

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 13th, 2020 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Resident Emily Savinelli, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 9:31am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

K. Anderson put together a poster that will be on the Town Hall front door tomorrow for the town meeting.

T. Connors encouraged people to stay home if they are not feeling good. He has received several calls from residents who are not going to attend the meeting because they are not feeling good.

M. Roy reminded the board that there are only 6 people out of 1 million that have the virus.

M. Marconi updated the board on the Bike Lane Committee meeting. The committee decided to go forward and apply with the State for the matching grant for the safety land. The State would pay 80% and the Town would pay 20%. New Castle went through this process recently and informed the town that it is a good idea to have the town's portion of the money first and then apply for the grant. The Safety land Committee will be asking to increase the Town's budget by \$140,000 at Town meeting. If the Town approves the additional money and then the project does not go forward, then the \$140,000 would be held by the Town and used to reduce taxes.

K. Latchaw and T. Connors went to a meeting with the PDA yesterday. They found out that the PDA and Airguard are repaving the runway this year. Pike Industries is building a portable asphalt plant on the north ramp. The Selectmen asked them to make sure that odors are not affecting the town, especially the summer when the summer camp is at the Old Town Hall. The PDA assured the Selectmen that all DES permits have been approved. K. Latchaw and T. Connors will have a follow up meeting with the DES to express their concerns.

K. Latchaw attended an offshore power meeting at UNH. The speaker was from Rhode Island where they already have offshore power. It is a very lengthy regulation approval process and could take from 10 to 15 years to complete. There are 50 or 60 regulators for the ocean. An advisory committee has been formed and includes residents from towns along the coast. K. Latchaw thought that Newington should have a representative on the committee since we have the deep-water port and 2 energy producing plants. T. Connors asked M. Roy to compose a letter to the Governor asking him to appoint someone from Newington to the advisory board. T. Connors thanked Peggy Lamson for setting up the meeting.

M. Marconi moved to enter a nonpublic session at 9:49am per RSA 91-A:3 II (e). 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.

The Board discussed a legal issue.

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

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 11:03am.

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 11:04am. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder