

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 16, 2018 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Police Chief, Michael Bilodeau, Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert, Attorney Kate Miller, Allen Smith, Great Bay Farm, Greenland, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 4:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Chief Mike Bilodeau presented a plaque to Ken Latchaw to thank him for his service to the Police Commission.

**Minutes Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the manifests of 4/3/18 in the amount of \$302,065.86 and 4/10/2018 in the amount of \$25,778.32. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Little Bay Guardrail Contract Add On:**

Due to an increase in the steel tariffs the cost of the guardrails on Little Bay have increased since the Town was given a quote last year.

M. Marconi moved to approve an additional amount of \$812.50 for the new guardrails on Little Bay. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Volunteer Board and Committee Appointments:**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** M. Marconi moved to appoint Meredith Hoyt, Matt Morton and John Frink with terms to expire on April 30, 2021. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Recreation Committee:** M. Marconi moved to appoint Rebecca Navelski, Jack O'Reilly, Bob Dell Isola, Martin Callahan, Darryl Brown, Jarrad Savinelli and Bill Blatt to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire on April 30, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Library Trustee Alternate:** M. Marconi moved to appoint Leila Lamson and Steve Bush as a Library Trustee alternates with terms to expire on April 30, 2019. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Historic District Commission:** M. Marconi moved to appoint Edna Mosher, Elaina D'Orto and John Lamson to the Historic District Commission with terms to expire on April 30, 2021. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Conservation Commission:** M. Marconi moved to appoint Liz Durfee, Jim Weiner and Jim Tucker to the Conservation Commission and Sandra Devins and Bill Murray as Conservation Commission alternates with terms to expire on April 30, 2021. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Health Officer:** M. Marconi moved to appoint Kevin Kelley to Health Officer with a term to expire on April 30, 2021. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Economic Development Committee:** M. Marconi moved to appoint Jennifer Kent Weiner and Bob Raymond to the Economic Development Committee with terms to expire on April 30, 2019. Jill Boyton, Brandon Arsenault and Jim Teetzel with terms to expire on April 30, 2020 and Jeff Hiatt, Michael Donahue and Alicia Busconi with terms to expire on April 30, 2021. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Meeting Time and Attendees for Seacoast Reliability Update:**  
The Board tabled this item until Susan Geiger contacts M. Roy

**Organizational Chart Review:**  
The Board tabled this item until G. Coogan can be included in the discussion.

**Facility Use Fees Review:**  
M. Roy reviewed the process to rent Town buildings. The applicant has to be a Newington resident, they pay a fee and a security deposit and they buy insurance to cover the Town on the day of the event.

**2018 Investment Policy:**  
M. Marconi moved to approve the 2018 Investment Policy. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**White Pine and Blue Spruce Needle Cast Concerns:**  
The Conservation Commission would like the Town to send out a postcard to all residents letting them know about the needle cast problem. T. Connors would like to have the UNH Forester observe the trees in Town with the needlecast and give a report about the condition of the trees and his recommendations to the Selectmen before a postcard is sent out. K. Latchaw would like to go out with the forester.

The Selectmen would like to set up a meeting with the Conservation Commission to discuss the problem.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** The Selectmen will move forward with plans for a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. May 24<sup>th</sup> has been chosen.

**Regional Association Funding Criteria:**  
The Board tabled this item until the next budget season.

**Proposed Installation of an antenna on top of Sprague at 162 River Road:**  
M. Marconi moved to refer this item to G. Coogan. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Computer Services-All Departments Using RMON:**  
M. Marconi would like all departments to use the same IT service so everyone gets a better price. The Board tabled this item until the next budget season.

**Fire Department Fees:**  
The Board reviewed the Fire Department's life safety fee that was introduced in June 2017. The fee is \$7 per 1,000 of the building's construction costs. This fee is in addition to the building permit fee that the Town would charge. K. Latchaw would like to review the fee information from other towns that M. Roy has gathered.

**Cable Contract-Kate Miller:**  
K. Miller updated the Board on the progress of the cable negotiations. K. Miller thought that a 10 year contract would be best for the Town because of the projected reduction in cable use in the future. T. Connors inquired about Newington being able to get channel 98. The town is waiting for a response from the channel on this request. When the cable contract is ready a public hearing will be scheduled.

**Allen Smith-Great Bay Farm-Farmland Use:**  
Allen Smith updated the Board on farming Fox Point in 2018. He would like to use the south field for corn and use the middle field for hay. Another farmer would like to plant pumpkin and squash in the remaining fields. **M. Marconi moved to approve the use of the Fox Point fields as outlined. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

M. Roy showed the board an email she received from Eric Weinrieb about the median on Woodbury Ave. The cost ranged from \$7000 to \$70,000 for the median extension.

**K. Latchaw moved to go into a nonpublic session at 5:33pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (c). M. Marconi seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.**

**The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 5:50pm.**

**M. Marconi moved to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.**

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:51pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy  
Recorder