

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 5th, 2018 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Luanne O'Reilly, Len Thomas, Road Agent, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 3:32pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the manifest for \$233,126.64 dated 10/30/2018 and \$32,664.52 dated 11/6/18. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Emergency Management Budget Review-EM Co-Director Mike Bilodeau:** M. Bilodeau presented the budget to the Selectmen. The salary line has an increase due to the 3% COLA increase. He would like to add a Contracted Services budget line for \$3,000. He would like to hire a grant researcher and writer, so the Town can take advantage of the federal grants that are available. The radios need to be updated. Discussion ensued about the stipends the co-directors of the Emergency Management receive. M. Marconi thought that the co-director duties should be part of the Chiefs' contracts and not separate. K. Latchaw asked if it was the same procedure in other communities. M. Roy will find out and let the Board know. M. Roy explained that the Emergency Management department is under the Board of Selectmen and separate from his regular job which is under the Police Commission.

**1999 Seagrave Sale:** M. Marconi moved to authorize Ted Connors to sign the bill of sale for the 1999 Seagrave. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Luanne O'Reilly entered the meeting.

**Tree Trimming at Fox Point-Luanne O'Reilly:** L. O'Reilly expressed her concern with the overgrowth on Fox Point. The field behind Duchess Point is overgrown. Luanne thought that the field should be "bush hogged at least twice a year to keep the over growth down". T. Connors explained that Alan Smith

was supposed to grow pumpkins and squash on that field this summer, but never did.

Len Thomas called A. Smith today and was told that he would mow the field by the end of the week.

The Board discussed hiring a company to come in and mow down the invasive species. K. Latchaw thought that areas of concern should be identified around Town and then a plan can be put in place. T. Connors suggested using some of the Fox Point Capital Reserve Fund to tackle this problem.

**Budget Review:**

Executive Office-Tabled until the next meeting

Legal-Tabled until the next meeting

Insurance-2019 numbers have increased slightly

Regional Associations-M. Marconi would like to see the Coast contribution capped at \$30,000

Street Lighting-New LED street lights were installed in 2018, which has reduced the budget needed for 2019

Residential Waste Collection-There is a 5% increase for collection in 2019.

Pest Control-Dragon Mosquito contract continues, no increase.

Welfare-Direct Assistance-Same amount as 2018

Land Management-M. Roy would like to see the "Care of Trees" expense line increased.

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 4:43pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Boy

Recorder