

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 19, 2018 Town Hall

**Present:** Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Fire Chief, Andy Head, Deputy Fire Chief, Darin Sabine, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

M. Marconi called the meeting to order at 10:01am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:** T. Connors moved to approve the minutes of March 5th, 2018. M. Marconi seconded the motion with T. Connors and M. Marconi in favor and K. Latchaw abstained.

**Manifest Approval:** T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 3/6/18 in the amount of \$230,878.78 and 3/13/2018 in the amount of \$29,819.07. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Facility Use Requests:**

T. Connors moved to approve the following Facility Use Request:  
Erika Mantz and James Tucker-9/22/2018-Old Town Hall & Grove-Wedding  
M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Bid Opening-Grounds Keeping:**

This item was postponed until the next meeting on Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am.

**Election of Officers:**

T. Connors nominated Mike Marconi for Chair of the Board of Selectmen. K. Latchaw seconded the nomination. Mike Marconi accepted the nomination and then resigned the position, he then nominated Ted Connors as the Board of Selectmen Chair. Ken Latchaw seconded the nomination with all in favor

**Board and Committee Openings Review:**

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the open positions. M. Roy will put a notice on the message board out front and on the website.

**Selectmen's Reps to Boards and Committees:**

M. Marconi made a motion for K. Latchaw to be the Selectmen's Rep to the Planning Board. T. Connors seconded the motion.

**OshKosh Spreader Quote:**

Fairfield gave the Town a quote of \$43,899 for the wing plow and salter. K. Latchaw asked why there was only one bid. T. Connors asked M. Roy to ask the Road Agent to attend the next meeting to discuss this.

**Red Cross and One Sky Requests:**

The Red Cross asked the Town for a \$250 donation and One Sky asked the Town for a \$300 donation. M. Roy explained that the Red Cross has a turnover in staff and missed sending in their regular request to be included in the 2018 budget. The One Sky organization has asked for funding in 2018 because they are now serving 3 members of our community. **M. Marconi made a motion to approve a \$200 donation to the Red Cross and a \$300 donation to One Sky. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Fire Department Vehicle Request:** A. Head explained that this ATV would be used in the Wildlife Refuge if someone needed to be transported out. The ATV is part of the State Asset program. The State owns it and the Fire Department can bring it back at any time. K. Latchaw asked if the engine goes who is responsible for fixing it. A. Head explained that they will not put any money into the machine. **K. Latchaw made a motion to agree to accept the Yamaha 4 wheeler from the Division of Forest and Lands. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Cell Tower Assessment:** M. Marconi told the board the he had talked to Jay Ferreira, one of the Town's assessors, about what was involved in assessing Cell Towers. The Board of Selectmen are in favor of assessing cell towers. K. Latchaw said that a percentage of the company's income is connected to the cost value. There should be a stipulation that if a company wants to put up a cell tower they have to disclose their income. M. Roy mentioned that Skip Sansoucy has sent out letters to everyone about disclosing income. **M. Marconi made a motion that he would like the disclosure to be placed in the file. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

T. Connors discussed the Planning Board meeting with Altus and the Department of Transportation about Woodbury Ave. He feels that this information should come through the Board of Selectmen not the Planning Board. Curb cuts should go to the Planning Board, but everything else is the Board of Selectmen's responsibility. The Board asked Martha to draft a letter to the Planning Board asking them to send their recommendation on the curb cuts to the Board of Selectmen first, then to the Planning Board.

The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. M. Marconi thought that more people from the industrial companies in

Town should be on the Committee. K. Latchaw mentioned that Stoneface was mentioned in the video three times. He thought that Stoneface's portion could be reduced and other businesses added. Discussion ensued about the cost to redo the video and all the positive comments about it at Town Meeting. When the video is finished it should be sent to the State and the PDA.

T. Connors asked M. Roy to speak to the Road Agent about putting together a schedule for coverage. There needs to be 2 people on every day from 8-4.

M. Marconi would like to get a list of all the culverts in town.

K. Latchaw has resigned from the Planning Board as an alternate and the Police Commission.

The Selectmen asked M. Roy to send a letter to the Chairman of the Planning Board asking him to make no nominations to the Planning Board before he discusses it with the Board of Selectmen.

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 10:32am. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy  
Recorder