

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

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Stuart called the meeting to order at 4:07pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of January 22nd, 2018 and January 30th, 2018. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 1/23/18 in the amount of \$286,570.03 and 1/30/2018 in the amount of \$94,449.68. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Site Walk-Welcome Sign Location on Nimble Hill Road: The Selectmen decided to locate the sign close to the intersection of Shattuck and Nimble Hill. It will be past the guardrail by the Crossfit building. The speed limit sign will be moved further down the road.

Facility Use Request:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following requests:

Newington School Supporters--9/7, 9/8 & 9/9/18-OTH & Grove-Road Race
Eric & Linda Bowser-9/29/18-Fox Point-Wedding
Jennifer Smith-April 14-OTH-Bridal Shower
Debby Turbide-8/18/18-OTH-Party & Dinner

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Meeting House Discussion:

T. Connors moved to table this item until the next meeting. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

National Health Study Focusing on DOD Installations-Senator Shaheen's

Office Information: T. Connors wants to meet with Senator Shaheen to go "on the record" about being included in the National Health Study. M. Roy will send a letter to Senator Shaheen about setting up a meeting.

Residential Waterfront Assessment Update: It was a consensus of the Selectmen to not do an update in 2018. All the assessments will be done in 2019.

Town Report Dedication: The Selectmen discussed several people for the dedication. M. Roy will contact others to get information and write something up for the Town Report.

Summer Camp: T. Connors moved to allow tuition students, who are attending the Newington School to attend the Summer Camp in 2018. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor. Residents will sign up first and if there are any remaining spots, the tuition students can sign up.

Eversource Memorandum of Understanding:
T. Connors moved to approve and sign the Eversource Memorandum of Understanding. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

National Health Study-Newington Residents: The NH delegation is pushing for Pease to be included in a national health study. T. Connors wants to send a letter to our Senators to push for Newington to also be included. Newington is exposed to the water 24/7. T. Connors would like to ask why they haven't included Newington. M. Marconi moved to have M. Roy prepare a letter for the Selectmen to sign. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Coakley Landfill: T. Connors will be attending a meeting in Portsmouth tonight about the landfill. He is looking for answers about the money spent on a lobbyist and what the lobbyist has accomplished.

Attorney Kate Miller-Cable Franchise Agreement Process Review: Attorney Miller explained that the Town's cable agreement is up in April. She recommends another 10-year contract. The items customers complain about the most are prices and channels available. Unfortunately, the Selectmen don't have any say over these two items. T. Connors asked if the Town could get channels 98 & 22. K. Miller said she would put it in the new contract. The new contract will include bringing the contract up to date, including the ability to tax Comcast on the "right of way". Attorney Miller suggested that the Selectmen look at installing a franchise fee for additional revenue. It could be anywhere from 1% to 5%. A public hearing should be scheduled for public input.

Adjournment: T. Connors moved to adjourn at 5:07 pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder