

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 1st, 2018 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Peter Clark, Senator Shaheen's Office, Kerry Holmes, Senator Hassan's Office, Patrick Carroll, Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter's Office, State Representative, Dennis Malloy, Lulu Pickering, Rebecca Navelski, Recreation Committee, Denis Hebert, Planning Board Chair, Police Chief, Mike Bilodeau, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 4:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of September 24th, 2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifest for \$21,581.49 dated 9/25/2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Hartmann Gasoline Bid: M. Marconi moved to accept the Hartmann Oil gasoline bid for .3728 a gallon. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Storage Barn-Woodbury Ave.: Storage Barn has requested to connect to two utilities by cutting into the newly paved Woodbury Ave. The State has a 7 year moratorium on cutting into the new pavement They have stated that since the town is taking over Woodbury Ave in 2019 the Selectmen can recommend to the state that the connections be allowed. The Selectmen asked M. Roy to work with the town engineer and draft a letter to Mark Phillips, explaining that the Board has been working with the State and the City of Portsmouth to come to an agreement for all parties.

Water Contamination Concerns: It is known that the aquifer plume from the USAF Firefighting foam contamination travels from the airbase through Newington to the Bay. The Selectmen met with representatives from Senator Shaheen's and Senator Hassan's offices as well as Congresswoman Shea-Porter's office in hopes that pressure could be brought to bear on the Air Force to offer blood testing to those residents with drinking water wells that would like to participate. The representatives recommended that the Selectmen file comments to the Federal Register (see attached) expressing the point that Newington well owners and their families should be included in the National Health Study due

to known contamination in the town. T. Connors stated that Newington has not been informed about everything that is happening. Lulu Pickering asked that the results of the well testing be given to Newington residents, so decisions can be made based on facts. National Guard members are now having positive cancer results. Many Newington residents are now thinking illnesses may be connected to the contaminated water.

Seacoast Helicopters: The Selectmen discussed the helicopter noise issues with the attorneys. Residents have complained about the helicopters hovering over their homes and that further expansion and a move to the north apron of the runway would make the noise problems worse.

Economic Development Committee 2019 Budget Review: The Selectmen reviewed the budget and agreed with the lines and amounts. This is the first year for the Economic Development budget.

Recreation 2019 Budget Review: The Recreation budget has increased in 2019 by \$2,500. The increase is due to a Senior Dinner being added to their budget. K. Latchaw would like to see a 50/50 split between the town and residents for activities. The Summer camp charges \$500/child for Newington residents and \$1,000 for tuition students. The Holiday party is scheduled for 12/9/18. Fireworks will be part of the celebration.

Planning 2019 Budget Review: Denis Hebert presented the budget to the Selectmen. The 2019 budget's numbers are the same as the 2018 numbers. K. Latchaw asked why they were funding the Professional Training line when it hadn't been used in two years. D. Hebert explained that he is hoping to get two new members to the Planning Board in 2019 and they will need to be trained.

D. Hebert talked about the upcoming meeting with Eversource on Thursday October 11th, 4-7pm, 222 International Drive, Portsmouth. It is important for the townspeople to come out to show Eversource that the town cares about what they are doing. A mailing will be sent to all residents.

Police 2019 Budget Review: Police Chief Mike Bilodeau presented the budget to the Selectmen. The Police budget has increased by \$22,422 in 2019 before the COLA and health insurance increases were added. The Chief explained that the increase is due to purchasing more radar equipment for speed monitoring in town and purchasing high visibility shirts for the officers. M. Roy recommended that the chief include as much detail in the description lines in the budget, what is included and what the costs are for each item listed in the expense line.

Discussion ensued about a resident's request that a 4 way stop be placed at the intersection with Fox Point and Nimble Hill Road. The Chief recommended that a traffic study be done, by the DOT, on the intersection of Nimble Hill and Fox Point if the Selectmen are considering this. Site distance is a serious safety concern with a stop sign at this intersection.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:13pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder