

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 20th, 2020 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Board of Fire Engineers Chair John Klanchesser, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of June 16th, 2020, June 17th, 2020, June 23rd, 2020, July 7th, 2020 and July 9th, 2020. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$53,493.58 dated 6/18/2020, \$287,596.07 dated 6/25/2020, \$111,702.91 dated 7/2/2020, \$229,041.89 dated 7/9/2020 and \$50,394.15 dated 7/16/2020. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Discussion of August and September Facility Use Requests:

E. Boy updated the Board of Selectmen on the upcoming events. All events will adhere to all the "Safer at Home" guidelines; 50% capacity, no more than 6 people to a table. M. Marconi thought that all parties should sign something that says that they promise to adhere to the guidelines.

Fire Station Addition Bids:

M. Roy announced that the Town had received five bids for the Fire Station addition. The bids are currently being reviewed by the architect.

Airport Road:

Portsmouth Water is installing a new water main on Airport Road. They will put a binder course over the work area when they are done. Then, next spring, the town will pave the entire road and Portsmouth will pay 1/3 of the cost (\$5,000). M. Roy recommends that Newington pave the road in the spring of 2021. This cost will appear in the 2021 budget.

The Meeting House is scheduled to open for services in September. They will be using a sterilization machine to clean the space.

Tent:

T. Connors recommended that the Town keep the tent through the month of August. **M. Marconi moved to rent the tent through August. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Budget Cuts:

M. Roy reviewed the 15% budget cuts from the Selectmen's budget. All the suggested cuts from all the departments will be compiled together. If the overall budget is not cut by 15% then other cuts will have to be made, that may include personnel. M. Roy will contact Budget Chair John Lamson to set up a meeting with the Budget Committee to discuss the cuts.

Invasives at Fox Point:

E. Boy explained that when the Town received the agreement to be signed from the first "goat company" it asked that someone from the Town water the goats twice a day and check the electricity in the fence. E. Boy didn't feel comfortable with these requirements, she met with another "goat company" and they stay with their animals (goats, sheep and pigs) the entire time. This company is scheduled to begin work in August. K. Latchaw explained that this expense is being taken out of the Fox Point capital reserve fund, not the 2020 budget.

Elections: J. Klanchesser asked about the upcoming primary in September and the amount of PPEs that will be needed. T. Connors asked M. Roy to set up a meeting with J. O'Reilly to discuss the primary procedures and to discuss the equipment that will be needed.

Fire Dept Active Shooter Vests: The Fire Engineers has asked for vests for all Firefighters. T. Connors told J. Klanchesser that the Board of Selectmen have authorized the purchase of the vests for the duty crew. T. Connors asked that they purchase vests to cover the number of firefighters working a shift. J. Klanchesser explained that the vests are fitted to each individual, they wouldn't be able to share vests. J Klanchesser stated that the department is researching what other area Fire departments are acquiring.

Adjournment: **M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:30pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder