

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 2, 2018 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Brenda and Bob Blonigen, Police Chief, Michael Bilodeau, Samara Robertson, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

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

Chair Ted Connors swore in Brenda Blonigen as the new Police Commissioner with a term ending April 2019.

**Len Thomas Work Session tabled until the next meeting.**

**Minutes Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of March 16th, March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** M. Marconi moved to approve the manifests of 3/20/18 in the amount of \$32,718.39 and 3/27/2018 in the amount of \$64735.89. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Facility Use Requests:**

M. Marconi moved to approve the following Facility Use Requests:-  
Peter and Cathy Wahl-4/7/2018-Town Hall-50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party  
On Belay (David Mueller)-6/9 & 10/2018-OTH & Grove-Fund Raiser  
K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Grounds Care Bids:**

M. Roy recommended that JLG Landscaping be awarded the grounds care bid for town properties as they were lower than the other bidders by approximately \$13,000 and references were excellent. M. Marconi moved to award the Town Grounds Keeping to JLG Landscaping for a one year period at a total cost of \$7,250. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Paul Pelletier HDC Resignation:** M. Marconi moved to accept Paul Pelletier's resignation from the Historic District Commission with regret. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor. M. Roy will send a thank you letter.

**EDC Bylaws:**

**M. Marconi moved to accept the Economic Development Committee Bylaws. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Fox Point Rental:**

M. Marconi would like to review the rent of the Fox Point House. He believes that it is too low. M. Marconi would like to go inspect the house. T. Connors suggested that the building inspector should also go and look at the house to make sure that it is up to date with all the building codes. M. Roy will notify the renters and coordinate a time to visit.

K. Latchaw is concerned with the "needle cast" that is affecting spruce trees in Town. The Ash borer is also a concern to town trees on Town properties and Right of ways. M. Roy will contact the Town Forester and ask him to review the trees and give the Town recommendations for a future plan.

**Noise Ordinance:**

The Board discussed the current town noise ordinance. Chief Bilodeau explained his concerns with the current ordinance and the need to update it. The current ordinance only addresses vehicles on public roads. Some vehicles are on private property or town property. S. Robertson stated that she would like to see a curfew on noise. M. Bilodeau and M. Roy will propose and new ordinance for the Selectmen to consider. This will be done before Memorial Day.

There are ATVs being driven on the Town's Saba property which is not allowed. The Selectmen will post signs on the property forbidding any motorized vehicles.

**Cable Contract:** M. Roy notified the Board that the town's attorney is close to finalizing the contract for the Board's review. The contract will be ready for review at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting. **M. Marconi moved to extend the current Comcast cable contract for six months. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Shoreline Restoration:**

The Conservation Commission is interested in applying for ARM grant funds to restore the shoreline at Fox Point. The NH Department of Environmental Services would like to see a "living" shoreline restoration rather than large rocks placed at the end of the Point. Rockingham County Conservation District called and discussed cutting down the trees leaning towards the Bay and grading the shoreline. M. Roy will contact Jerry Coogan about specifics related to the grant project and ask him to report back.

The granite post at Fox Point is broken and needs to be replaced with a whole post. M. Roy will contact Road Agent Len Thomas and ask for it to be replaced.

The Board will complete employee increases in September of each year moving forward. For Town Hall staff and Highway Department staff.

Ken Latchaw asked when was the last time the town's professional services were put out to bid and asked the board to further investigate and consider our options. M. Roy will contact other Town Administrators for RFPs they have used.

The Board requested M. Roy develop a plan for the tax deeding that needs to be accomplished.

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:16pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy  
Recorder