

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Lulu Pickering, State Representative, Dennis Malloy, John Chamberlin, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 9:00am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the manifest for \$42,085.30 dated 11/13/2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Water Concerns-Lulu Pickering:** The Board discussed the US Airforce firefighting foam contamination of town resident's drinking water wells and surface water. L. Pickering spoke to the Selectmen about the risk to deer and turkeys in Newington that drink the contaminated surface water. There have been studies in Michigan and Georgia to determine the effects of the wildlife drinking the contaminated water. Contaminates appeared in the livers and other organs, but not the flesh. There is currently no testing of deer in NH. The Selectmen would like to gather information about the well testing in Town. The Air Force won't release this information, because the wells are on private property. The Selectmen would like to send out letters to the land owners asking them to sign waivers, so the information can be released to the public. L. Pickering would like to see a public health warning issued about eating the deer in Newington.

**Budget Review:**

The 2019 budget was reviewed by the Selectmen. M. Roy explained that all the departments have submitted their budgets and the 2019 budget is currently \$600,000 more than 2018. The Selectmen are reviewing every department line by line looking for cost savings. Some of the areas of increase in 2019 are: The Assessing budget has increased by \$200,000 because 2019 is a revaluation year. Resident blood testing has been added for \$8,000. The Economic Development Committee has a budget for the first time in 2019 and that budget is \$27,000, the Capital Reserve fund warrant article for development of Wilcox Way extension, in the industrial area, is budgeted at \$300,000. Discussion ensued about areas that could be reduced in the proposed 2019 budget. The Meeting House repair

could be cut by \$10,000 per the Building Inspector. This would still allow for evaluation of the structure in 2019. The Fire Dept. budget has increased by \$100,000. The Fire Station addition to allow for a space to clean all firefighting gear is being planned in the future. There was discussion regarding the roads that needed partial or complete resurfacing.

K. Latchaw left the meeting to attend a funeral.

**Old Business:**

**Audit RFP-**The Selectmen received three responses. Bids were received from Plodzick- Sanderson, Vachon- Clukay and Melanson- Heath. C. Saklad recommended continuing with the current auditors for 2019. **M. Marconi moved to approve Vachon, Clukay and Company PC, for the audit services in 2019. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Legal RFP-**Only one bid came in and it was from Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella. The rate was \$170/hour for one year and then increasing after that. **M. Marconi moved to accept Donahue's bid at \$170/hour for one year. The Board will then bid out legal services again next year. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Adjournment:** M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 10:53am. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy  
Recorder