

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 28, 2017 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Andy Head, Fire Chief, Jeff LeDuc, Assistant Fire Chief, Darin Sabine, Deputy Fire Chief, Jim Fabrizio, -Chair, Board of Fire Engineers, Tim Field, Fire Engineer, Mike Bilodeau, Police Chief, Ken Latchaw, Police Commissioner, Dave Rimshaw, Fire Arms Expert, Rick and Dorene Stern, John Frink, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Stuart called the meeting to order at 9:00am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:** T. Connors moved to approve the minutes of December 4th, 2017. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 12/5/17 in the amount of \$513,296.47, 12/12/17 in the amount of \$1,239,989.61, 12/19/2017 in the amount of \$321,485.53 and 12/26/17 in the amount of \$50,939.41. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Fire Department Expenditure Request and Over Expenditure Request:**

Chief Head asked to over expend the fire equipment line in order to purchase 6 mobile radios. The cost is \$16,476. This is a 50% savings off the regular price.

**T. Connors moved to approve the purchase of the radios. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Chief Head also asked to over expend the SCBA expense line by \$5,000. This \$5,000 expense is offset by a Georgia-Pacific grant. **M. Marconi moved to approve the over expenditure of the SCBA expense line by \$5,000. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Police Department Expenditure Request and Over Expenditure Request:**

Chief Bilodeau presented additional expenditures for the 2017 budget:

**Purchase of 15 rifles for \$22,139.25.**

**Two lockers for \$1,632**

**One Gun locker for \$1,618**

**New Radar Equipment for \$2,700**

**One Patrol Computer for \$3,090**

**File cabinets for \$768**

One vertical cabinet \$520  
Radar units for 4 patrol vehicles for \$11,100  
Three cruiser patrol radios for \$4,476

Discussion ensued about the number of rifles needed. J. Stuart asked if each officer needed a rifle. Chief Bilodeau explained that the old rifles could be sold for \$4,500. Discussion ensued about the difference between shot guns and rifles, and the age and accuracy of the current radar equipment.

**T. Connors moved to approve the following 2017 additional expenses; 10 rifles for \$15,000, one locker for \$816, one patrol computer for \$2,734 and radar units for 4 patrol vehicles for \$11,100, for a total of \$29,650. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**T. Connors moved to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a & d), meeting at 10:34am. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.**

**The Board returned from the nonpublic meeting at 10:42am. M. Marconi moved to seal the nonpublic minutes indefinitely. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.**

**Facility Use Request:**

**T. Connors moved to approve the following Facility Use Requests:**

Fire Department-Old Town Hall-1/17/18 -Department Meeting  
Newington Congregational Church-TH-3/24, 4/21, 5/19, 9/22 and 10/20/18-  
Church Suppers

**M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Selectman's Request-Planet Fitness Reimbursement:** M. Marconi asked if the Town could pay his \$40 Planet Fitness registration fee out of the voucher program. J. Stuart explained that the voucher program was a reimbursement for the difference between the "resident" rate and the "nonresident" rate. Planet Fitness has the same rate for everyone. She also stated that the town has never paid funds to a private gym. T. Connors was concerned that this could be a large expense when offered to the whole town.

**Tax Prepayments:** Laura Coleman has requested that the Selectmen allow residents to prepay their 2018 taxes. **T. Connors moved to allow residents to prepay their 2018 taxes in accordance with NH RSA 80:52 A. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Storage Building at Fox Point:** J. Stuart expressed concern that the siding on the chicken coop is not the color that was contracted for. The invoice stated that the siding is blue gray, but the siding on the building is beige.

M. Roy stated that the Building Inspector is concerned about mold and old wiring in the building. J. Stuart asked that the Building Inspector develop a memo with his recommendations for the storage building at Fox Point.

**Police Commissioners Badges:** J. Stuart stated that she was concerned that the Police Commission was purchasing Police badges for the Commission members at a cost of approximately \$150. She did not think this was necessary.

**T. Connors moved to enter into a nonpublic, RSA 91-A:3 II (c), meeting at 10:55am. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**The Board returned from the nonpublic meeting at 11:22am. M. Marconi moved to seal the nonpublic minutes indefinitely. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.**

**Adjournment:** T. Connors moved to adjourn at 11:25am. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy  
Recorder