

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 23, 2018 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Conservation Commission Co-Chairs, Jane Hislop and Jim Weiner, Gerald Coogan, Town Planner and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fox Point Shoreline Restoration Discussion:

In late 2017 The Town of Newington applied for a Mooseplate Grant from the State of NH. This grant would have been for Fox Point Stabilization. It was a proposed hard approach, using large rip rap to shore up the steepest section of the Point. The Town was not awarded this grant.

G. Coogan then met with the NH DES and they recommended the “soft approach” using plantings to stabilize the shoreline and to start to the east of the town dock.

Discussion ensued about which area would be better for restoration, the Fox Point tip or the area by the dock. The Selectmen were interested in successful northern projects. J. Coogan stated that there has been success of stabilization work with plantings in New Jersey, Delaware Portsmouth Mill Pond and New Castle (salt marsh). M Marconi stated that plantings would grow differently in the sheltered atmosphere of the Portsmouth Mill Pond and the New Castle Salt Marsh than they would out on the Great Bay.

J. Weiner wanted to make sure that NH DES verifies that the Town does not have to provide public access to Fox Point if they accept these grants in the future.

T. Connors wanted to clarify that propellers of boats in the area of Fox Point dock will not be affected by grass being planted.

T. Connors suggested that the town consults with Tighe & Bond about the idea of cutting the trees and relocating the walkway to a safe distance from the edge.

J. Weiner would like to see new trails created that are a safe distance away from edge. K. Latchaw mentioned that this could be an Eagle Scout project.

K. Latchaw asked how long the DES was going to fund this project. J. Coogan stated that each grant stands on its own and would be subject to further grants

being awarded. K. Latchaw wanted to make sure that the town can always decline. This was confirmed.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 5:56pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy, Recorder