewed the 2020 budget with the Selectmen. The proposed 2020 budget is \$2,374 less than the 2019 budget. The Legal line increased from \$100 to \$1,000. J. Hislop said that the amount in the legal line could be negotiated. The education line decreased from \$1,000 to \$750. The dues line increased from \$250 to \$275. Beautification decreased from \$50 to \$1. The consultant line decreased from \$7,500 to \$5,000. The Town Forest line decreased from \$1,000 to \$500. Discussion ensued about the Fox Point Sign repair. The Board of Selectmen are taking care of the repair of the sign. The Town Forest trails need some work. The Board of Selectmen is looking to hire a Forester to do some work on the Town Forest Plan for the Town, but it has been very difficult to find a forester. The original Town Forest plan was done in 1993 by the Historic District Commission through a federal grant. K. Latchaw thanked J. Hislop for her comments about the forester that the board is considering and assured her that her concerns would be addressed.

The Police Chief Mike Bilodeau updated the Board on the K9 project. The Chief reached out to the Working Dog Association in Portsmouth as T. Connors had suggested. They do demonstrations in order to raise money for their organization. M. Bilodeau was going to focus on businesses and the waterfront industries for donations. M. Marconi suggested that the Chief talk to the Port Authority.

#### **Historic District Commission Budget 2020:**

Historic District Commission Chair Lulu Pickering presented the budget to the Selectmen. The proposed 2020 budget is \$13,000 more than the 2019 budget. The Care of Trees budget line increased from \$0 to \$10,000. The HDC would like to encumber \$3,000 from the 2019 budget for painting of the cannons in 2020. The total cannon project would be \$6,000. The HDC would use the \$3,000 in encumbered funds and \$3,000 in the 2020 budget. The cannons don't belong to the Town but are a very important part of the veteran's memorial in town. The Board of Selectmen would like to have the cannon work completed by Memorial Day. L. Pickering would like to put the \$20,000 that the town received from Eversource for Historic Restoration in a Capital Reserve fund to be spent on historic buildings. Other projects that L. Pickering would like to complete in 2020 would be organizing the front room in the Old Town Hall, buying some filing cabinets, get fiber optic cable run to the Old Town Hall, get an outside outlet at the Old Parsonage and do some tree trimming in the Historic District.

#### **Highway Budget 2020:**

Road Agent Len Thomas presented the budget to the Selectmen. The proposed 2020 budget is \$139,917 more than the 2019 budget. Several budget lines were increased because of the acquisition of Woodbury Ave. in October 2019. The Contracted Services line increased from \$30,000 to \$70,000. This increase is due to plowing service, guard rail repair, traffic signal repair and the maintenance of Woodbury Ave. K. Latchaw thought that the sides of Woodbury Ave. should be mowed three or four times a year. The Road Sign line increased from \$1,200 to \$2,000. The Road Surface Maintenance line increased from \$4,000 to \$39,384. The Culverts/Ditches/Shoulders line increased from \$1,500 to \$28,000. This includes the repair of two priority drainage culverts on Fox Point and McIntyre Road. The culvert repair at Little Bay Extension will be completed in November of 2019. The Road Salt line increased from \$93,000 to \$124,000. The town is responsible for Woodbury Ave. from Cumberland Farms (Gosling Road) to the traffic lights by Walmart (Exit 3). L. Thomas and M. Roy reviewed the Road Management Survey prepared by the Rockingham Planning Commission and the RPC's recommendations for 2020. Portsmouth has told Newington that they will be paving Gosling in 2020. Newington is responsible for half the road from Cumberland Farms to the on ramp to Route 16 for \$150,000. In 2020 crack sealing is scheduled for Fox Point Road, Old Post Road and Beane Lane. Many other road projects will be delayed due to the Eversource project's large trucks on the town roads and the Air Force project on Patterson Lane. The town had S.W. Cole review all the roads before the Eversource project began and entered into an agreement with Eversource to restore the roads to

their original condition after the project is complete. The Air Force has agreed to repave Patterson Land after they remove the pipeline in the area. L. Thomas mentioned that the backhoe is 10 years old and needs to be replaced. T. Connors suggested looking into leasing one or buying a used one.

**Adjournment:** M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:12pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy, Recorder