

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 3rd, 2023

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Vice-Chair Bob Blonigen, Selectman Brandon Arsenault, Building Inspector Jeremy Boston, Fire Engineer Ann Hyland Hebert, Resident David Obertanec, and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

T. Connors thanked Building Inspector Jeremy Boston for his work and dedication to the Town during the storm on December 23rd and 24th. J. Boston saved the Town a lot of money with his efforts and did a great job.

Minutes Approval: B. Blonigen moved to approve the minutes of December 19th, 2022. T. Connors seconded the motion. B. Arsenault abstained. All others in favor.

Manifest Approval: B. Blonigen moved to approve the manifest for \$94,501.98 dated 12/22/2022 and \$103,371.88 dated 12/19/22. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

Recreation Committee-Library-Mondays in Jan, Feb & March-Walking Club
The Board said that they don't have to approve an event at the Library. E. Boy said that it is just a courtesy to let the Board know of the event. B. Blonigen thanked the Recreation Committee for letting the Board know about the event.

B. Arsenault moved to approve the following requests:

Recreation Committee-TH-Feb 10th, 11th & 12th, 2023-Sock Hop
Wendy Sweeney-TH-January 4th, 2023-Funeral Reception
2023 Margarita Half Marathon-4/30/23

B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2022 Encumbrances:

Highway Resurfacing-Bourassa-\$55,526. B. Blonigen said that they are not happy with the Nimble Hill Road's first coat. He would like to have Altus Engineering inspect the work to be done in 2023 before any payment is made. **B. Arsenault moved to approve the Highway Resurfacing encumbrance for Bourassa for \$55,526, contingent upon keeping a 25% retainage when completed and subject to Altus Engineering review before payout. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

- Highway Crack Sealing-Connecticut Sealcoating-\$35,427. **B. Arsenault moved to approve the Highway Crack Sealing encumbrance for Connecticut Sealcoating for \$35,427. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- Care of Trees-Knowles Tree Service-\$3,500. J. Boston said that this work was completed today. **B. Arsenault moved to approve the Care of Trees encumbrance for \$3,500. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- Fire Department Truck Gear-NEVO-\$2,800. B. Blonigen said that P. Moynihan saved the Town a lot of money by picking up the truck and driving it back. A. Hyland Hebert said that the Fire Department is repurposing equipment from the old command car for the new truck. **B. Arsenault moved to approve the Fire Department truck gear encumbrance for \$2,800. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- Police-Access System-A&B Lock & Security-\$4,395. B. Blonigen would like to see other buildings in Town have the same access system. **B. Arsenault moved to approve the Police Station access system encumbrance for \$4,395. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- HDC-Stone School-Mae Williams-\$3,000. **B. Arsenault moved to approve the HDC-Stone School-Mae Williams encumbrance for \$3,000. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- HDC-Stone School-Misiaszek Turpin, PLLC-\$2858.75. **B. Arsenault moved to approve the HDC-Stone School Misiaszel Turpin, PLLC encumbrance for \$2,858.75. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

David Obertanec-Fire & Building Inspection Fees:

D. Obertanec wrote a letter to the Selectmen about the fees that he had to pay to the Town to change his oil furnace to propane. D. Obertanec thought the fees were too high for such a small project. He had to pay fees to the Town and the Fire Department. D. Obertanec thought that there should be better communication between the Building Inspector and the Fire Department and they should have software that talks to each other. T. Connors suggested that the building inspector and the fire department get together to figure out the fees so that they don't overlap. B. Arsenault said that he doesn't think that residents should have to pay for permit fees, it is just another tax they pay. J. Boston looked at the fees of the surrounding towns and found out that Newington's fees are right in the middle of the pack. T. Connors asked that J. Boston put together a report about the other towns' fees and his recommendation for Newington's fees. **B. Bloingen moved to refund David Obertanec \$150.00 for the Fire Department fees that he paid. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Sale of Town Land:

B. Arsenault moved to ask M. Roy to put the Town Land out to bid with a minimum bid of \$50,000. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recommended Old Parsonage Heating Protocol-J. Boston:

J. Boston recommends heating the Old Parsonage only when there is a meeting or function at that location or if there are items being stored in the building before a meeting that may freeze. If there is a meeting there, then someone can go ahead of the meeting and turn on the heat. Other buildings in town have a minimum heat of 60 degrees because there are water lines in the buildings that might freeze. There are no water lines in the Old Parsonage. **It was the consensus of the Board to adopt J. Boston's recommendation for heating and cooling the Old Parsonage.**

Library First Quarter Funds Request:

This item was postponed.

David Turbide-Library Trustee Resignation:

B. Arsenault moved to accept the resignation of Library Trustee David Turbide. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Board asked M. Roy to send a letter thanking D. Turbide for his service to the Town.

B. Blonigen said that the Wing Commander will be at the January 23rd meeting to present the Board with the photo of the "Spirit of Newington".

Adjournment: B. Arsenault moved to adjourn at 6:15pm. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder