

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday March 7th, 2022

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman, Selectman Bob Blonigen, Selectman Mike Marconi, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Laura Coleman, Deputy Town Clerk Doreen Caradonna, Board of Fire Engineer Chair John Klanchesser, Fire Engineer Ann Hyland Hebert, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 4:01pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

M. Marconi moved to enter a nonpublic session at 4:01pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (a& e). **B. Blonigen** seconded the motion and **T. Connors** asked for a roll call vote: **M. Marconi- Yes, B. Blonigen-Yes, T. Connors-Yes.** All were in favor.

M. Marconi moved to return to public session at 4:59pm, seconded by **B. Blonigen**. **T. Connors** asked for a roll call vote: **M. Marconi-Yes, B. Blonigen-Yes, T. Connors-Yes.** All were in favor.

M. Marconi moved to seal the minutes indefinitely. **B. Blonigen** seconded the motion. **T. Connors** asked for a roll call vote: **T. Connors-Yes, B. Blonigen-Yes, M. Marconi-Yes.** All were in favor.

Minutes Approval: **M. Marconi** moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022. **B. Blonigen** seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Manifest Approval: **B. Blonigen** moved to approve the manifests for \$92,126.84 dated 2/24/2022 and \$130,797.50 dated 3/3/2022. **M. Marconi** seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following facility use requests:

Recreation Committee-Old Town Hall Field-April 8th-10th-Egg Hunt

Portsmouth Little League-School Ball Field-March 21st-June 24th-5pm-8pm-Practice

Paul Roy-Fox Point-April 17th-Family Lunch

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

Laura Coleman and Doreen Caradonna-Town Clerk/Tax Collector & Deputy Positions:

M. Roy read a letter to the Selectmen from Laura Coleman that stated that she was resigning her position and recommending that they appoint Doreen Caradonna as her replacement. L. Coleman will remain in a supportive position to the office. **M. Marconi**

moved to appoint Doreen Caradonna to the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector until the elections in 2023. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

T. Connors thanked Laura for her many years of service to the town and wished Doreen good luck in her new position. M. Marconi said that they were good partners and it was a good idea to just change chairs.

Sale of Town Land, Ta Map 19, Lot 2:

M. Roy said that Mark Philips is no longer interested in buying this lot. B. Blonigen thought that it should be put back out to bid. It was a consensus of the board to put Lot #A back out to bid and to wait put Lot #B out to bid until Lot #A is sold.

Review of Budget and Warrant Articles:

M. Roy said that the Selectmen's packets for Town Meeting will be available on Tuesday afternoon.

Waste Pick Up on Fridays:

Residential waste pick up will no longer be on Wednesdays, it will be picked up on Friday. M. Roy will make up flyers announcing this change that will be given out at Tuesday's election, the Transfer Station on Wednesday and the Library.

GOFERR Grant-Fire Department:

- 1. Structural Fire Fighting Gear Dryer-\$10,491**
- 2. SCBA/N95 Mask Fit Tester-\$9,912**

The Town's share of these expenses will be \$2,000. M. Roy said that this money will be taken out of the capital reserve account, the same as the other grants.

M. Marconi moved to apply, accept and expend the two Fire Department GOFERR Grants; Structural Fire Fighting Gear Dryer Grant and the SCBA/N95 Mask Fit Tester Grant. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

BOEM Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Appointment:

T. Connors would like to appoint Mike Donahue to Newington's seat on this task force. B. Blonigen thought that Newington was getting another seat of the task force in addition to the current Selectmen's seat. T. Connors said that Newington was denied the second seat. B. Blonigen said that he thought that a Selectmen should be in that seat and he would be willing to attend these meetings along with Mike Donahue. M. Donahue could be an alternate or back up to the Selectmen's seat. The Board agreed with this.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:11pm. B. Blonigen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder