

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 8th, 2021

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Bob Blonigen, Police Chief Mike Bilodeau, Police Captain Brandon Smart, Fire Chief EJ Hoyt, 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 11:03am. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2022 Budget Review:

Executive Office:

The 2022 budget is \$1,020 more than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Executive Office 2022 budget of \$323,666. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Election, Registration:

The 2022 budget is 11,815 more than the 2021 budget. This budget increased because there are 3 elections in 2022 compared to only one in 2021.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Elections/Registration 2022 budget of \$19,664. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk:

The 2022 budget is \$15,803 more than the 2021 budget. The 2022 reflects the full effect of the new position added to the department.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Tax Collector/Town Clerk 2022 budget of \$111,397. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Finance and Assessing:

The 2022 budget is \$1,324 more than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Finance and Assessing 2022 budget of \$137,236. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Legal:

The 2022 budget is \$15,000 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Legal 2022 budget of \$80,000. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Planning Board:

The 2022 budget is the same as 2021.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Planning Board 2022 budget of \$171,865. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Town Buildings Administration:

The 2022 budget is \$16,322 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Town Buildings Administration 2022 budget of \$19,501. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Town Hall:

The 2022 budget is \$12,306 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Town Hall 2022 budget of \$27,500. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Town Garage:

The 2022 budget is \$8,000 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Town Garage 2022 budget of \$15,170. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Town Hall:

The 2022 budget is \$10,370 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Old Town Hall 2022 budget of \$11,955. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting House:

The 2022 budget is \$3,827 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Meeting House 2022 budget of \$5,600. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fire Station:

The 2022 budget is \$13,877 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Fire Station 2022 budget of \$27,950. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Police Station:

The 2022 budget is \$29,000 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Police Station 2022 budget of \$23,700. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Stone School:

The 2022 budget is \$4,500 less than the 2021 budget. The Building Inspector has said that front steps need to be repaired. S. Bagley said that the repair is budgeted in 2022. B. Blonigen is concerned about the hole in the back of the Stone School that needs to be repaired.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Stone School 2022 budget of \$1,350. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Parsonage:

The 2022 budget is \$125 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Old Parsonage 2022 budget of \$4,920. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Cemetery:

The Board already voted on the Cemetery budget at a previous meeting.

Insurance:

The 2022 budget is \$3,607 more than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Insurance 2022 budget of \$286,158. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Regional Associations:

The 2022 budget is \$4,721 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Regional Associations 2022 budget of \$39,610. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Police Department:

The 2022 budget is \$1,927,499 more than the 2021 budget. The increase is due to increased health insurance costs for the selected plans and the NHRS contributions.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Police Department 2022 budget of \$1,927,499. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fire Department:

The 2022 budget is \$15,655 more than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Fire Department 2022 budget of \$1,884,790. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Code Enforcement:

The 2022 budget is \$17,620 more than the 2021 budget. The increase is due to a new health plan selected.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Code Enforcement 2022 budget of \$154,676. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Emergency Management:

The 2022 budget is \$819 more than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Emergency Management 2022 budget of \$19,893.

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

Highway Department:

The 2022 budget is \$316 less than the 2021 budget. M. Roy asked the Board to pick the paving projects for 2022. The Board felt that the paving of Nimble Hill Road to Little Bay Road and Little Bay Road from Gundalow to Fox Point Road are the two priorities. B. Blonigen would like to see the dip on McIntyre Road fixed and the bump on Nimble Hill Road, by Fisher Scientific, that Portsmouth Water left after a water break. E. Hoyt asked if Portsmouth is going to finish the work on Arboretum Road in 2022. The Board will add this question to their list for their meeting with the Mayor of Portsmouth.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Highway Department 2022 budget of \$554,098. B.

Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Street Lighting:

The 2022 budget is \$2,440 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Street Lighting 2022 budget of \$14,060. B.

Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Transfer Station-Collection:

The 2022 budget is \$6,271 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Transfer Station-Collection 2022 budget of \$86,076.

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

Residential Waste Collection:

The 2022 budget is \$68 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Residential Waste Collection 2022 budget of \$93,368. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Pest Control:

The 2022 budget is \$1,525 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Pest Control 2022 budget of \$30,725. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Health:

The 2022 budget is the same as the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Health 2022 budget of \$1. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Welfare-Direct Assistance:

The 2022 budget is \$9,000 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Welfare-Direct Assistance 2022 budget of \$1,000. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recreation Committee:

The Board already voted on the Recreation Committee budget at a previous meeting.

Land Management:

The 2022 budget is \$3,658 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Land Management 2022 budget of \$62,643. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Langdon Library:

The 2022 budget is \$4,755 more than the 2021 budget. The Board already voted on the Langdon Library budget at a previous meeting. B. Blonigen would like to know what expenses make up the operating expenses budget line of \$30,700. The Library is going before the Budget Committee tonight. B. Blonigen will ask his question then.

Historic District Commission:

The 2022 budget is \$10,536 more than the 2021 budget.

The HDC has requested that the grant expense line be increased by \$2,000. The budget committee approved an HDC budget of \$16,568.

B. Blonigen moved to make sure that if the HDC doesn't get a grant the money goes back into the general fund. M. Marconi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Historic District Commission 2022 budget of \$15,336. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Conservation Commission:

The 2022 budget is \$324 more than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Conservation Commission 2022 budget of \$8,842.

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

Economic Development:

The 2022 budget is \$34 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Economic Development 2022 budget of \$14,610. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Debt Service:

The 2022 budget is \$83,671 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Debt Service 2022 budget of \$27,673. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Capital Outlay:

The 2022 budget is \$14,910 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Capital Outlay 2022 budget of \$77,590. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sewer:

The 2022 budget is \$264,501 more than the 2021 budget. The increase is due to the bond issue for the pipes and the mandated EPA testing.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Sewer 2022 budget of \$1,582,929. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Capital Reserve:

The 2022 budget is \$99,500 less than the 2021 budget.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Capital Reserve 2022 budget of \$397,500. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 11:43am. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder