

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Resident, Chris Cross, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

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

M. Roy developed a draft of a new policy regarding admittance to the Selectmen's Office area for the Board of Selectmen to consider:

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DRAFT FOR REVIEW.

To ensure the safekeeping and integrity of confidential documents held in the Selectmen's office and to continue the good health of the Selectmen's office employees there will be no admittance to the Selectmen's and Building Inspector's offices except by the employees/Selectmen that work within.

All visitors shall henceforth be met by employees and directed to the front counter, auditorium or deRochement room as the employee deems appropriate.

During the Covid emergency all visitors will be required to wear a mask upon entering the Town Hall and if the employee they are visiting deems it safe, they may remove the mask if keeping the requisite 6-foot separation.

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E. Boy asked if the draft could include language that included the office outside of the Selectmen's back office.

C. Cross asked what would happen if a resident needed access to files for research. T. Connors said that they would consider the requests on a case by case basis.

**M. Marconi moved to accept the new policy regarding admittance to the Selectmen's office. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

T. Connors wanted to commend all the volunteers that helped spread the wood chips at the south Newington playground, the Old Town Hall playground and

the school playground. K. Latchaw asked that a statement thanking the volunteers be included in the next newsletter.

The Board of Fire Engineers and the Police Commission have sent letters to the Selectmen about a code of ethics for Newington. M. Roy would like to work on this with the Police Chief. M. Roy believes that the Police Chief has seen “codes of ethics” that have worked in other places.

M. Roy explained that the Town of Newington has received two abatement lawsuits, one from EP Newington and one from Granite Shore Power. Both lawsuits are about the assessed value of their properties. M. Roy commented that the abatement requests are large and will significantly impact the tax rate.

C. Cross asked the Selectmen why he was not considered for the Rockingham Planning Commission. T. Connors thanked C. Cross for all his service to the town over the years on the HDC, Planning Board and the Rockingham Planning Commission, but the Selectmen wanted to appoint someone new to the commission.

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:16pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy  
Recorder