

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 22nd, 2019 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 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval:

M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of April 15th, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifest for \$41,311.52 dated 4/16/2019. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Marconi asked M. Roy for the balance in the checking account (general fund). As of 3/31/19 the balance is \$861,770.96. She explained that the checking account balance has ebbs and flows based on when taxes are received. The balance will continue to decrease until the tax bills are sent out and taxes start to come in. In July, once tax revenues are received, the checking account will show a large increase.

The Board stated that several complaints had been received about noxious fumes apparently coming from the waterfront industrial district. Sprague stated last year to the Planning Board that they had to repair a filtering system to stop odor. M. Roy was directed to send an email to Sprague notifying them of the complaints.

M. Roy recommended that a checklist provided by K. Anderson be used for recording non-public meeting minutes. This will aid in record keeping.

T. Connors announced the Economic Development Committee member s recently visited the GP Gypsum plant and the visit was well received. GP Gypsum did express an interest in acquiring additional land to better support their company's business.

K. Latchaw thanked E. Boy for adding more detail in the meeting minutes.

Committee Appointments Discussion:

The Board discussed the Economic Development Committee appointments as there is a meeting on Wednesday April 24th.

M. Marconi moved to appoint John Lamson and Bob Raymond to two-year terms on the Economic Development Committee. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Board asked M. Roy to add in small font "Equal Opportunity Employer" on the bottom of the town letterhead.

Facility Use Request:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following request:

Jason Caruso-OTH Field-Flag Football Practice-Wednesdays-April 24-May 29, 2019

K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Water Contamination-Blood and Water Testing Budget:

The Board discussed a draft priority list of factors and process to be followed to access the new health budget funds regarding blood and water testing. The July 2018 letter of procedures provided by NHHHS Director Lisa Morris and State Epidemiologist Dr. Chan should be followed. This letter will be attached to the meeting minutes.

It was pointed out that the health budget funds are only for residents with drinking water wells. As Director Morris' letter states; residents should pursue having their doctor contact their insurance company to see if the blood tests are covered by insurance. Residents that don't have insurance, have drinking water wells and would like to have their blood tested should contact Martha Roy at the Town Hall (436-7640).

M. Roy contacted Senator Shaheen's and Senator Hassen's offices for support in having ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry) blood test the 40 Newington drinking water well owners. She has learned ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry) was studying the 40 wells in Newington in conjunction with other Pease area communities. She will report further to the Board at the next meeting.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:30pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder