

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 20, 2017 Town Hall

Chair Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Town Planner Jerry Coogan, Building Inspector John Stowell, Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert, Eleanor Boy, Recording Secretary and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Present For Public Hearing: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Patterson Lane Residents: Al Cummings, Ann Beebe and Paul Reardon; Eric Weinrieb, Altus Engineering, Denis Hebert, Planning Board Chair, Tim Winters, Sprague, USAF Representatives: Barbara Brandt, Adam Gonzalez, Michael O'Neill, Carl Lanz and Ron Mack of EA Engineering, Eleanor Boy, Recorder and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Planning Board Escrow Fees and Building Permit Inspection Fees Discussion: The Selectmen met with Town Planner Jerry Coogan, Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert and Building Inspector John Stowell to discuss what inspections are completed with Planning Board escrow account and which with the building permit fees. The Board stated that third party site plan review and inspections of projects (before and after approval) fall under the purview of the Planning Board and these inspection fees are paid out of the escrow account. Building inspections, or other inspections as determined by the Building Inspector, are covered via the building permit fees. J. Coogan handed out a document showing the fee structures of other Towns.

Discussion ensued on Wilcox Way extension and development to Gosling Road.

Public Hearing - United States Air Force- -Patterson Lane Weight Limit Waiver Request: Chair J. Stuart opened the Public Hearing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The USAF requested a waiver of the weight restrictions to traverse Patterson Lane with demolition trucks for a period of one year. The goal is to get the site cleaned up and sell it for the benefit of the Town of Newington.

Previously, the Town gave the USAF a list of preliminary waiver requirements:

- 1) Work hours limited to week days and no work on the weekends
- 2) Some partial payment for reconstruction given this will diminish the overall service life of the road
- 3) Videotaping of the condition of Patterson Lane prior to commencement of the work
- 4) A performance guarantee (cash or letter of credit) to guarantee fixing any damage to Patterson Lane
- 5) Upon completion of the work, abandonment of the 30' ROW from the USAF site to Patterson Lane as a means of other than emergency access

Carl Lanz reviewed the plan to take material out of their site thru Patterson Lane to Shattuck Way.

This is primarily a demolition project. The work wouldn't begin until the summer of 2018. The project will take approximately 1 year. A conservative estimate of the truck loads to be brought out through Patterson lane is 1,000 loads. This was met with strong concern by the abutters.

The Airforce explained their inability to use the gas line ROW next to SEA3. Discussion ensued about the option of taking out material on rail or barge, what materials will be removed and why the number of loads went from 80-90 to 1,000.

Ted Connors moved to table this request until alternate plans for removal of material by rail or barge are investigated. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of March 6th, 2017. J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor. M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of March 17th, 2017. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 3/7/17 in the amount of \$139,194.59 and 3/14/17 in the amount of \$37,087.28. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following Facility Use request:

Karabinas-OTH-April 2nd- Birthday Party

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Appointments:

Fire Chief Andy Head and Police Chief Mike Bilodeau were appointed as Co-Directors of the Office of Emergency Management.

Gate Update- J. Stuart noted that the Short Street gate at the end of Nimble Hill Road is not working. M. Roy will look into this.

Wildlife Refuge GIS Meeting Request: M. Marconi moved to permit the Wildlife Refuge meeting in the Town Hall in September. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Ordinance Review: M. Marconi moved to approve the following ordinance as a permanent ordinance:

Ordinance #2016-01

**TOWN OF NEWINGTON
DOG ORDINANCE**

Due to health and safety concerns being brought to the Town's attention, the Selectmen have voted to not allow dogs on the following town properties: Old Town Hall, Grove Picnic Area, ball fields and playgrounds. Further, dogs shall be leashed on all town public rights of way. Fines are \$100 per violation.

T. Connors seconded the motion will all in favor.

M. Marconi noted that the retired Police Chief and the new Chief have explained that the Selectmen have the authority to approve ordinances of this type and require that fines be levied without further action by Town Meeting.

Little Bay Road Improvements: Eric Weinrieb presented plans for the road improvements to the Board. The project should take approximately six weeks, with three electric poles to relocate. Eversource will relocate the poles at no cost. He asked the Board to consider closing the road for 2 weeks during construction for the safety of all. The road would be 10 feet wide for each lane, 2 feet of paved shoulder on each side and 4 feet of gravel shoulder on each side. The plans are 90% complete and almost ready to be placed out to bid.

Appointments and Board Representative will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for 4/3/17. The Zoning Board of Adjustment also has a meeting on 4/3/17.

Discussion ensued about Board and Committee appointments and Board representatives, the number of boards one person could be on at one time, potential conflicts and the perception of conflict.

J. Stuart moved to appoint Jim Weiner to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. M. Marconi seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion ensued. T. Connors stated that he did not think one person should be on three land use boards. J. Stuart called for a vote. Vote: Two opposed and one in favor.

M. Marconi moved to table the appointment until the next meeting. T. Connors seconded the motion.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 8:28pm. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Boy
Recording Secretary