

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 15th, 2018 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Fire Chief, Andy Head, Assistant Fire Chief, EJ Hoyt, Deputy Chief, Darin Sabine, Lulu Pickering, Chris Cross, Joyce and Christopher Ten Haagen, Jessica Morgan, Dana Nowell, Luanne and Jack O'Reilly, Jane Mazeau, Laura Coleman Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 3:15pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of October 1st, 2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifest for \$303,494.99 dated 10/2/2018 and \$102,494.60 dated 10/9/18. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Ladder Truck Trade: Asst. Chief EJ Hoyt explained that the current ladder truck, the 1999 Seagrave, does not have a pump or tank and only has a 250 lb tip load which means that only one firefighter can be on the end of the ladder at a time, not including a victim. The outriggers require a 17-foot width for set up. In the last two years \$10,000 has been spent on maintenance. The previous owners of this truck are willing to buy this truck back for \$290,000. The Fire Department would like to replace that truck with a 2003 E-One 95' Platform Ladder Truck for \$325,000, for a net "out of pocket" expense of \$35,000. Deputy Chief Sabine believes that there is an 8-10-year window before the Town would have to refurb the new truck. This truck comes with a 1-year warranty. Portsmouth, Dover and Rye all have E-One trucks. The service is great and there are repair centers for the E-One in Maine and MA.

The Fire Department would like a warrant article for \$100,000 going into the Capital Reserve Account in 2019.

The Board would like a meeting with the Budget Committee to discuss this proposal and make sure everyone is in agreement.

Surplus Compressor: Andy Head would like to get a brand new surplus compressor from the State. The air would have to be certified each year.

Somersworth has their own unit. The unit can be returned if there are problems with the air quality. **M. Marconi moved to approve the acquisition of the surplus compressor from the State. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Sewer Commissioner: M. Marconi moved to appoint Tom Hazelton to the Sewer Commission. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Police Station Over Expenditure Request: K. Latchaw moved to approve the Police Station over expenditure request. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Selectmen recessed the meeting at 4:01pm to enter into a non-meeting with legal counsel.

At 4:33pm the Board of Selectmen returned from the non-meeting with legal counsel.

Highway-Len Thomas:

Plow Truck Purchase: The Board discussed the purchase of a new highway plow truck. This has been discussed at Budget Committee last season. **M. Marconi moved to approve the purchase of a new 2020 HV507 SFA plow truck for \$148,887.00. with funds to be taken from the Highway vehicle capital reserve fund and contingent upon Len Thomas' inspection of the truck in person. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.** L. Thomas explained that he will use the salter that the department already has.

Woodbury Plowing Plan: The first year of plowing Woodbury Avenue (2019-2020) will be contracted out. The Highway Department will observe how plowing is completed this winter season. They will acquire plowing cost estimates for the 2019-2020 season.

Lulu Pickering and Chris Cross entered the meeting.

HDC Budget: The commission would like to remove trees in the historic district to increase air flow around the historic buildings. Primarily pines will be removed by the Old Parsonage and in front of the Stone School and Town Forest.

They would also like to get the steeple of the meeting house painted.

There is water coming into the cellar of the Old Parsonage, they would like to add gutters to fix the water problem. The Old Parsonage also needs a new cap for the chimney with a squirrel guard and a large dehumidifier.

L. Pickering told the Board of Selectmen that now is a good time to have the Pease Development Authority plant the trees on Sam Rowe Hill they have committed to. Lulu would like to work with Peggy Lamson to develop a planting plan. The Town would be responsible for watering the trees and replace any that die. Pease would provide the water bags.

Residents Joyce and Christopher Ten Haagen, Jessica Morgan, Dana Nowell, Luanne and Jack O'Reilly, Jane Mazeau and Laura Coleman entered the meeting.

T. Connors read the Dog Petition that had been signed by 56 residents and given to the Selectmen:

We, the citizens of the Town of Newington NH, petition the town to change the dog ordinance and allow dogs under control on all town properties and public rights of way, and dog owners must remove their dog waste from all town properties.

Joyce Ten Haagen asked the Selectmen to consider a compromise to the current Dog Ordinance. She would like dogs that are under control, to be allowed on all town property. Jessica Morgan added that she thought that dogs "on leash" are more aggressive than dogs that are "off lease". Jane Mazeau stated that she was the Town Clerk for fifteen years and had never received one complaint about dogs. Luanne O'Reilly would like to see dog waste stations around town. Jack O'Reilly thought people would pick up their dog's waste if there were waste stations around town. Laura Colman would like to have a warrant article at the March Town meeting.

K. Latchaw suggested that the group identify the areas in town where dogs would be allowed. T. Connors would like to hear the opinion of the School Board before opening the school grounds to dogs. He also asked the group to draft the regulations for the warrant for Town Meeting.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:54pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder