

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 16th, 2019 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Sprague Representatives, Jason Littlefield and Tim Winters, Fire Engineer, John Klanchesser, Emily Savinelli, Rick Stern, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

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 September 3rd, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor. Approval of the September 9th, 2019 minutes were tabled until a later meeting.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$161,029.64 dated 9/3/2019 and \$119,807.43 dated 9/10/19. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

Mary Cummings- Old Town Hall & Grove-October 26th-Baby Shower

M. Marconi moved to approve the Facility Use request. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

T. Connors opened the Public Hearing and read the public notice. The hearing is in consideration of acceptance of one donation in excess of \$10,000.

Sprague Industries Fire Boat funds of \$35,000.

T. Connors asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

T. Connors closed the Public Hearing.

Acceptance of Funds:

M. Marconi moved to accept \$35,000 from Sprague Industries for the Fire Boat. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Jason Littlefield and Tim Winters, Sprague Energy-Noxious Fumes Complaints:

M. Roy explained that Newington residents have been experiencing bad odors throughout town. It appears to be coming from the Sprague facility.

The Town Hall has received many complaints about the smell. This problem has been going on for some time. Sprague had promised the town that the odors would subside when new equipment was installed. So far, the town hasn't seen any improvement.

J. Littlefield and T. Winters wanted to make sure that the town understood that no poisonous fumes are being emitted from the Sprague plant. Sprague tests the facility on a regular basis for employee exposure and always tests within the DES limits.

Sprague asked the town to document when the odor occurs and forward the information to them. E. Boy will send out an email tomorrow asking the residents to call or email the town hall whenever odors are detected. When Sprague receives a specific time complaint, then they can go back in their records and figure out what was going on in the plant at that time.

T. Connors explained that the concern of odors started 25-30 years ago, and it has been pretty good until a year ago.

The Sprague representatives believe that the odor was coming from a batch of asphalt that they received last winter that had a high odor. They believe that only a small amount of that batch remains and will be used up soon.

Architect Proposals Review:

The Board of Selectmen received two bids to do the architect review of the Fire Station-One from McHenry Architecture for \$9,000 and one from TMS Architects for \$5,500.

M. Marconi moved to award the concept design of the Fire Station to TMS Architects for \$5,500. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor. M. Marconi commented that both proposals were very well done.

Old Fire Boat Bid Review:

Four bids were received by the Selectmen:

\$932.12-Barry Moses

\$2,313.00-Jim Vrotacoe

\$325.00-Ray Leonard

\$2,027.50-Matt Scruton

K. Latchaw moved to award the Old Fire Boat to Jim Vrotacoe for \$2,313.00. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

COAST Annual Meeting:

The annual COAST meeting will take place on September 25th at 8am at the Governor's Inn in Rochester. M. Marconi or T. Connors will attend the meeting.

M. Roy reviewed the abatement requests that have been received by the town. She is working with the assessors and is awaiting their recommendations.

T. Connors thanked the Savinelli family for the fireworks donation for Septemberfest and all the volunteers that helped make the event and clean up a success. E. Savinelli mentioned that the Recreation Committee is always looking for more volunteers.

Comments about the proposed Master Plan will be heard at the Planning Meeting on September 23rd at 6pm.

Four new trees have arrived at town hall and will be planted around town to replace trees that have been taken down.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:34pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder