

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 19th, 2019 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Fire Engineer, John Klanchesser, Planning Board Chair, Denis Hebert, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**M. Marconi moved to enter a nonpublic session at 5:30pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (a). K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.**

**K. Latchaw moved to return to public session, seconded by M. Marconi. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.**

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 5:58pm.

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

T. Connors called the meeting back to order at 6:01pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:**

**M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of July 1st, 2019 as amended. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor. M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of July 29th, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$240,223.63 dated 7/30/2019, \$111,807.24 dated 8/6/19 and \$16,697.11 dated 8/13/19. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Facility Use Request:**

**M. Marconi moved to approve the following request:**

Brian Short-Fox Point-August 30<sup>th</sup>-Wedding

**K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Acceptance of Eversource Funds:**

**M. Marconi moved to accept \$132,000 from Eversource for the lease payment of the Newington laydown yards. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Bike Path-Nimble Hill Road Status:**

M. Roy explained that years ago a bike path was considered along Nimble Hill Road. Some residents have asked the Board to take another look at having a bike path along Nimble Hill Road. Eric Weinrieb from Altus Engineering is finishing up the recalculation of the costs associated with the proposed bike path and should have it to the Board shortly after Labor Day.

**Bike Crossing Lights-Status:** The Board received an email from Adeline Robertson asking for the Town to consider a bike crossing light at the intersection of Fox Point Road and Nimble Hill Road. The Board would like to hear the Police Chief's thoughts on the suggestion.

**Old Fire Boat Discussion:**

The Board would like to put the old fire boat out to bid. They reviewed the posting. The ad will appear in the paper for two Saturdays and will be on the Town's website.

**Sprague Fumes Discussion:** The Town Hall has received several complaints, from Newington and Dover residents, about the smell coming from Sprague. T. Connors recommended that the Board send a letter to Sprague inviting them to a meeting to discuss the noxious fumes. T. Connors thought that it is unhealthy and unfair to residents and is concerned that Sprague is not taking the problem seriously.

**Septemberfest-Fireworks:**

T. Connors moved to approve fireworks at Septemberfest on September 14<sup>th</sup>. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor. T. Connors asked M. Roy to send a thank you to the Savinelli family. M. Marconi asked to make sure that the Fire Department is involved in the planning of the fireworks display.

**Ventilation at the Carriage House:**

K. Latchaw would like the Carriage House ventilation reviewed. He noted the basement was very moist recently. The cellar of the Carriage House needs to be vented more than it is, the moisture can cause dry rot in the floor timbers.

**Bittersweet Removal Along Shattuck Way:**

The abortive trees along Shattuck Way have bittersweet growing in them. M. Roy will notify the Highway Dept about this project.

**Cutting Fields on Fox Point-Status:**

This item will be discussed when the 2020 budget is reviewed.

**Flags in South Newington:**

This item will be discussed when the 2020 budget is reviewed.

**Repairing Paths on Fox Point:**

M. Roy explained that the paths to the shore have not been maintained by the town highway crew in the past. L. Thomas will look at the paths and get back to the Board.

**Grounds Maintenance Funding for State Land-Roundabout to Woodbury Ave.****Bridge:**

The Board asked M. Roy to send a letter to the PDA board and the DOT Commissioner asking for assistance in maintaining the plantings along the new entrance and roundabout leading into Pease.

**2020 Paving Funding:**

K. Latchaw is concerned that further funding should be appropriated for paving in next year's budget. This item will be discussed when the 2020 budget is reviewed.

M. Marconi asked about the status of the broken pipe under the fire station. M. Roy reported that Hart Plumbing had put a camera down the pipe and confirmed that the pipe is clear and not broken in either direction from the kitchen to the bathroom and kitchen to the outside system.

M. Roy received an email from Assistant Chief, EJ Hoyt, explaining that the Fire Station needs several repairs; insulation of windows and a new roof. K. Latchaw wants to make sure that maintenance items stay separate from structural issues such as a "gear cleaning room" and the bathroom upgrades.

**School Speed Limit Signs:**

The two lights are in bad condition. Both signs need to be replaced. The Building Inspector has been able to install a manual timer system until the new lights/signs arrive. The new flashing signs have been ordered, they will be solar powered.

**New Plow Truck:**

L. Thomas told the Board that HP Fairfield has promised the town that the new plow truck will be delivered by the end of September. The Board has asked that the promise be given to the Board in the form of a letter by 8/26/19. The Board would like to meet with them.

**2019 Paving Projects:**

Bell & Flynn's tentative date to begin the paving projects is September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The projects for 2019 are paving the Fire Station parking lot, paving Swan Island, repaving the intersection of Little Bay with Nimble Hill Rd and paving the first 20 feet of Hannah Lane (drainage issue).

K. Latchaw would like the estimated start time for the paving projects be included in the September newsletter.

**M. Marconi moved to enter a nonpublic session at 6:32pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (a). K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.**

**K. Latchaw moved to return to public session, seconded by M. Marconi. T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.**

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 6:52pm.

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

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:53pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy, Recorder