

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 24th, 2018 Town Hall

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

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

M. Marconi moved to go into a nonpublic session at 5:31pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (a and c). K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 6:00pm.

M. Marconi moved to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. K. Latchaw seconded the motion and T. Connors asked for a roll call vote: M. Marconi- Yes, K. Latchaw- Yes, T. Connors- Yes. All were in favor.

Minutes Approval: Approval of minutes was tabled until the October 29th, 2018 meeting.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifest for \$29,465.72 dated 10/16/2018 and \$87,222.26 dated 10/23/18. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

2019 Health and Dental Insurance Budget Review: M. Roy recommended to the Board to continue to offer the AB20 Health Plan (employees pay 10%), the Blue Choice Health Plan (employees pay 20%) and the Delta Dental Plan 1 for 2019. **M. Marconi moved to offer the AB20 and Blue Choice health plans as well as the Delta Dental Plan 1 for 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.** The Selectmen would like to revisit all health plan options next year.

2019 COLA Budget Review: M. Marconi moved to set the COLA rate at 3% in 2019 for nonunion workers. For Selectmen's Office, Highway and Transfer Station employees the lump sum amount of the 3% will be divided by the total number of employees and distributed as an hourly rate if approved by town meeting. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Pease Development Authority Municipal Fee: The Board discussed the previous action by the Selectmen in the 1980's in which they decided not to

provide public works or fire services to the PDA side of Newington. An agreement was drafted and signed by the Selectmen, Portsmouth and PDA officials that gave away Newington's rights to provide these services and receive revenues in return. Instead Portsmouth was allowed to provide public works and fire services to the Newington side of the Pease Development Authority land. To effect a change now the State law would need to be revised to allow Newington's side of PDA to be taken out of the Airport District of PDA and Portsmouth and PDA would have to agree to allow Newington to provide the fire and public works services. Initial conversations with the PDA Director are that they and the Board of Directors are not in favor of letting Newington provide services.

Historic District Resignation: Elaine D'Orto-Jack submitted her resignation from the Historic District Commission. **M. Marconi moved to accept Elaine D'Orto-Jack's resignation with regret. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.** M. Marconi asked M. Roy to send a letter to Elaine to thank her for her service to the Town.

Needle Cast Information Session: This item was tabled until a later date. The Federal Forestry group will be asked to attend a Selectmen's meeting in November or December.

Fire Department Commendation: K. Latchaw commended Deputy Fire Chief Darin Sabine and firefighters for providing coats, boots and food for a needy family.

November Election: The Board of Selectmen requested M, Roy contact the Town Clerk to offer her anything she needs for the upcoming November 6th elections. M. Roy reported that Laura Coleman stated she had plenty of help and is all set for the election. T. Connors and M. Roy have a meeting at 10am that day and the other Selectmen will cover the polls during that time.

Transfer Station Certification Late Fee: The Selectmen were concerned about the late fee charged to the town to certify the Transfer Station Superintendent and Assistant. The Board asked M. Roy to draft a notice that the two \$25. late fees will be charged to the Superintendent and Assistant.

Newsletter: K. Latchaw listed items for the Newsletter. They were: OshKosh sander and plow, New Highway plow truck, paving status report and roadside tree trimming and cutting.

IT Strategic Review: M. Roy reviewed the strategic goals for the Town Hall and Highway computer systems. This will be implemented in 2019 and 2020 to spread out the cost of replacement.

Recess: M. Marconi moved to recess the meeting to the deRochemont Room and Budget Committee meeting at 6:52pm K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Reconvene: The Board reconvened their meeting at 7:37pm.

Fire Ladder truck trade in: M. Marconi moved to approve the Fire Department recommendation of the trade-in of the current Seagraves Ladder truck for a 2003 E-One Ladder Truck for a net cost of \$43,800. This will be withdrawn from the Fire Dept Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:38pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder