

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Monday December 27th, 2021

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Bob Blonigen, Residents Mark Phillips and David Anderson via Zoom, Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert, Fire Engineer Ann Hyland Hebert and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

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

T. Connors opened the public hearing. The public hearing is to receive public input on the sale of town land, Tax Map 19, Lot 2.

This is the second public hearing on the sale of this land. The first public hearing was on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Board of Selectmen will make a decision about this in the next couple of weeks.

T. Connors explained that there will be no action taken tonight, only public comments.

T. Connors asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor.

Mark Phillips spoke in favor of the sale of this land.

David Anderson spoke in favor of the sale of the land. D. Anderson said that he is interested in moving his business to Newington and this sale of land would make it possible.

T. Connors asked if anyone wanted to speak against the acceptance, there were none.

All public input from both public hearings will be taken into consideration when the Board is making their decision.

T. Connors closed the public hearing at 5:06pm.

**2021 Encumbrances:**

M. Roy reviewed the 2021 encumbrances with the Board. They are listed below.

Budget Line	Vendor	Amount	Information
Planning-Master Plan	John Krebs	\$6,000	Capital Improvement Plan
Highway Culverts	Bourassa Construction	\$4,500	Regrade Hannah Lane Culvert
Capital Outlay-Fire Truck	MacMulkin Chevrolet	\$31,693	2021 Silverado
Capital Outlay-Fire Truck	Two Way	\$2,380	Outfitting for Pick Up Truck
Old Town Hall	Insurcomm, Inc	\$11,836.80	Painting
Meeting House	Insurcomm, Inc	\$1,382.40	Painting
Town Hall Capital Outlay- Cyber Security	Insurcomm, Inc  The Atom Group	\$3,283.20  \$3,400.	Painting Cyber Security Analysis

**M. Marconi moved to encumber the list of funds. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Vacation Buy Back Budget Line:**

M. Roy asked that the board put \$1 in the Fire Department, Police Department, Library and Code Enforcement vacation buy back budget lines. Vacation Buy Back is a new proposed policy to pay eligible employees for unused vacation. This is expected to reduce the overtime budget lines. Having \$1 in the budget line will allow funds to be taken from there once a final decision is made.

**M. Marconi moved to add \$1 to the vacation buy back budget lines of the four departments; Fire Department, Police Department, Library and Code Enforcement. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

The Board discussed the current Covid-19 situation. The Board has been in contact with the Town's Emergency Management Team, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief and the Health Officer, and they recommend that masks be required in all town buildings.

**M. Marconi moved to require masks in all town buildings. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

B. Blonigen would like to revisit getting purifiers for the Fire Station, Police Station and the Town Hall. M. Roy said she will make it a priority.

**Revised Police Budget:**

The Police Department has submitted a new 2022 budget for \$1,934,583 which is \$12,000 less than their previous budget. The decrease is due to different health insurance and buyout options being chosen by employees. **M. Marconi moved to accept the 2022 Police budget for \$1,934,583. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**HealthTrust Surplus:**

M. Roy said that 68% of the surplus went back into the General Fund and 32% will be distributed to employees and retirees in the next week.

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:15pm. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy Recorder