

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Workshop Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2017 Town Hall

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Chris Cross, Planning Board Vice-Chair, Deb Zabkar, Finance Director, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Stuart called the meeting to order at 9:02pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the 2018 budget as presented which is \$250,000 more than 2017. Discussion ensued about the different ways to cut the budget to bring it down to level funding.

The following cuts were discussed:

Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve - Cut to \$50,000
Police Officer Positions - Cut one position, \$72,000
Town Hall Septic System - Cut to \$0
Engineer Services in Code Enforcement - Cut to \$5,000
Street Lighting - Cut to \$22,000
Land Management (Paving) - Cut to \$0
Ambulance Capital Reserve - Cut to \$10,000
Major Road Work Capital Reserve - Cut to \$50,000

T. Connors moved to recommend all of the budgets presented except for the cuts listed above. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Request: T. Connors moved to approve the following request.

Thomas Redden-OTH-12/9/17-Birthday Party

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Planning Board Vacancies: M. Marconi would like to see the two open seats filled. J. Stuart feels that it is a Planning Board decision. Chris Cross added that the Planning Board currently has enough members for a quorum at each meeting, so they thought that they would leave the two positions open until the March 2018 elections and let the people decide who would fill the positions.

Appointments:

T. Connors moved to appoint Michael Donahue to the Economic Development Committee. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

The appointments are now closed for the Economic Development Committee.
Port Authority Advisory Council- M. Marconi thinks that Newington should have a seat on the council. M. Roy research what the makeup of the council and how appointments are made and if there is a seat for Newington.

Building Permit Check List- T. Connors stated that the Building Inspector can make the decisions about the building permits and necessary checklists.

Discussion ensued about Fox Point and Nimble Hill Road being dug up and repaired poorly by the Portsmouth Water Department. M. Roy will call Eric Weinrieb and ask him to inspect both places.

D. Sabine offered to roadside mow McIntyre Road. This item was tabled. M. Roy will ask PDA if the yellow tape on the side of McIntyre Road by the turnoff can be removed. The Board asked for the status on the tax lien properties. M. Roy will check with the Tax Collector and report back.

Adjournment: T. Connors moved to adjourn at 10:17am. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder