

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6th, 2020 Remote Via Zoom Audio

Attending Meeting by Phone: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Police Chief Mike Bilodeau, Building Inspector Keven Kelley, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 3:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

T. Connors read the following statement:

As Chair of the Newington Board of Selectmen, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone.

We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen in on this meeting

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting.

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on the Town of Newington's website at: www.newington.nh.us

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.

If anyone has a problem accessing the meeting, please call 603-436-7640.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

The meeting will start by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 3:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

T. Connors took attendance. T. Connors, K. Latchaw, Mike Marconi, M. Roy and M. Bilodeau are in attendance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of March 16th, 2020. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi-Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$49,874.54 dated 3/17/2020, \$43,648.98 dated 3/24/2020 and \$195,538.21 dated 4/2/2020. M. Marconi seconded the motion. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi-Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor.

Facility Use Request:

M. Marconi asked M. Bilodeau what the hours of the event would be and the attendance. M. Bilodeau said that it would be from 10am-8pm and there would be approximately 60 people attending the event. M. Bilodeau added that he thought this event had been cancelled and would clarify it tomorrow.

M. Marconi moved to approve the following facility use request contingent upon the Police Chief's information that will be provided:

Police Department-Fox Point-May 2nd, 2020-Corn Hole Tournament

K. Latchaw seconded the motion. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi-Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor.

Board Committee Appointments-Postponement:

Appointments to town committees will be completed by May 1, 2020. M. Roy will post the open positions on the website and put an announcement on the board outside asking for volunteers.

Smoking Policy Revisions-Personnel Policies:

Revisions have been made to the Town Personnel Policies to reflect the vote taken at the Town Meeting in March 2020 to include electronic smoking devices in the Town's smoking policy. K. Latchaw moved to approve the revisions to the Town's personnel policy to include Town meeting vote on electronic smoking devices. M. Marconi seconded the motion. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi-Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor.

Covid-19 Update:

M. Roy reviewed the Covid-19 leave policy that is required by the Federal Government to allow extra time for all eligible part-time and full-time employees. This takes effect April 1, 2020. M. Marconi moved to approve the leave policy for Covid-19. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi-Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor.

M. Roy reported that Town Hall is still closed. Emails and phone calls are still be responded to but the volume has decreased.

Building Inspector Kevin Kelly entered the meeting.

K. Kelley explained that he is not doing any physical inspections but is still reviewing jobs by facetime. Many jobs have shut down. Aldi's and 90 Arboretum are still going.

T. Connors thanked all the Police, Fire and Town employees who have been working through this event. T. Connors also reminded everyone that no meetings are allowed in any town building, unless it is electronic, until the Governor gives the word that groups can gather again.

Gosling Road Joint Paving Project with the City of Portsmouth:

This project was bid out by the City of Portsmouth and the low bid for the Newington portion of the project is \$211,000, plus a \$10,000 contingency for a total of \$221,000. Town Engineer Eric Weinrieb reviewed the bid and recommends going forward. **M. Marconi moved to approve \$221,000 for the Gosling Road project with Portsmouth. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi-Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor. K. Latchaw is pleased that Portsmouth and Newington are doing the project together. T. Connors explained that it will save money. The project will start in 30-60 days.**

Hannah Lane Drainage Update:

M. Roy and K. Latchaw met with John Frink and the Hannah Lane resident and the Town is moving forward with getting bids to fix the drainage problem. **M. Marconi moved to accept the report from M. Roy. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi-Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor.**

Cannon Painting Previously Awarded Project:

This project was previously approved by the Selectmen and HDC and is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day. K. Latchaw is pleased this project is getting done. **M. Marconi moved to proceed with the Cannon Painting project. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi-Yes, K. Latchaw-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor.**

M. Marconi mentioned that there are a lot of potholes around town. There is a big one in the Police Department's parking lot. M. Marconi asked M. Roy to ask the Highway Department to fill in the holes and to contact Bell & Flynn about the one in the Police Department parking lot.

Adjournment: K. Latchaw moved to adjourn at 3:18pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder