

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 4, 2019 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Sewer Commissioners; Skip Cole and Tom Hazelton, Sewer Plant Manager, Denis Messier, State Representative, Dennis Malloy, Residents; Jon Chamberlin and Emily Savinelli, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:59pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

T. Connors opened the Public Hearing about the Proposed Sewer Municipal Bond at 6pm.

Public Hearing: Pursuant to RSA 33:8-a Concerning Proposed Municipal Bond:

Denis Messier explained that the Sewer Commissioners have decided to replace the Paul Brook Pump Station Forcemain pipe. It is 40 years old and has broken twice in four years and waste has gotten into Paul Brook. D. Messier explained that the plan is to leave the existing pipe in the ground, it will be flushed out and filled, and put the new pipe six feet down. They have gotten preapproved for \$1,000,000 at 2.70% for 20 years. This bond has to get approved at the Town Meeting and then will go through the Wetlands Bureau.

T. Connors asked if there were any members of the public that would like to speak about the bond. There were none.

T. Connors made a motion to close the public hearing; all were in favor on a roll call vote. T. Connors-Yes, M. Marconi-Yes and K. Latchaw-Yes.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of January 22nd, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: K. Latchaw moved to approve the manifests for \$31,318.27 dated 1/22/2019 and \$45,910.64 dated 1/29/19. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Request:

K. Latchaw moved to approve the following facility use requests:

Heather Geraci-Cole-Old Town Hall-March 23rd, 2019-Wedding

Grace Simms-Old Town Hall-April 13th, 2019-Wedding

Recreation Committee-Old Town Hall-Egg Hunt
M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Dennis Malloy updated the Selectmen on the Education bill that would require donor town to contribute to other towns. Tamara Lee, who is a member of the NH House of Representatives is working hard to get the bill killed.

Adjunct Committee Updates:

Lamprey Coop Board Meeting-Solid Waste: K. Latchaw attended this meeting last week. The Board set the rates for tipping fees and the group discussed the increasing recyclable fees.

Historic District Strategic Planning Meeting: T. Connors attended this meeting. There were approximately 15 people there from many different committees. The group identified buildings and areas in the Historic District that the group would like to see worked on. Lulu Pickering ran the meeting and will put together the data gathered at the meeting and present it at the next meeting.

Water Contamination Concerns: There will be an upcoming meeting with the NH Fish and Game Department to discuss the effect of the contaminated water on wildlife in Newington.

Town Budget-Selectmen's Column: M. Roy discussed that the Budget Committee had changed the budget in the following ways:

The Highway Department's road striping line was reduced by \$5,000

The Planning Department's legal expense line was increased by \$5,000

The Conservation Committee's bottom line remained the same, but the legal line was increased and the community education line was decreased.

The Regional Associations donations were increased to the 2018 budget amounts.

M. Marconi moved that the Board of Selectmen adopt the Budget Committee's recommendations for the Highway, Planning, Conservation and the Regional Associations budgets. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Veteran's Tax Exemptions-New Law:

M. Roy explained that there is a new state law that increases the amount of veteran's tax credits. The current war time veteran credit is \$500. The new state law would allow the Selectmen to increase this amount to \$750. This would result in a \$13,000 tax impact. The current totally disabled veteran tax credit is \$1,400. The new state law would allow the Selectmen to increase this amount to \$4,000. This increase would result in a \$2,600 tax impact.

K. Latchaw moved to increase the amount of the war veteran's tax credit to \$750. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

K. Latchaw moved to increase the amount of the totally disabled veteran's tax credit to \$4,000. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Town Historian: T. Connors recommends that the Board of Selectmen appoint Lulu Pickering as the Town Historian. The Town is very fortunate to have a person of Lulu's caliber working on behalf of the Town on many issues. **M. Marconi moved to appoint Lulu Pickering as the Town's Historian. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

M. Roy received a new petition today. The petition is to rescind the current dog ordinance.

M. Roy let the Selectmen know that the NH Department of Revenue is looking at the Fire Department's two lease to purchase items. They might recommend that these be added to the warrant articles. The Selectmen will have a meeting at 6pm on February 6th to discuss the NHDRA recommendations.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:33pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder