

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 31, 2016 Town Hall

Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert, Attorney John Ratigan, Peter Welch, Ted Connors, Eversource representatives Sandra Gagnon, Catalina Celentano and Joe Sperry and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Public Hearing: C. Iocovozzi opened the Public Hearing at 6:34pm. Public input will be taken for one hour. S. Gagnon reviewed the plan that supported the proposal of swapping a 50 foot easement area with the Town so that the transmission line will not run through the pond on the Flynn property. She stated that while they will only use 25 feet of width, they will need 50 feet for construction and maintenance. The transition structure will be 300 feet off Little Bay Road. P. Welch asked if another line would be put next to this one. D. Hebert stated that they would have to find another route. This was confirmed by J. Sperry.

Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2016. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifests of 5/17/16 in the amount of \$34,309.86 and 5/24/16 in the amount of \$36,812.35. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Usage Requests:

J. Stuart moved to approve the following Facility Use requests:

Bob Spinney-July 16th-OTH-Baby Shower-9 to 5

Blake Staude-June 11th-Fox Point-Send off to Basic Training-2 to 8

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Gosling Road Corridor Design Project: The Board discussed the request to allow a bus stop and related sidewalks to be constructed in the Newington right of way on the north east of Gosling Road. The consensus was that the Town of Newington tax payers should not bare any expense for maintenance or liability due to the bus stop or sidewalk usage. They emphasized that an iron clad agreement is essential. Liability and safety concerns need to be addressed. M. Roy will follow up with Town counsel.

Woodbury Ave-Final Plans/NHDOT and Newington Municipal Agreement-

The Board reviewed the latest reply from the State regarding Woodbury Avenue upgrades needed prior to the Town agreeing to accept the road. Items still outstanding are: Right hand turn lane at Fox Run Crossing and Piscataqua Drive, Intersection gradient at Woodbury Ave and Piscataqua Drive, Woodbury Ave. crown and sheeting water, curb reveal in median and Municipal/State Road ownership transition agreement.

Justin Richardson Resignation: M. Marconi moved to accept J. Richardson's resignation from the Sewer Commission with regret. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor. The Board discussed the process for filling the vacant position. C. Iocovozzi explained that historically the Town advertises stipend positions such as Sewer Commissioner. A letter of application should be sent to the Board of Selectmen from anyone who is interested in this position. The Sewer Commission opening should be posted on the website with the stipend included. M. Marconi moved to post the position for 10 working days. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Board agreed to hold their next meeting on June 27th at 6:30pm.

New Abutter's Notice Fees- M. Marconi moved to hold a public hearing on June 27th, 2016 to set land use board abutter's fees at \$10.00 per notice. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Flag Pole Donation- Jack O'Reilly submitted a letter donating a flagpole to the Town for Fox Point. J. Stuart will coordinate removal and placement with the Road Agent and Jack O'Reilly. The Board is very appreciative to Mr. O'Reilly for the donation.

Selectmen's Representative to Police Commission- The consensus of the Selectmen was to appoint M. Marconi as the Selectmen's representative to the Police Commission. C. Iocovozzi will be checking with the Fire Department about a representative for their department.

Perambulation of Town Boundaries- M. Marconi volunteered to perambulate the Town boundaries with Dave Hislop, Town surveyor.

M. Marconi moved to close the public hearing. J. Stuart seconded the motion. C. Iocovozzi closed the public hearing at 7:33pm.

Little Bay Road-Wetlands/Review and Engineering- The Selectmen discussed and approved the need for a survey and wetland review on a portion of Little Bay Road.

The Board ordered salt to be purchased to fill the salt shed.

The Board discussed conducting a tour of every Town building to insure safety and repairs. This will be scheduled shortly.

M. Roy will ask the Fire Chief for a recommendation regarding safe storage of propane tanks at Carriage House.

The Board would like Bob Dellisola to meet with them about storage of Recreation items in the Carriage House.

The Board directed that Town Engineer, Eric Weinrieb respond to Lulu Pickering regarding the Mott Pond project.

Adjournment: J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:33pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator