

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 30th, 2019 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Police Chief, Mike Bilodeau, Police Officer, Andrew Wood, Police Commission Chair, Brenda Blonigen, Police Commissioner, Bill Wright, Acting Fire Chief, EJ Hoyt, Budget Member, Emily Savinelli, Recreation Committee Co-Chairs; Laura Stone and Rebecca Navelski, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:31pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:**

M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$98,893.01 dated 9/23/2019. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Facility Use Request:**

M. Marconi moved to approve the following request.

Brenda Blonigen-Town Hall-October 20<sup>th</sup>-Relay Road Race

K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Rights of Way Ordinance:**

The Town's attorney put together a Rights of Way Ordinance for several towns in the area. The Board reviewed the proposed ordinance. M. Marconi moved to approve the Rights of Way ordinance. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Culverts:**

Altus Engineering completed a culvert study for the Town and identified 3 culverts that needed repairs, one that was important to finish this year. An RFP was produced, and William P. Davis Excavation was the low bid at \$39,000. The Town did not anticipate these drainage problems and didn't budget for them. M. Roy recommends repairing the most critical culvert located at Little Bay Extension for \$12,400 this November and put the other two culvert repairs in the 2020 Highway budget. M. Marconi moved to approve the repair of the one culvert on Little Bay Extension in 2019 for \$12,400 and the other two culvert repairs to be voted on at Town Meeting. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

#### **HDC-Moving Rocks from Great Bay Services Site:**

M. Roy recommends that the rocks be moved to the Transfer Station. It will take 2 or 3 truck loads of the foundation rocks at \$90 an hour for the dump truck and \$125 an hour for the excavator. HDC asked the Road Agent to do the work, but he didn't have the time. E. Savinelli asked if the Woodbury Ave. plow contractor was asked for a bid. M. Roy will call him tomorrow and ask for a price.

#### **HDC-Moving of Lead Paint Items:**

The HDC wants to remove and store 4 windows that have lead paint. The Health Officer recommends Tyvek suits be worn by the Highway Department when they are transporting these items. T. Connors suggested that they be stored in the Stone School for no more than 9 months and then a decision should be made about selling them or using them. K. Latchaw thought that they should be put in some type of container or wrapped.

#### **HDC-Indemnification Form Review:**

M. Roy will send the form to indemnify the Northeast Credit Union contractor to the Town's attorney for review.

#### **Police Budget 2020:**

Police Chief Mike Bilodeau reviewed his 2020 budget with the Selectmen. The 2020 budget is \$1,481 less than the 2019 budget. The Chief would like to budget money to the Capital Outlay account, \$45,000 for a new cruiser and \$24,830 for a new LiveScan station. LiveScan is an automatic fingerprint sequencing and duplicating print check. This system connects nationally for fingerprints and images taken at the time of arrest and compares with fingerprints and images already on file, within fifteen minutes. This program has a \$3,000 yearly maintenance fee that would begin in 2021.

Police Officer Andrew Wood presented a proposal to add a detective K9 explosives unit to the Newington Police Department. This would be funded completely with donations and wouldn't have any effect on the tax rate. There isn't a K9 unit in the seacoast. The dog had a working life of 7 or 8 years. Chief Bilodeau thinks that this would be a great addition to the department. K. Latchaw thought that Newington could copy the Dover Mounted Police program, because that is funded completely by donations and has been for years. T. Connors asked them to reach out to the Working Dog Foundation in Portsmouth to see how they do their fund raising.

#### **Emergency Managment Budget 2020:**

Police Chief Bilodeau presented the budget to the Selectmen. Acting Fire Chief and Co-Emergency Mgmt. Director EJ Hoyt was in agreement with the proposed budget. The 2020 budget is \$1,932 less than the 2019 budget. They propose to purchase some traffic cones and signage for road closures.

**Recreation Budget 2020:**

Recreation Committee Co-Chairs, Rebecca Navelski and Laura Stone, presented the budget to the Selectmen. The 2020 budget is \$500 more than the 2019 budget. T. Connors thanked the Recreation Committee for their efforts and events for the Town. Septemberfest was a great event. The committee would like to take \$1,500 out of the Voucher Program budget line and add it to the Septemberfest budget line plus add an additional \$500 to the Septemberfest budget line. This is a total of \$1,400 in the voucher line and \$7,000 in the Septemberfest line. They would also like to add \$12,000 to their Capital Reserve account in March 2020 so they can do some improvements at the Old Town Hall playground. This will be a warrant article submission.

**Economic Development Budget 2020:**

M. Roy presented the EDC budget to the Selectmen. The 2020 budget is \$3,369 less than the 2019 budget. The EDC Intern has resigned, the committee is in the process of advertising for a new one. The Board asked M. Roy to send J. Strater a letter of thanks.

**Adjournment:** M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:51pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy, Recorder