

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 30, 2018 Town Hall

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Mike Bilodeau, Police Chief, Jeff LeDuc, Assistant Fire Chief, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Stuart called the meeting to order at 9:32am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police and Fire Capital Items-2018 Budget:

M. Roy discussed the Budget Committee's request that the Police and Fire equipment purchases be placed in the budget rather than coming out of the Capital Reserve funds. She spoke with John Lamson, Budget Committee Chair, and asked what his recommendations were for where these items should be placed in the budget. They also discussed the Planning Board definition of a capital item (over \$5,000 in value/ over 5 years of life).

Police:

J. Lamson recommended that the 3 cruiser patrol radios \$1,492 each, total cost \$4,476, be placed in Police Budget equipment purchases line. Further the Patrol PC tablet, total cost \$5,791, should be placed in Police Capital Outlay line and the Portable Radio, total cost \$2,200, should be placed in Police budget equipment purchases line.

M. Bilodeau explained that the department had to replace 2 cruiser laptops. That is why they had planned to spend down the capital reserve account.

Fire:

J. Lamson recommended that the Fire Department 10 Portable Radios, total cost \$25,000, be placed in the Fire Capital Outlay line of the budget.

T. Connors moved to approve the items listed above being charged to the suggested expense lines. The two capital reserve warrant articles will be removed from the warrant. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor

Woodbury Ave:

The Planning Board sent an email to M. Roy explaining that they would like to be briefed on Woodbury Ave. M. Roy is concerned about sidewalks being part of the agreement with the 2061 Woodbury Ave, LLC property as the town would

have to maintain/plow them. T. Connors suggested that the sidewalks be located on the company's property.

M. Roy will develop a sidewalk maintenance policy to address the issues of maintenance and plowing. The Board will send a letter to the Planning Board about their concerns. The Highway Safety Committee will meet to discuss the curb cut/egress potential safety issue.

Michael Marconi joined the meeting at 9:44am.

Chief Bilodeau thought that there should be a pedestrian crossing signal that is tied to the lights at the intersection of Woodbury and Piscataqua.

The Sewer line should also be discussed. The current line is old and there is currently a leak across the street. Both should be fixed at the same time.

M. Marconi questioned J. LeDuc about the need to buy 12 new life jackets.

J. LeDuc explained that everyone that is working within 50 feet of the water need to have a life jacket on. When they do "bridge rescues" there are many people involved and everyone needs a life jacket. M/ Marconi requested information on the cost of \$100. per life jacket. J. LeDuc will research and get back to the Board on the question.

Adjournment: T. Connors moved to adjourn at 9:59am. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder