

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 23rd, 2020 Town Hall

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

M. Marconi moved to enter a nonpublic session at 3:05pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (e). T. Connors seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: T. Connors- Yes, M. Marconi- Yes. All were in favor.

K. Latchaw entered the meeting at 3:10pm.

M. Marconi moved to return to public session, seconded by K. Latchaw. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: T. Connors-Yes, M. Marconi-Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes. All were in favor.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 3:25pm

T. Connors recessed the meeting and moved it from the Board of Selectmen's office to the deRochement Room.

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Road Agent Len Thomas, Fire Engineer Ann Hyland Hebert, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors resumed the meeting at 3:57pm.

Highway Budget Review:

M. Roy explained that the Highway budget has decreased by \$150,000 from 2020 to 2021. The Salt expense line has been decreased by \$40,000, the contracted services line decreased by \$20,000 and the \$75,000 Wilcox Way expense line will be removed in 2021. The Town will eventually accept Wilcox Way as a town road. A letter from the Planning Board recommending the acceptance of the road will be coming shortly. The town is not plowing Wilcox Way this winter. Old Dover Road should be resurfaced in 2021. T. Connors mentioned that Nimble Hill Road and Hannah Lane were washed out today due to the rain. The Board reviewed the Highway capital Improvement Plan which includes the purchase of a backhoe in 2021. The current backhoe is 17 years old. M. Marconi asked L. Thomas if he had looked at purchasing a "turned in" leased backhoe or the state bids. M. Roy said that they were looking at all possibilities. The Highway Department is following the culvert study each year. The "red" items

were completed in 2020, the "yellow" and "orange" items will be done in 2021. Altus sent the town a memo prioritizing the yellow and orange items. The Highway Department is also following the Rockingham Planning Commission's road study that they did for the town a few years ago. K. Latchaw asked that the Highway Capital Improvement Plan be sent to the Planning Board so it could be included in their Capital Improvement Plan for the town. T. Connors asked L. Thomas if he had enough CDL drivers for the winter season. L. Thomas thinks so.

2020 Budget Discussion:

The Budget Committee has asked the Board for a list of items that are included in the projected savings in the 2020 budget. T. Connors asked that M. Roy send out another memo to the departments asking for their numbers by the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

T. Connors is concerned about the culvert at

M. Marconi moved to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 4:30pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder