

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Co-Dock Masters; Chip Taccetta and Peter Welch, Residents: Matt Cardin, Emily Savinelli, Jack O'Reilly, Chris Cross, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 4:59pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:**

K. Latchaw moved to approve the minutes of February 3rd and February 11th, 2020.

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$428,188.76 dated 2/4/2020 and \$112,110.72 dated 2/11/2020. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Facility Use Request:**

K. Latchaw moved to approve the following requests.

Fire Department-Town Hall-February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020-Training

Mike Patenaude-Fox Point-June 13<sup>th</sup>-Wedding

John Newick-Old Town Hall-April 4<sup>th</sup>-Meeting

Peter Latchaw-Fox Point-August 15<sup>th</sup>-Wedding

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Fox Point Dock Discussion:**

T. Connors explained that one of the wonderful features of living in Newington is the public dock at Fox Point. T. Connors has had a mooring off Fox Point since the early 80s and has used the public dock since then. In general, there have been very few issues.

Dock Master, Chip Taccetta, explained that there have been some issues lately and he would welcome some help as the dockmaster. Peter Welch has volunteered to be the co-dockmaster with C. Taccetta. The kayak racks have helped alleviate the crowded dock, but residents have requested more racks. There are concerns about nonresidents and commercial businesses using the dock. C. Taccetta would like to see the town issue a small tag or sticker to identify the dingy owners when there is an issue. It will also identify the nonresidents. C. Taccetta showed the Board a draft of the Fox Point Rules and Regulations. C. Taccetta and P. Welch discussed some issues that should be addressed. Residents should be required to have insurance, both liability and pollution, when they purchase their dock sticker at the Town Hall. They should also sign a release of liability. The walkway washes out during rainstorms and needs to be fixed. Fox Point should be posted as "pass at your own risk". The rules and regulations list needs to be posted at the dock.

K. Latchaw asked if the Coast Guard came all the way up to Fox Point. C. Taccetta explained that the Coast Guard goes all the way up to Adams Point. The Marine Patrol comes up too. K. Latchaw thanked both C. Taccetta and Peter Welch for their efforts on behalf of the town and suggested that they meet with the Police Chief to review the rules of the Fox Point dock.

M. Cardin liked the idea of yearly stickers for the dinghies.

People should be required to get a sticker for their kayaks and sail boats.

The Police phone number should be added to the bottom of the Fox Point Dock rules and regulations.

#### **Jack O'Reilly Election Discussion:**

J. O'Reilly had just attended a moderator training session and reported that it was the best training he had ever gone to. All three Selectmen had to be at the Town Hall during the Presidential Primary, but they do not have to be at the Town Hall the entire time during the town elections. T. Connors said that at least one member of the Board of Selectmen will be at the Town Hall during the town elections. J. O'Reilly wanted to make sure that the town attorney would be at the Town Meeting during the business part of the meeting. M. Roy replied that the town attorney will be there. J. O'Reilly wanted to make sure there was someone monitoring the 10% rule. M. Roy said that Finance Director Cindy Saklad would be monitoring the numbers. Town Meeting can be delayed a week due to weather. Residents can't register to vote on the Saturday of Town Meeting. They would have to register on the previous Tuesday during the town elections. J. O'Reilly explained that residents can ask for a warrant article to be reconsidered after the original vote is taken. T. Connors asked J. O'Reilly to make sure he explains this to the people at the town meeting. J. O'Reilly reminded everyone that political shirts, buttons, hats, stickers etc. are not allowed in the polling place.

#### **Christopher Cross:**

C. Cross wanted to come before the Selectmen to talk about housing. C. Cross said that he has been on the Planning Board for over 25 years and attends many meetings in Concord about expanding housing in NH and has a lot of information on the subject. T. Connors explained that the housing issue is currently in front of the Planning Board. The Selectmen are still studying the housing issue. When the research is completed the Board will get together with the Planning Board and will address the issue. K. Latchaw wanted to make sure that C. Cross understood that the Board of Selectmen are not opposed to workforce housing, they are in favor of it.

#### **Red Pointy Company Dog Event at the Old Town Hall:**

The Town Hall has received a request from a private company to rent the Old Town Hall. A resident would sponsor the event. There will be leashed dogs at the event. K. Latchaw wanted to make sure that the owners would clean up after the dogs and all the

dogs should be up to date on all their shots. The fee for a business to rent the Old Town hall is \$300.

**1997 International Plow Truck Bids:**

The Board received two bids for the 1997 plow truck. One from Asian Auto Services for \$3,632.12 and one from Matt Scruton for \$1,227.50. **K. Latchaw moved to accept the bid from Asian Auto Services for \$3,632.12. T. Connors seconded the motion.**

**Frink Farm/Hannah Lane Drainage Update:**

Ken Latchaw, John Frink and Town Engineer, Eric Weinrieb walked the Hannah Lane property last week to review the drainage issues. T. Connors would like an outside company to do the work. K. Latchaw thought the Highway crew could do the work. T. Connors asked M. Roy to get a couple of bids for the work and then a decision will be made.

**Planning Board Over Expenditure:**

**K. Latchaw moved to approve the Planning Board over expenditure of it's 2019 budget by \$440.81. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Adjournment: K. Latchaw moved to adjourn at 5:54pm. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy, Recorder