

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 17, 2017 Town Hall

Chair Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 5:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair J. Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Building Inspector John Stowell, Planning Chair Denis Hebert, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Stuart moved to enter nonpublic session at 5:32pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (c). M. Marconi seconded the motion with all 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.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of April 3rd, 2017. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifests of 4/4/17 in the amount of \$213,983.58 and 4/11/17 in the amount of \$19,617.23. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

John Stowell, Building Inspector:

Sharon Alley Excavation Permit has been submitted by Attorney Bernie Pelech on behalf of Sharon Alley. Portsmouth Water is bringing a water line across Fox Point Road to the Alley subdivision. J. Stuart asked if the pipe can be drilled under Fox Point Road so as not to disturb the new pavement. T. Connors would like Altus Engineering to complete inspections. The applicant will pay for inspections. The pipe will be placed between the road and the stone wall. There are already two pipes there.

Storage Building at Fox Point: The roof is finished and the Selectmen were pleased with this work. J. Stowell will get estimates to refurbish the windows and doors.

Fox Point Dock- The dock needs to be taken out and cleaned and some wood needs to be replaced. T. Connors will discuss improvements with Vince Taccetta, Dock Master.

Auditorium Floor-The Selectmen are very disappointed in the new flooring installed by Brocks Flooring. Adhesive is seeping up through the cracks in the tile. J. Stowell has been waiting for a letter from Brocks stating what they are willing to do to rectify the problem. He has not received it yet. **M. Marconi moved to request that the town attorney correspond with Brock's about the issue. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Denis Hebert updated the Board of Selectmen on the Eversource Transmission line proposal. Site Evaluation Committee hearings will begin in August and continue through October. D. Hebert will testify at these. The Board emphasized the need to monitor spending closely. The Selectmen thanked D. Hebert for all of his work on this project. **T. Connors moved to have Denis Hebert report expenditure projections to M. Roy on a monthly basis. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Durham resident Vivian Miller has requested that an "I petition", opposing the Eversource Transmission line crossing the Bay, be placed on the Newington website. Discussion ensued about the concessions Eversource has made for the Town of Newington residents. **T. Connors moved to not put the "I petition" on the Newington website. M Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Denis Hebert attended a Rockingham Planning Commission meeting at which DOT Commissioner; Victoria Sheehan had stated that towns were being encouraged to take over ownership of state roads. Denis spoke to her about Newington being forced to take over Woodbury Ave. from the State. She was surprised to hear of this and stated she would research the matter. He explained that Woodbury Ave. is very important to the region as access to the State's deep-water port. T. Connors suggested that the Board invite the Commissioner to Newington for a meeting with the Selectmen over this important issue. The Selectmen were in agreement and an invitation will be sent.

Discussion ensued about appointments of Planning Board alternates, ballot clerks, Fire Warden, Dock Master, Town Historian and PDA rep. as well as the Watson, Pare and Knox properties.

Discussion was held about Selectmen being called at odd hours by the alarm company. M. Roy will contact DM Burns and update the contact list.

Facility Use Requests:

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

Jeffrey Colnes-Fox Point-5/20/17- Graduation Party

Brenda Blonigen (Pease 7k road Race)-7/23/17

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Appointments:

Library Trustee Alternate: M. Marconi moved to appoint Leila Lamson as a Library Trustee Alternate with a term to expire on April 30th, 2018. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Recreation Committee: M. Marconi moved to appoint Jack O'Reilly to the Recreation Committee with a term to expire on April 30th, 2018. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Portsmouth Water Hydrant Fees: The Board discussed the fees that have increased 50% during the last couple of years. T. Connors suggested that the Town should assess the hydrants and the water lines. M. Roy will research and report back if any other towns do this.

Woodbury Ave: The City of Portsmouth requested approval from Newington to allow upgrade of handicap ramps and pedestrian signals at the Gosling/Woodbury intersection. The Selectmen asked that the proposal be forwarded to the Planning Board for review. **T. Connors moved to ask the Planning Board to review the proposal and report back to the Selectmen in 30 days.** M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Equal Employment Opportunity Clause Publication: The clause is listed in our Personnel Policy; however, it is not on the website. **M. Marconi moved to put the Nondiscrimination Clause on the website.** T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Police Over-Expenditure Request and Bullet Proof Vests Grant Application: T. Connors moved to allow the Police budget over-expenditure to purchase new bullet proof vests. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor. T. Connors made a motion to allow the Police Department to sign the Bullet Proof Grant. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Purchasing and Petty Cash Policy: T. Connors moved to accept the changes in the Purchasing Policy. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Gate Clickers: The Board discussed the Gate Clicker program and how many clickers can be given out to Newington households. T. Connors will discuss the clicker program with David Mullen of the PDA at some point in the future.

Selectmen Rep Appointments: The Selectmen decided not to appoint a Selectmen's Rep to the Fire and Police Commissions in 2017. M. Marconi will serve as the Selectmen's Rep to the Planning Board. T. Connors will serve as the Selectmen's Rep to the HDC and Emergency Management. J. Stuart will serve as the Selectmen's Rep for the Safety Committee.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 8:10pm. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Boy
Recorder