

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Jim Weiner, Co-Chair Conservation Commission, Nin Del Isola, Samara Robertson, Maxine Mintz Pottier, Alex Jacuch, Nancy Haberstroh, Jamie Belanger, various other Newington residents, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the manifest for \$30,752.93 dated 12/4/2018 and \$99,441.14 dated 12/11/18. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

The group asked the Selectmen to update them on the Site Committee's decision regarding the proposed Eversource transmission line through Newington.

T. Connors explained that the Site Review Committee has 30 days to submit their written report. Once the report is available, the Selectmen will review it and have the Town's attorneys review it. At that point there will be a public meeting, the Town's attorney will attend, to hear from the residents about how the Town should move forward. A "motion of stay" would have to be filed so no work can get started.

The group was concerned about the deadline for appeal passing. T. Connors assured the group that the deadline would not pass. N. Del Isola wanted to make sure that everyone knows about the public meeting, a mailer should be sent out, a message should be put on the sign in front of the fire station and an email blast should go out.

M. Roy will talk to the Durham Town manager and see what their plan is moving forward. It is not clear if Newington should team up with Durham as the two towns may have separate interests.

M. Mintz Pottier asked to have the list of legal expenses sent to her. M. Roy will email it to her.

S. Robertson expressed that she didn't know that the negotiations had been going on for 4 years. K. Latchaw reviewed the list of meetings and public hearings that have been posted over the years.

M. Mintz Pottier wanted to make sure that the Selectmen were not mitigating instead of stopping Eversource. K. Latchaw made reference to the Selectmen's press release. "Rest assured the Selectmen will continue to fight this project. Moreover, when the results are made public from the SEC committee regarding this project and if the results are less than favorable for Newington, then we will have a public meeting in order to determine how to move forward and respond accordingly."

J. Belanger thought the current efforts were "too little, too late". K. Latchaw stated that a list of accomplishments, from negotiating with Eversource, has been drafted and will be mailed to each residence shortly.

Alex Jacuch wanted to know what the residents could do now. The Selectmen urged people to attend the SEC deliberations.

The SEC Site Committee deliberation meetings transcripts are available on the town website.

The Selectmen moved their meeting to the Selectmen's Office to allow the Budget Committee to meet in the deRochemont Room.

**Jim Weiner-Conservation Commission 2019 Budget:** Co-Chair Jim Weiner presented the Conservation Commission's revised budget to the Selectmen.

**Flynn Pit/Eversource Extension thru 12/31/2019:** M. Marconi moved to extend the Flynn Pit/Eversource agreement thru 12/31/2019 and to authorize the chair to sign the agreement. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**December 24<sup>th</sup> Discussion:** M. Marconi moved to close the Town Hall on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Adjournment:** M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:12pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy  
Recorder