

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 17th, 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 5:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

M. Marconi moved to enter into a nonpublic session at 5:01pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (a). K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.

K. Latchaw moved to return to public session, seconded by M. Marconi. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 5:47pm.

M. Marconi moved to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.

T. Connors called for a 10-minute break.

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, State Representative, Dennis Malloy, Assistant Fire Chief, EJ Hoyt, Fire Engineer, Ann Hebert, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting back to order at 6:04pm.

T. Connors thanked Dennis Malloy for all his hard work on behalf of the Town of Newington.

Minutes Approval:

M. Marconi moved approve the minutes of May 20th, 2019 and June 3rd, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$21,307.94 dated 6/4/2019 and \$235,082.56 dated 6/11/19. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following request:

Josh Stephens-Fox Point-July 26, 2019-Wedding

K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

K. Latchaw moved to approve the following request contingent upon the agreement to adhere to the blackout dates listed by the Town currently and any future additional blackout dates:

Portsmouth City Soccer-Old Town Hall Field-Mid August-Nov 1st

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

6pm-Fire Engineers:

The Selectmen thanked A. Hyland Hebert and EJ Hoyt for attending the meeting.

A. Hebert gave the Board an update on the Fire Department.

- The bridge from the Fire Station to the school needs to be replaced. The Firefighters have agreed to do the labor and A. Hebert has contacted someone who is willing to donate the materials.
- The Fire Department purchased the tower truck for \$250,000 back in 2016. They just sold it back to the company for \$290,000. A profit of \$40,000. With this money the department bought a tower truck for \$35,000. This new purchase will last for 10 years. The department feels this is a very good deal.
- Engine-2 had a problem this winter. While at a fire on a very cold day, it overheated and froze. It will cost \$37,000 to repair. Insurance may cover it. It is a pump issue that is scheduled to be repaired in July.
- Engine-5 is in the bay and workable.
- Marine 1- the new boat is a great asset for Newington.
- The Fire Department has brought in \$9,800 in revenue from details at Sea-3.
- There is a "clean out" project going for the Fire Station. They will be getting rid of expired equipment.

T. Connors asked the fire department to send the paperwork for the boat donation to the Selectmen. The Town needs to have a public hearing on the acceptance of the donation. The Selectmen would also like to send letters of thanks for the donation.

EJ Hoyt told the Selectmen that the Fire department has increased its training. Five more people have received their CDLs. The department has attended 26 classes.

The Fire Department has one department member who will be going out indefinitely. The department will be promoting a current firefighter to lieutenant to cover shifts at regular pay instead of overtime.

The Fire Department would like to add a ventilation room, refurbish the two bathrooms. The sewer line under the building also needs to be fixed. The Fire Department asked Eric Weinrieb from Altus Engineering to look at their building and

make suggestions for changes. M. Roy clarified that the Selectmen are in charge of this project and all questions and requests for review should come to them.

EJ Hoyt asked that the paving of the fire department parking lot be delayed until the department finds out the best option for their Fire Station upgrade.

M. Marconi moved to enter into a nonpublic session at 6:43pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (e). K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.

K. Latchaw moved to return to public session, seconded by M. Marconi. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 6:59pm.

M. Marconi moved to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.

The Selectmen asked that the Board of Fire Engineers review all the Fire Department purchase orders, even items under \$500.

K. Latchaw asked EJ Hoyt to provide the Board of Selectmen with a list of all the fire calls for the month of May. E. Hoyt said he would put something together. K. Latchaw would like to see the number of mutual aid calls per month. E. Hoyt thought they went on mutual aid about 10 to 15 times a month. The severity and location of the incident determines if mutual aid is called and who responds.

The Selectmen asked the Fire Department to contribute to the monthly newsletter.

EJ Hoyt and Ann Hebert left the meeting at 7:11pm.

Appointments:

K. Latchaw moved to appoint the following people as Deputy Fire Wardens:

Brian Berghorn

Jeremy Nicol

EJ Hoyt

Patrick Moynihan

Jon Connors

Brandon Lisowski

Jon March

John McCooey

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

K. Latchaw moved to appoint Karen Anderson as Special Projects Coordinator and Suzanne Vietas as Deputy Treasurer.

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Historic Mitigation-Eversource-Newington Contact:

K. Latchaw moved to appoint Lulu Pickering as the town representative with the understanding that plans will be submitted to the Selectmen before any commitment is made on behalf of the town. M. Marconi seconded the motion will all in favor.

Electric Generation Plants Assessment Work:

M. Roy will get a list of assessors for the Board of Selectmen to look at. M. Marconi suggested that M. Roy reach out to the chairman of the Appraisal Institute for suggestions of available utility appraisers.

License to Granite Shore Power for fuel line crossing-Gosling Road:

Granite Shore Power needs a license to run a fuel line under Gosling Road. The Newington Station oil tanks are in Portsmouth by the Schiller Power Plant and the fuel line connecting them to the station runs under Gosling Road. The license was reviewed by legal. M. Marconi moved to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the license to Granite Shore Power for the fuel line crossing under Gosling Road. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Police Commission Meeting Date Request:

M. Roy will check with the Chief to see if July 1st at 6pm is good for the Commissioners.

July 4th Holiday:

M. Marconi moved to close the Town Hall offices on Thursday July 4th and Friday July 5th. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Woodbury Snowplowing Bid Review:

The Board reviewed three snow plowing bids.

Bourassa Construction	average for all equipment at \$120 per hour/5-hour minimum
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William A. Renaud Jr. Trucking Inc.	average for all equipment at \$100 per hour
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Eversource SRG/Distribution Communication Path:

The Board would like all e-mails and informational items addressed into the town to go to Karen Anderson and then she will distribute to other people as needed.

PDA Plantings-Sam Rowe Hill:

K. Latchaw moved to name the area recently planted with flowering trees and bushes the Margaret Lamson Arboretum. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Review of Town Culvert Study:

The Board discussed the culvert study done by Altus Engineering. The study pointed out 6 items of an urgent nature that need to be addressed quickly. The Board asked M. Roy to contact the Highway Department and ask them to complete the six items by 8-1-19.

Fire Department Ventilation Room Design Project:

M. Roy requested that the Fire Department include the Selectmen on any discussion regarding the Fire Station improvements. The work should be put out to bid.

Transfer Station Fees-Large Items:

The Board discussed fees that other towns charge for big items, such as mattresses, tires, refrigerators, that are dropped off at the Transfer Station. The Board decided to table this item until a later date.

Road Paving Bid Review:

The Board received two bids for the paving of Swan Island Lane.

Bell & Flynn for \$50,050 and Bourassa Construction, LLC for \$51,873.

K. Latchaw moved to accept the low bid of \$50,050 for the paving of Swan Island.

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Town received a bid of \$97,000 to pave and crack seal McIntyre Road. This amount is double what the Rockingham County Planning Commission's report estimated.

M. Roy will research this further and report back to the board.

The Board discussed developing a replanting program for trees that had to be removed due to the Eversource SRP project or Ash Trees that had to be removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer. The Board recommended planting trees at the Town Hall and cemetery. K. Latchaw recommended that the town seek the guidance of Jane Hislop. M. Roy will contact her.

Old Post Road needs to be sprayed for poison ivy. M. Roy will check into a couple of vendors and let the board know the results.

The Board discussed the need to create a temporary ordinance for e-cigarettes and vaping. J. Strater wrote a report for the Selectmen about the different types of e-cigarettes and the effects. M. Marconi thanked J. Strater for her report and thought she did a great job. **T. Connors moved to have M. Roy write a temporary ordinance to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes and vaping in town buildings and on town property. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

K. Latchaw asked M. Roy to post the vacant Police Commissioner position.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:57pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder