

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 Town Hall

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Denis Hebert, Planning Board Chair, Martha Roy Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Stuart called the meeting to order at 4:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of February 5th, 2018 and February 6th, 2018. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 2/6/18 in the amount of \$211,307.02 and 2/13/2018 in the amount of \$41,722.05. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Request:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following requests:

Police Department--3/1 and 3/2/2018-TH-Training
Jerry Coogan-3/26/18-TH-Meeting
Rebecca Jardine-9/22/2018-Fox Point-Wedding
Girls on the Run-4/22/18-Half Marathon

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Wilcox-Fire Permit Fees:

J. Stuart moved to not incur any Fire Department fees for Wilcox. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

T. Connors would like to sit down as a group and review all fees. M. Marconi would like to review past fees that have been charged.

Highway Safety Committee Report re: Woodbury Ave.: The Highway Safety Committee met and wrote a letter to the Planning Board with their recommendations for Woodbury Ave. Their recommendations were:

- 1) Exiting traffic on to Woodbury is strongly discouraged
- 2) Traffic should be introduced to an intersection that will allow safe vehicle passage to anticipated routes
- 3) A curb cut on the corner lot for incoming traffic only and an exit onto Piscataqua Drive for hotel traffic
- 4) To be informed when the newly subdivided lot's use has been determined.

D. Hebert informed the Selectmen that after the subdividing of the lot the Planning Board is recommending a road along the backside of the lot coming out on Piscataqua. The Planning Board is having a traffic study done of the area.

USAF Stone School Deed: M. Roy informed the Selectmen that Great Bay Services had called inquiring about the Stone School, but the deed is very restrictive. M. Roy recommended that the Town should contact the USAF and ask for relief from the restrictions of the deed. T. Connors thought that the Town should approach the USAF and ask them to take back the Stone School or give us relief on the restrictions. D. Hebert recommended that the State Historic Preservation Office be used as a consultant to negotiate with the USAF.

Donor Town Legislation Status-HB 1802:

M. Roy updated the Selectmen about the State Education tax legislation that would exact over one million additional dollars from the town. Portsmouth City Assistant Attorney, Jane Ferrini is scheduling a meeting of the coalition towns against additional donor town legislation. She will be sending out an email very soon. E. Boy will monitor M. Roy's emails and forward any emails from Jane Ferrini to the Board. J. Stuart thought that the Towns should use the same "blueprint" as before. The Towns gave money for a "kitty" for the costs of fighting the legislation via lobbyists. T. Connors will call Jane Ferrini and get some more information.

Utility Valuation Methods Legislation Status-HB 324 & 1381: T. Connors will call our representatives and ask to have the generation part taken out of the bill.

Frost Weight Limit: The Town will be posting the roads on Thursday February 22nd for 10 tons. The Road Agent agreed to allow large trucks to come down Nimble Hill Road and offload their freight onto smaller trucks at the Town Garage.

Sue Philbrick's Letter: The Selectmen agreed to take over the mowing of the Brickyard Circle town land by her house. S. Philbrick has been having it mowed for 17 years even though it belongs to the Town. M. Roy will add this area to the Grounds Maintenance RFP.

Mosquito Contract: T. Connors moved to accept the Dragon Mosquito contract for \$35,900 for three years. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Roy announced that Ann Hebert has been appointed as the Moderator for the Town Elections and the Town and School District Meeting.

Denis Hebert inquired about the warrant article regarding the full time Highway Foreman. T. Connors explained that the Board was trying to be proactive because in 2019 the Town will take over the care and maintenance of Woodbury

Ave. M. Roy sat down with Road Agent, Len Thomas and talked about a five-year plan for the Highway Department. This is part of the five-year plan.

Adjournment: T. Connors moved to adjourn at 5:17 pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder