

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 2nd, 2020 Town Hall

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

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:01pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:**

**K. Latchaw moved to approve the minutes of February 18th, 2020. T. Connors seconded the motion with T. Connors and K. Latchaw in favor and M. Marconi abstaining.**

**Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$28,595.93 dated 2/18/2020 and \$98,338.82 dated 2/25/2020. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Facility Use Request:**

**M. Marconi moved to approve the following requests.**

Peter Latchaw (Seacoast Lacrosse)-OTH Field Use-Mon-Fri-March-May

Recreation Committee-Old Town Hall-April 5<sup>th</sup>-Egg Hunt

Peter Latchaw (School Supporters)-Old Town Hall-September 12<sup>th</sup>-Road Race

**K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Background Checks for Volunteers:**

All employees currently have background checks done when they are hired. M. Roy is recommending that, going forward, all volunteers that work with children have criminal record checks done when they are appointed. The checks are done by the State Police and cost \$25. The fee will be paid by the town. **K. Latchaw moved to recommend that all volunteers that work with children have a criminal record check done when they are appointed. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Great Bay Nitrogen Permit Deadline Extended:**

D. Messier, Sewer Plant manager and the Sewer Commissioners, have attended the meetings about the issue and are monitoring the latest developments with the Great Bay nitrogen permit deadline. K. Latchaw is concerned about the two drainage ditches, McIntyre and Flagstone, that are located on PDA property that dump into the bay. T. Connors explained that he attends the Restoration Advisory Board meetings and knows that they monitor those areas. He will be attending a meeting there on March 12<sup>th</sup> and will get a report about the water for the Board.

### **Explosive Detection K9 Trust:**

M. Roy explained that after consulting with legal council she found out that the Board of Selectmen can approve a trust for the K9 unit. \$12,100.31 has been raised so far. \$3,000 has been spent on the dog. Officer Wood is going to Connecticut for 4 to 6 weeks to train the dog. **M. Marconi moved to set up an Explosives K9 trust under its RSA 39:19 authority to do so, as conferred by the 1994 Newington Town Meeting article 17, which adopted RSA 39:19 and to transfer a sum of \$12,100.31, which has been received as a donation by the Police Department for this purpose. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

K. Latchaw thanked the Police Chief on a job well done. M. Bilodeau explained that there were many people involved to make this all happen.

### **Personnel Policy Update:**

The Board reviewed recommended changes to the Town Personnel Policy. **K. Latchaw moved to approve the changes to the Personnel Policy as recommended. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.** K. Latchaw asked M. Roy to walk the department heads through the changes.

### **Hannah Lane Drainage Issue Update:**

**K. Latchaw moved to put the Hannah Lane Drainage repair out to bid. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

K. Latchaw wants to make sure that the bid reads that the repair would be done quickly and once the crew has started the repair that they finish it without leaving to do another job along the way.

### **2019 Abatement Requests:**

M. Roy reviewed the abatement requests that the Town has received. These requests could have a dramatic effect of the Town's tax rate. If all abatements were granted as requested, then it could mean a \$2 tax rate increase. T. Connors explained that the Board of Selectmen have had many meetings about this with legal counsel and utility assessors. The Board is working hard to resolve this issue and reduce these amounts.

<u>COMPANY NAME</u>	<u>TOWN OPINION OF ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>COMPANY OPINION OF ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>DELTA</u>
ESSENTIAL POWER NEWINGTON STATION	330,000,000	150,000,000	180,000,000
FOX RUN MALL	72,000,000	58,000,000	14,000,000
EVERSOURCE	48,000,000	30,000,000	18,000,000
NE MEDICAL	38,000,000	17,000,000	21,000,000
GP GYPSUM (LATE)	3,200,000	2,200,000	1,000,000
	15,600,000	8,600,000	7,000,000
	506,800,000	265,800,000	241,000,000

**Spirit of Newington:**

The Air National Guard is having an open house on May 16<sup>th</sup> and would like the Board of Selectmen to attend. At this time the Spirit of Newington aircraft will be revealed. The Board asked M. Roy to find out the specific time the Board should be there and is they can bring grandchildren to the ceremony.

M. Marconi received a phone call from a resident about the amount of water in Motts Pond. The Board is waiting for the DES to give the Town its recommendation.

**Adjournment:** M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:19pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy, Recorder