

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 1st, 2020 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

M. Marconi moved to enter a nonpublic session at 10:00am per RSA 91-A:3 II (e). K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: T. Connors- Yes, M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes. All were in favor.

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 10:40am

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Fire Engineer Ann Hyland Hebert, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 10:45am.

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

2020 Budget Savings Projects:

The Board discussed items and projects that will move forward.

1. The Police Cruiser.
2. The Hannah Lane drainage project.
3. The LED conversion in town buildings.

The LED conversion project will cost \$18,304 to complete, but will save the Town \$6,300 a year in electricity. The Board was concerned that if this project did not get completed soon then the grant program through Eversource might no longer be available.

4. The Fire Department has \$51,000 in items that they would like to purchase in 2020.

5. Air Handlers and sanitizing units will be purchased for the Town Hall, Fire Station and the Police Station. The Library and School have already installed air handlers.

The 2020 budget reductions are:

1. Town budgets \$320,000
2. Police Department \$36,891
3. Fire Department \$125,000
4. Planning Department \$15,000
5. Cemetery \$4,600
6. Library \$9,000

For a total over \$500,000.

M. Marconi thanked all the committee and boards for their work on the budget reductions.

M. Roy updated the Board on the Donor Town issue. If the people in Concord decide to have donor towns again then it would add \$1 million worth of expenses to the budget.

The Utility assessment reductions could add another \$2 million, that is 1/3 of the current budget. 1/3 of the current budget would have to be cut to maintain the tax rate.

The Conservation Commission complained to the NH Department of Environmental Services about the treatment of invasive plants on Fox Point and the storage of boats and docks in the cove on Fox Point. The NHDES has sent a letter to the Town asking that the boats and docks be removed.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 10:55am. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder