

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 2, 2017 Town Hall

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Stuart called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

J. Stuart moved to go into a nonpublic session at 5:45pm per RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.

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

M. Marconi moved to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.

Present at Public Session: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, HDC Chair, Gail Pare, HDC Members, Lulu Pickering and Chris Cross, WWTF Plant Manager, Denis Messier, Sewer Commissioners Rick Stern and Skip Cole, Cemetery Trustees; Cosmas Iocovozzi and Peggy Lamson, John Frink, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Stuart called the public meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: T. Connors moved to approve the minutes of September 18th, 2017, September 25th, 2017 and September 26th, 2017. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 9/19/17 in the amount of \$42,835.38 and 9/26/17 in the amount of \$48,682.84. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Request: M. Marconi moved to approve the following Facility Use Requests.

Rain for the Sahel and Sahara (Lee Lamson)-deRochement Room-10/29/17 from 9am-5pm, Board Meeting

UNH Marine Docents (John Lamson)-TH-12/7/17 from 9am-5pm, Holiday Party

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Mark Phillips-Town Land Purchase Request: M. Marconi moved that the Town not sell any town property at this time. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Town Hall Drainage Discussion: The Selectmen discussed the different options to repair and/or replace the auditorium floor and correct drainage at Town Hall. M. Marconi moved to accept Eric Weinrieb's recommendations as outlined in his letter dated September 29th, 2017. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor. The project will be done in two phases. M. Roy will call Quality Flooring to discuss the first phase of inside repair and then E. Weinrieb will bid out the second phase of outside repair. M. Roy will ask the school and church if they want to move their 10/21 Church Supper to the school.

Suggestion Box at Town Hall and Transfer Station: M. Marconi moved to place suggestion boxes at the Town Hall and the Transfer Station for a 30 day trial period. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant: T. Connors moved to approve going forward with the application for the grant and agreed that the Town will pay the portion of the cost of the project (\$2,000) that is not covered by the federal government. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Fire Department Over Expenditure Request for Tactical Gear Grant: M. Marconi moved to approve the over expenditure of the Fire Department for budget line 01-4220-17-681. The grant will be recorded on the revenue side of the budget. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Building Inspector Position: J. Stuart announced that Kevin Kelley has been hired as the new Building Inspector. He will be starting on October 16th. Previously he was the building inspector for the towns of Epping and North Hampton.

Hawkers and Peddlers Ordinance: T. Connors moved to accept the ordinance as presented. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Magnetic Town Seals for Vehicles: M. Marconi moved to purchase magnetic Town seals for the Building Inspector's car for identification purposes. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

COAST Bus Budget Placement: M. Marconi moved to transfer the COAST bus budget line from the Planning Department budget to the Regional Associations budget. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Economic Development Video: M. Marconi, G. Coogan and M. Roy have interviewed vendors for economic development video production. Media Wing of Portsmouth was the recommended company to use at a cost of \$14,700, to help promote the Town to potential businesses. T. Connors believes that this is very important for the Town. Newington needs to begin to heavily promote itself to future businesses. This video would be a first step. **M. Marconi moved to award video production to Media Wing as proposed. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.** M. Roy will put a notice in the Newsletter asking for volunteers for the Economic Development Committee. M. Roy will give the Selectmen an updated budget with these additional expenses added in. T. Connors would like to see the new Committee and the video launched at the same time.

Water Concerns Meeting Review: T. Connors and M. Marconi discussed the Water Concerns Meeting held due to USAF contamination of Newington ground water. They were pleased with the turnout but there is still much work to be done. The idea of hooking up all drinking water well owners to Portsmouth Water system at the USAF expense was brought forth. T. Connors is still pushing for more attention to be paid to Newington. The focus is on the quality of water in the 40 wells that have been tested, the brooks, streams and ponds. T. Connors will report back with any updates.

Fuel Bids: This item is tabled. M. Roy is still negotiating with vendors.

HDC Budget Review: The budget for 2018 is the same as 2017. Lulu Pickering put together a list of projects for the HDC to complete in the future. The Board praised Lulu for the good suggestions and saw many items on the list that could be done. T. Connors would like to review this list for inclusion in the Executive Office or Town Buildings lines.

Cemetery Budget Review: The wages budget line has increased because the Trustees believe it is time to hire a sexton. This new employee would sell the grave sites, monitor burial permits, monuments and return weekend calls. The Trustees believe that the sexton should be paid \$25/hour and would work approximately 100 hours per year. C. Iocovozzi explained that an agreement has been reached with the VFW post to place and keep American flags on veterans' plots rather than removing them after Memorial Day. The Selectmen will increase their "Patriotic Needs" budget line because new flags will need to be provided each spring.

Sewer Budget Review: D. Messier explained that they are wrapping up the end of a busy two years. Two pump stations are complete. The general construction is 88% complete and he expects the work to be 100% finished by the end of 2017.

The fire alarm system still needs to be installed. The first payment on the bond is scheduled for \$461,443 in November of 2018.

Discussion ensued about the Alley subdivision water plans, the Air Force pipeline removal, the sidewalk policy, the Highway Department staffing for winter, drug testing and physicals.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:40pm. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder