

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday April 11th, 2022

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman, Selectman Bob Blonigen, Selectman Brandon Arsenault, Town Engineer Eric Weinrieb, Recreation Committee Chair Rebecca Navelski, Recreation Member Jack O'Reilly, Jessica Morgan, Fire Engineer Ann Hyland Hebert, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: B. Blonigen moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Manifest Approval: B. Blonigen moved to approve the manifests for \$27,014.96 dated 3/24/2022, \$183,064.13 dated 3/31/2022 and \$27,014.96 dated 4/7/2022. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.

E. Boy reviewed the large expenses in the 3/31/22 AP run with the Board.

Facility Use Requests:

B. Blonigen moved to approve the following facility use requests:

John Newick-Old Town Hall-April 23rd-Model Train Group Meeting
Newington School After School Tennis (Laura Stone)-Tennis Courts-May 23rd, June 6th & June 13th

Newington School-Town Hall-Parent/Community Forum-5/4/2022-6-9pm
Seacoast Fire Chiefs-Pat Moynihan-Town Hall-Meeting-5/5/2022-4pm-10pm

B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in Favor.

Eric Weinrieb-Town Engineer:

Nimble Hill Road Improvements Project-

The work would be done from Fox Point Road to Little Bay Road. There were three courses of action that can be taken. The first is to just do an overlay on the existing road, the second is to "mill and fill" and the third is to mill and grind the road and then add 10" of crushed rock to create a subbase and then add the base coat of materials. B. Blonigen pointed out that this section of Nimble Hill Road no longer crowns and this creates drainage problems. B. Arsenault asked when the last time this section of Nimble Hill Road had been paved. M. Roy said over ten years ago. E. Weinrieb said that if the Board of Selectmen chooses to do the third option, then the road would last two times longer than the other choices. B. Blonigen thought that it should be done once the best way. M. Roy discussed with the Board that the budget had included both sections of Nimble Hill Road and suggested that the Town bids out this work for the "old way" and

for the "new way" so that if the cost is too much they can have an option. B. Arsenault didn't think a decision could be made until the Board knows the cost difference between the two methods and the Board doesn't know when the last time this section was paved. E. Weinrieb pointed out that there are wheel ruts in the road which indicates that the subbase is broken up. B. Blonigen would like to bid it out for both costs. B. Arsenault suggested that the improvements could be done as a hybrid, using both methods depending on the shape of the subbase. E. Weinrieb said it would cost more because they would have to bring in both machines. T. Connors asked if it was too late in the season to put out a bid. E. Weinrieb said that this is a good time to bid. **B. Blonigen moved to approve the full grind and 10" of gravel followed by pavement process for the section of Nimble Hill Road from Fox Point Road to Little Bay Road. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. T. Connors and B. Blonigen in favor, B. Arsenault opposed. The motion passes 2-1. B. Blonigen said that when Nimble Hill Road, from the school to Shattuck Way is redone, it will be mill and fill.**

Dumpling Cove Drainage-

The Board reviewed the specs from E. Weinrieb and agreed to put this project out to bid. This entire project is being paid for by a resident. **B. Blonigen moved to put the Dumpling Cove drainage project out to bid. This project will be privately funded. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Shattuck Way (Custom Pools) Flooding Update-

T. Connors asked if the Town had heard back from the State about this issue. M. Roy said no. T. Connors asked that M. Roy prepare letters to be sent to the Governor, the Executive Council, State Senators and State Reps expressing the town's frustration with this issue and not getting any response from the State.

Hannah Lane Project Update-

M. Roy said that the Abbotts would like the area to be hydroseeded and it would cost an extra \$200. It was a consensus of the Board to do the hydroseeding.

T. Connors expressed his concern with the redrawing of district lines and that Newington would no longer be with Greenland and would now be with Portsmouth. This has been talked about in Concord but has not been voted on yet. The Town should put in their input now.

Recreation Committee-Old Town Hall Playground Equipment:

B. Blonigen moved to appoint Jessica Morgan to the Recreation Committee. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Board reviewed the Playground cover letter about the new zipline that Jessica sent to the Board. The Recreation Committee and J. Morgan recommend option #3 from Burke for \$25,046. J. Morgan explained that one of the reasons that this company was recommended because they can install the zipline before summer camp starts. The

zipline would be located along the back of the playground, the slides would be removed and eventually replaced in the future for around \$20,000. B. Arsenault asked about the cost to remove the slides. J. Morgan said that residents would volunteer their time and equipment. T. Connors said that he would like to see the Recreation Committee's planned projects for the playground, the time schedule for each project and the costs. T. Connors would also like to see a list of all the projects that the Recreation Committee is planning for this year, the bids for each project and the timetable. It is important to have all this information so the Town can make sure that there is enough money in the capital reserve account. R. Navelski mentioned that the ball field needed work. The benches and backstop, the grounds need to be leveled and there needs to be a barrier to prevent balls from going into the marsh. J. O'Reilly said that they had received a bid to level the ball field for \$6,000. This bid doesn't include anything about benches, backstop or the barrier. B. Arsenault said that it was hard to approve anything yet because there is a quote for the ballfield but it doesn't include other projects and there is no bid for the tennis courts. B. Blonigen said that the Board will support spending money on Recreation projects if they are presented with a plan. T. Connors asked them to come back to the Board with numbers for each project.

R. Navelski said that the Recreation Committee was planning for summer camp as if the YMCA wasn't going to do it this summer. M. Roy said that she had talked to them and they were a definite. M. Roy will check back with the YMCA.

Landscaping Bid:

The Town only received one bid. It is from the same company that has been doing the landscaping for the past few years. **B. Blonigen moved to award the landscaping contract to JLG, Landscaping for three years. The first year for \$14,900 and the last two years for \$15,645 each year. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

B. Arsenault asked why the cemetery and the Town had different landscaping companies. M. Roy said that the Cemetery Trustees are separate from the Town and hire their own company.

Cathode Ray Tubes Acceptance at the Transfer Station-

Craig Daigle, Transfer Station Manager, sent an email asking that the Board consider limiting electronics recycling at the transfer station specifically cathode ray tubes (old style televisions and monitors). These are outdated devices and are costly to recycle. C. Daigle is concerned that some are coming from out of town. C. Daigle would like to see a limit of 2 per household per year. B. Arsenault thought that a sign could be put up and it could be a "suggestion only". B. Blonigen understands C. Daigle's concerns but doesn't want them to have to monitor everyone. B. Arsenault thought the transfer station could just report if people are bringing in more.

M. Roy left the meeting.

Pease Development Authority Air Cargo:

B. Arsenault would like to have a meeting for residents to express their concerns about this project. T. Connors asked B. Arsenault to be the Board of Selectmen's representative for this project going forward. B. Arsenault said yes. The Board decided to have a meeting on Monday April 18th at 5:30pm. A. Hyland Hebert would like to see monthly meetings going forward. T. Connors suggested that the town PDA reps be asked to attend the meetings. T. Connors said that he couldn't attend this meeting due to a previous commitment.

Adjournment: B. Blonigen moved to adjourn at 6:52pm. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder