

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 12, 2018 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 9:00am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Open Positions:

The Board discussed the various open positions on Town boards and committees. There was discussion on how to get new people in to serve on boards, even though the Town posts the need for volunteers on the sign at the Fire Station, on the website and in the newsletter there are very few new faces that have submitted a letter of interest. The Board also discussed limiting the number of boards that deal with land development, that one person could serve on. The Board thought that it should be limited to two land development boards. These boards are: Planning, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission and the Economic Development Committee.

Water:

K. Latchaw would like to see the brooks and streams in Newington identified. M. Roy will write a letter to Peter Forbes' replacement (USAF) asking for the results of the Air Force's testing of the brooks and streams that are dumping into the Bay. If the Town doesn't get a response in 30 days then we should test the water ourselves.

Altus Report Review-Holiday Inn located at 2061 Woodbury Ave:

K. Latchaw reviewed Eric Weinrieb's letter with the Board. It states that the proposal is to have 3 curb cuts on Woodbury for the two properties proposed to be subdivided. The Planning Board has asked that there be only two curb cuts on Woodbury. K. Latchaw explained about the road proposed to be constructed behind the lots that will allow traffic to exit via Piscataqua and then on to Woodbury. Discussion ensued about the need for a median extension in this area for safety purposes.

K. Latchaw moved that the median on Woodbury Ave. be extended all the way to the boundary of Tax Map 27, Lot 3. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Roy will ask Eric Weinrieb to include the change in his plans and to acquire a quote for the add on.. M. Roy will ask the Highway Safety Committee to look at the Traffic study that Sebago Techniques did on behalf of the Planning Board. K. Latchaw was only in favor of one exit from the lot bordering Tax Map 27 Lot 3 if the median extension corrected the potential safety concerns.

Fox Point Grant: The Board discussed the efforts of Jerry Coogan, Town Planner, to secure a grant to reinforce the shores around Fox Point. In November 2017, G. Coogan applied for a Moose Plate grant from the state to shore up the "point" on Fox Point. The Town did not receive this grant, so G. Coogan is now exploring different grants from the state. The state is interested in the town planting a living shoreline by the town dock and moving all resident docks out of the area. The Aquatic Resource Management (ARM) grants involved will give the Town half the money for the project and the Town would fund for the other half. K. Latchaw wanted to know where the money was coming from. M. Roy explained that there is a capital reserve fund for the maintenance of Fox Point and that is where the money would come from out of the town budget. The Board asked M. Roy to contact G. Coogan and let him know that the Board would like the grant to cover the "tip" of Fox Point, not the area by the docks. The Board would like to have members of the Conservation Committee attend a future Selectmen's meeting to discuss the Fox Point restoration project. M. Roy will contact the Dock Master, Vincent Taccetta and ask him if he could clean the bottom of the old walk out docks at the Point. The granite post on Fox Point needs to be replaced by the Highway Dept. M. Roy will contact Road Agent Len Thomas.

Cell Tower Location-Fire Station:

M. Marconi moved to not have a cell tower located between the Fire Station and the school. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

K. Latchaw asked M. Roy to contact the Portsmouth Little League and remind them that parents are not to park in the fire lanes at school. M. Roy will also let the Police know.

DOT-Woodbury Ave. Contract: The Board signed the contract with the DOT, for the transfer of Woodbury Ave. on September 1, 2019.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 10:36am. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder