

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 12th, 2021

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Bob Blonigen, Recreation Committee Co-Chairs; Laura Stone and Rebecca Navelski, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recreation Committee Summer Program:**

L. Stone and R. Navelski told the Board of Selectmen that the YMCA informed them that they won't be doing the summer camp in 2021 due to Covid-19. However, they explained that there are several options for Newington residents, including Camp Gundalow or a summer camp in Newington run by the town instead of the YMCA. L. Stone voiced concern that if Newington residents decided to go to Camp Gundalow this year, then the YMCA would just expect them to do that every year and it would be the end of a summer camp in Newington.

L. Stone and R. Navelski thought that a camp in Newington was the best idea. They reviewed a summer camp budget that includes one director and four counselors and money left over for activities. Discussion ensued about the lack of field trips, the money needed for activities and where the money would come from, the contract between parents and the camp, the cost of tuition for the summer, the number of weeks of the camp, the town's liability, advertising for positions, renting the YMCA pool for a day, adding another port-a-potty at the Old Town Hall, financial help for families that can't afford the camp and installing the air conditioners at the Old Town Hall.

The Recreation Committee is going to meet on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> to take a vote on the summer camp proposal, they just wanted to run the idea by the Board of Selectmen first.

R. Navelski said that Septemberfest has been booked for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Fox Point and the Recreation Committee is planning to show movies on Fox Point during the summer.

The Board of Selectmen concurred that they were all in support of the Recreation Committee's summer camp proposal.

**M. Marconi moved to enter a nonpublic session at 5:38pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (b & e). B. Blonigen seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: T. Connors- Yes, M. Marconi- Yes, B. Blonigen-Yes. All were in favor.**

**M. Marconi moved to return to public session at 6:25pm, seconded by B. Blonigen. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: T. Connors-Yes, M. Marconi-Yes, B. Blonigen-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, M. Marconi-Yes, B. Blonigen-Yes. All were in favor.**

The Board of Selectmen held a Zoom call with the Greenland Board of Selectmen about the Pease Development Authority Joint Representative.

Steve Smith, the chairman of the Greenland Board of Selectmen notified the Newington Selectmen that they recommended Susan B Parker as the choice for the joint position. T. Connors stated that he appreciated all of the work the Greenland board had completed, and that the Newington board would like to meet and interview Ms. Parker.

T. Connors recommended that each town be given a three year term appointment decision. This first term is Greenland's decision and the next term would be Newington's. The Greenland board agreed with this decision and it was understood that as soon as the Newington Selectmen have finished the interview, they will notify the Greenland board of their recommendation. It was discussed that the appointment will be a joint appointment by both boards simultaneously.

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:36pm. B. Blonigen seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy  
Recorder