

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 30th, 2020 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Shannon Alther, TMS Architects, Ed Tinker, Town Assessor, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 8:20am.

Fire Station Addition Bids-Shannon Alther:

S. Alther reviewed the bids with the Board of Selectmen. The \$125,000 warrant article would cover the negative pressure room only with no other improvements from the company Solid Roots. T. Connors asked S. Alther to set up a meeting with the company and the Board of Selectmen. K. Latchaw asked about the availability of the company. S. Alther said they were available mid to late August. S. Alther will call both Solid Roots and Martini Construction. M. Roy will check on references.

The board thanked S. Alther for meeting with them this morning.

Mike Berounsky entered the meeting.

Berounsky Assessment Discussion:

M. Berounsky met with the Selectmen and Town appraiser about his property assessment.

Town Assessor, Ed Tinker, explained the process to come to the assessed value. When a revaluation is done usually 1/3 of the properties go up, 1/3 of the properties remain the same and 1/3 of the properties down.

The appraiser will review the information given to the town and notify the Selectmen of his recommendation.

Library Parking Lot Discussion

Library Trustees Jack O'Reilly, David Turbide, Peter Welch, Cathy Hazelton, Lee Lamson and Library Director, Lara Berry entered the meeting.

T. Connors thanked the trustees for coming to the meeting. He explained that the Board of Selectmen is meeting with all departments about budget reductions. T. Connors explained that the town is facing financial uncertainty due to the

pandemic. Revenues that the Town usually receives from the State could be significantly less and it is not certain that all taxes will be paid in November.

C. Hazelton thanked the Board for meeting with the trustees and asked about the town's financial situation.

M. Roy stated that by delaying the construction of the library parking lot it would help the town's cash flow later in the year.

J. O'Reilly said that if they delayed the parking lot, the money could not be encumbered and would have to be raised again in 2021.

P. Welch said that the trustees have been working on this project for 2 years. They have spent \$11,500 out of the trustee account on the design of the parking lot. The voters wanted this project to proceed in 2020 and with the library closed, this is the perfect time to do it. Now is the time to proceed.

T. Connors asked if the library had gotten the HDC approval. The trustees explained that the HDC is unhappy about the project, but they believe they can still proceed with the project without HDC approval.

L. Berry thought that this was the perfect time for the project. If they delayed it until 2021, then the construction would be going on during the summer camp and that wouldn't be ideal.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 10:20am. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder