

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Friday March 4th, 2022

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman, Selectman Bob Blonigen, Selectman Mike Marconi, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Solid Waste Disposal Quotes Review/Award:**

The Board reviewed the quotes that were received:

<u>Hauler Name</u>	<u>Annual Quote</u>	<u>Dumpster Pick Up Fees</u>	<u>Total Annual Costs</u>
Jason Berounsky	\$82,940	\$150 per week=\$7,800/year	\$90,740
Casella	\$111,000	Included in Fee	\$111,000
G Mello	\$64,800	Included in Fee	\$64,800
Pinard	\$78,000	\$6,300	\$84,300
Elm Services	\$78,000	Included in Fee	\$78,000

**M. Marconi moved to approve G Mello Disposal Corporation solid waste pick up hauling of Newington residential trash and 3 dumpsters effective March 7, 2022 for a period of one year, for a total price of \$64,800, subject to town counsel review and approval of contract and pick up will be on Wednesdays. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

M. Roy said that G Mello prefers to pick up on Fridays. She will confirm that it can be changed to Wednesday.

**Mask Update for Town Meeting:**

M. Roy said that the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the Health Officer all recommend that masks no longer be required in Town Buildings. B. Blonigen added that the State reduced their mask mandate as of today. **B. Blonigen moved that masks no longer be required in all town buildings. M. Marconi seconded the motion. All were in favor.** Anyone can wear a mask if it makes them feel more comfortable.

M. Roy asked about the height of the trees for the Willson solar array. B. Blonigen said 4-5 feet. Town Engineer, Eric Weinrieb, had originally suggested that a balloon test be done to test the height of the trees. B. Blonigen requested that the Willsons' lean to the five foot height. B. Blonigen asked that M. Roy check with the Siedes' of the Adams Homestead to make sure they agreed with the plan.

B. Blonigen thanked all the candidates that participated in the candidates' night. There was a good turnout and it is a good event every year.

T. Connors asked about appointing Mike Donahue to the task force on wind towers. B. Blonigen asked that it be added to the Monday BOS agenda.

M. Roy said that there was an error on Warrant Article 17 in the Town Report. It said that the Budget Committee had not recommended the Article when they actually recommended it. The Town reports have been corrected.

**Adjournment:** T. Connors moved to adjourn at 8:09am. M. Marconi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy, Recorder