

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019 Old Parsonage

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, HDC Member, Lulu Pickering, Budget Member, John Chamberlain, 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 August 19th, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$49,591.04 dated 8/20/2019 and \$62,742.90 dated 8/27/19. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Jason Littlefield, Sprague Energy-Noxious Fumes Complaints:

This item was tabled until a later meeting.

Acceptance of Eversource Funds:

There was already a public hearing about the Eversource \$20,000 on July 29, 2019.

M. Marconi moved to accept \$20,000 from Eversource for Historic District resource restoration. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor. T. Connors cautioned the HDC to make sure that they comply with the State's stipulations for expenditure of the funds. The State gave the HDC a memo outlining the correct procedure.

Bike Crossing Lights-Status: The Police Chief and the Town Administrator both reached out to different resources asking them about doing a traffic study for the intersection of Fox Point Road and Nimble Hill Road. The study would determine how many cars travel through the intersection per day and the feasibility of having a bike crossing at the intersection. Discussion ensued about the speed of cars coming over the knoll on Nimble Hill and their speed, the special warning light system at the crossing in Portsmouth at the intersection of Miller and Lincoln. This item would be in the 2020 budget if approved.

M. Roy explained that the Board of Fire Engineers can meet on September 17th, 18th or 19th for the union management discussions. M. Roy will check with Attorney Doug Mansfield to see which day is best for him.

Compactor Update:

K. Latchaw would like M. Roy to contact Eversource and see if they can bring 3 Phase power to the transfer station since they are right in town doing a lot of work.

Plow Truck Update:

HP Fairfield has the truck and the plow. They just need to put the plow on the truck. They are completing this work at the Vermont shop. T. Connors asked if HP Fairfield had sent the Town a letter with a delivery date. M. Roy responded that they had not. T. Connors asked M. Roy to contact HP Fairfield and tell them that we need the letter by September 7th. K. Latchaw suggested that we reach out to Rochester Truck and D&D Truck repair to see if they could install the plow for us.

M. Marconi talked about the Town exploring the idea of having a solar farm in Newington. He thought behind the Transfer Station would be a good location.

Lulu Pickering added that there are new types of solar panels. Sprague is using them on their tanks.

Paving Update:

K. Latchaw asked about the paving in town. M. Roy stated that Bell & Flynn are scheduled to be in town on September 17th. The projects for 2019 are paving the Fire Station parking lot, paving Swan Island, repaving/repairing the intersection of Little Bay with Nimble Hill Rd and paving the first 20 feet of Hannah Lane (drainage issue).

Lulu Pickering expressed concern with the draft of the Master Plan. It seems that the wetland buffers are getting bigger and bigger. The property owners that have wetlands on their property are taxed on the land but can't use it. L. Pickering showed the Selectmen a chart in the Draft Master Plan that shows the wetlands through the years. In 1962 there were 112 acres of wetlands in Newington. In 2015 there were 417 acres of wetlands. The PFOA/PFAS pollution is concentrated in the wetlands and will be there for decades. K. Latchaw thought that the drainage areas should be cleaned out so the water can flow to the bay. K. Latchaw asked M. Roy to contact Clark Freise, the Assistant Commissioner of the NHDES to see if the Town could remove trees and debris from the wetlands to maintain the original drainage. Discussion ensued about the Knight's Brook Corridor, Brown's property flooding, lowering the level on Mott's Pond, no mention of PFAS or PFOA in the Master Plan draft, making the Old Parsonage usable, hanging historic items in the Town Hall, setting up a time to tour the Old Town Hall, capturing Old Newington in photos.

L. Pickering mentioned that all the historic items in the Old Town Hall and the Old Parsonage belong to the Historic Society.

T. Connors opened the Public Hearing regarding acceptance of a donation from Eversource for Road Analysis and read the public notice. The hearing is in consideration of acceptance of a donation in excess of \$10,000.

Eversource Road Analysis funds of \$25,000.

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

T. Connors closed the Public Hearing.

Acceptance of Eversource Funds:

M. Marconi moved to accept \$25,000 from Eversource for the Road Analysis.

K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Board asked M. Roy to take pictures of the roundabout and median on Woodbury Ave. and then send the pictures and a letter to the Governor, with a copy to the DOT, asking the state to clean it up.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:57pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder