

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday March 21st, 2022

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman, Selectman Bob Blonigen, Selectman Brandon Arsenault, Building Inspector Steven Paquin, Fire Chief EJ Hoyt, Board of Fire Engineer Chair John Klanchesser, Fire Engineer Ann Hyland Hebert, Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert, Planning Board Member Jim Weiner, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: B. Blonigen moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2022 and March 7, 2022. T. Connors seconded the motion. B. Blonigen and T. Connors approved and B. Arsenault abstained. B. Blonigen moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Manifest Approval: B. Blonigen moved to approve the manifests for \$492,391.97 dated 3/10/2022 and \$20,573.71 dated 3/17/2022. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

B. Blonigen moved to approve the following facility use request:
Jennifer Smith-Town Hall-April 30th-Baby Shower
B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in Favor.

Steven Paquin-Building Inspector:

Indoor Air Quality-Town Buildings-

The Board of Selectmen asked S. Paquin to look into reviewing the air quality in the town buildings. There are many elements that need to be in harmonization to have well performing buildings. These elements are; the building enclosure, the inhabitants, the building services, the site (landscape and infrastructure) and the external environment. S. Paquin reviewed five indoor air quality control strategies; 1. Source Control, 2. Ventilation, 3. Filtration, 4. Humidity Control and 5. Purification. If one part of the system is broken then the system can't work properly. S. Paquin recommended that the Selectmen hire a company to do a "building study" to find out how to resolve the problems. B. Blonigen thought that it was important to fix the problem the right way. B. Blonigen thought that there might be some federal grant money to pay for the project. B. Arsenault asked if it was a grant or a cost share. B. Blonigen said that the town had received half the grant money in 2021 and will receiving the second half in

2022. M. Roy said that approximately \$42,000 had been received in 2021. B. Blonigen asked S. Paquin to find out how much the building evaluation would cost.

Solar Fields or Buildings Array Discussion-

S. Paquin said that the town spends \$50,000 on electricity in the town buildings. He has met with Revision Energy and said that the town can rent the solar panels for \$1 each year for five years. The town can buy the panels after five years. The panels can be put on buildings or on land. Revision Energy looked around town for areas where the panels could go. The land has to be near three phase electricity. The panels have a life span of 150 years. T. Connors said that the board looks forward to the proposals.

Legislative Update-

House Bill 1014 to establish requirements for remote access to public meetings was tabled.

House Bill 1021 to prohibit the regulation of religious land use based on the religious nature of the assembly or speech taking place on the land or in the structure passed.

Senate Bill 400-FN to make changes to the training and procedures for zoning and planning boards offered by the office of planning and development. The bill creates incentives and establishes requirements for workforce housing and affordable housing development. The bill also revises the time frames for planning board consideration of applications and establishes the NH housing champion certification program passed.

House Bill 1033-FN-LOCAL to prohibit the recipient of a grant or appropriation of county, municipal, school district, or village district funds from using such funds to engage in lobbying activities was tabled.

B. Blonigen asked S. Paquin to look at the Old Town Hall and the Town Hall auditorium and evaluate how these areas need to be heated when there isn't anyone in them. S. Paquin said that turning the heat up and down doesn't save energy, but he will look for a happy medium.

Shattuck Way Flooding Update:

B. Blonigen walked the Shattuck Way flooding area. Town Engineer Eric Weinrieb explained the problems and why the flooding was happening. When the State expanded the Spaulding Turnpike, they calculated the drainage based a 5X5 box culvert, however the box culvert has standing water in it half way up, so the calculation should have been done on a culvert half that size. The Board will reapproach the NH DOT and point out the miscalculation. T. Connors said that the Board will wait until they hear from the State and then have a follow up meeting.

Wilcox Way-Hold Harmless Agreement:

M. Roy explained that during the construction of Wilcox Way part of the retaining wall ended up in the town's right of way. The hold harmless agreement was drafted by Town legal counsel, John Ratigan. Jim Teetzel has already signed the agreement. A. Hyland Hebert asked how much of the wall was in the town's right of way. D. Hebert

said a couple of feet. **B. Blonigen moved to approve and sign the Hold Harmless agreement for Wilcox Way. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Fire Fighters IAFF-Contract Ratification:

The contract warrant article was approved at Town Meeting; the Board of Fire Engineers recommend this contract. **B. Blonigen moved to approve the contract, with corrections. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Fabyan Point Road Subdivision Release of Notice of Restriction of Lot Transfer:

The Board of Selectmen signed a notice of restriction of lot transfer on the Fabyan Point Road in 2016 that now needs to be released because the road has been completed and accepted by the Town. **B. Blonigen moved to approve the release of the notice of restriction for Fabyan Point Road and authorize the Chair to sign the release. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Grounds Care RFP Review:

The Board received one bid, it was from JLG Landscaping for \$14,900 in 2022, \$15,645 in 2023 and \$15,645 in 2024. B. Blonigen said he would like to read the bid before making a decision. This item was tabled until a future meeting. J. Weiner said that he thought the town should have a performance guarantee in contracts going forward.

Adjournment: B. Arsenault moved to adjourn at 6:07pm. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder

