

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 18th, 2022

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Bob Blonigen, Library Trustee Peter Welch, Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert, Board of Fire Engineers Chair John Klanchesser, Fire Engineer Ann Hyland Hebert, Finance Director Sheryl Bagley, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

M. Marconi moved to enter a nonpublic session at 4:00pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel. B. Blonigen seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, B. Blonigen-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor.

M. Marconi moved to return to public session at 5:01pm, seconded by B. Blonigen. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi-Yes, B. Blonigen-Yes, T. Connors-Yes. All were in favor.

M. Marconi moved to seal the minutes indefinitely. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: T. Connors-Yes, B. Blonigen-Yes, M. Marconi-Yes. All were in favor.

**NH Air National Guard Colonel William Davis and Captain Brian Burns-
Introductions:**

B. Blonigen and W. Davis had some conversations about the Town of Newington and the NH Air National Guard relationship and thought it would be a good idea to come to a meeting to facilitate better communications because the NH Air National Guard is in Newington. Everyone is looking forward to a better relationship. T. Connors said that he is very pleased that this meeting is taking place. T. Connors asked that the Guard provide the Town a picture of the "Spirit of Newington" that could be displayed in the Town Hall. W. Davis said he would make it happen. B. Blonigen asked to get updates on the "Spirit of Newington" that could be shared with residents through the town newsletter. M. Marconi said that the Guard is a good neighbor and really appreciates them. W. Davis said that the Guard was growing a lot, two new cargo facilities are coming on board. T. Connors thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of January 10th, 2022. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifests of \$552,557.28 dated 12/23/2021, \$97,395.03 dated 12/30/2021, \$93,359.97 dated 1/6/2022 and \$151,866.30 dated 1/13/2022.

Planning Board Road Name Recommendation-"Shipwright Way"-Shackford Subdivision:

M. Roy referred to an email that the Town Planner John Krebs sent to the Board letting them know that the Planning Board recommended that Shipwright Way be the road name for the Shackford subdivision main road. The name is historic because the property and the Shackford Family was part of the ship building business in Newington. **B. Blonigen moved to approve the street name "Shipwright Way" for the Shackford subdivision. M. Marconi seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Police Detail Revenue Fund Warrant Article Recommendation:

The Board received a warrant article from the Police Department asking that their detail revenues not be put into the general fund and instead be put into another fund that can be used to purchase cruisers and other equipment for the department. All funds would be managed by the Board of Selectmen. M. Roy said that the Fire Department requested a similar warrant article in 2014 and it was voted down at Town Meeting. B. Blonigen said that he had no issue with the warrant article for the revolving fund because no money would stay at the Police department, the Finance Director would be managing the funds. M. Marconi doesn't feel comfortable if there aren't specific items that the money can be spent on. **B. Blonigen moved to recommend the warrant article because the Board of Selectmen still have control of the funds. The funds will just now be earmarked for the Police department. The motion was not seconded. M. Marconi moved to not recommend the Police Department revolving fund warrant article because the funds should stay centrally located and remain consistent. T. Connors seconded the motion. T. Connors and M. Marconi were in favor, B. Blonigen was opposed. The motion passes.**

Police Explosives Detection K9 Fund Continuation:

M. Roy explained that this warrant article will to be included in the town warrant this year. She requested that the Selectmen vote to continue the fund until town meeting votes in March. **M. Marconi moved to continue the Explosives K9 Trust Fund for the 2022. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Library Building Cap Reserve Warrant Article Project Details and Recommendation:

The Library Trustees have submitted a warrant article for \$20,000 for their building fund. P. Welch explained that the library's roof, furnaces (5) and air conditioning coils are seven years old and have a life of somewhere between 15-20 years old. P. Welch said that they are trying to accumulate funds over the next several years so there is money to replace these items when it is needed. T. Connors expressed concern that the building is only seven years old. P. Welch is going to do more research to find out the

current condition and the life expectancy of the furnaces and the air conditioning coils. He is hoping to find out that they will last 25 years. B. Blonigen asked if they have thought of trying to consolidate the five furnaces. P. Welch said that it would be very complicated because the revised duct work would cost a fortune. M. Marconi said that a study should be done to understand the future costs. **M. Marconi moved to recommend the Library Building Cap Reserve Warrant Article for \$20,000. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Petition Warrant Article for Playground Equipment at the Old Town Hall
Playground for \$25,000:**

M. Roy reviewed the Recreation Committee minutes and it seems that they did not specifically recommend this warrant article, however many of the members did sign the petition. **M. Marconi moved to recommend the petition warrant article for the playground equipment for \$25,000. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. B. Blonigen** did not understand why this item wasn't included in the recreation department's budget. **M. Marconi withdrew his motion. B. Blonigen withdrew his second. M. Marconi moved to not recommend the petition warrant article for the playground equipment for \$25,000. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

M. Marconi expressed his concern about the recent news that there could be potential "brown outs or black outs" due to games the New England suppliers are playing. M. Marconi would like to have a letter sent to the Governor about this issue and the fact that Newington has a power plant that isn't being used at 100% that could be used to generate needed power.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:43pm. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder