

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 3, 2017 Town Hall

Chair Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 4:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair J. Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Fire Chief Andy Head, Fire Engineer Darin Sabine, Town Appraisers Wil Corcoran and Mary Beth Walker of Corcoran Consulting, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

**J. Stuart moved to enter nonpublic session at 4:32pm 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 5:46pm.**

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

**State Donation of Forestry Fire Truck: Chief Head**

Chief Head explained that the Fire Department obtained a 2002 Forestry truck, with only 12,000 miles, through the FEP State program. In 365 days the State will give the title to Newington. The truck can be registered with a letter from the State. This truck will replace their utility truck. They are going to paint the truck themselves. They will have 500 gallons of water on the truck.

Discussion ensued about the Fire Department's personnel needs, the Fire Warden's term, retirement rates in 2017, healthcare costs, communication channels, money in the capital fund being used to buy a heart monitor, using an old police car as the Fire Chief's vehicle, the end of the Smeal truck's term and the boat grant.

**T. Connors moved to accept the 2002 Forestry Truck. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**M. Marconi moved to have the next vehicle returned to the town by the Police Department be the Fire Chief's vehicle. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of March 20th, 2017. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifests of 3/21/17 in the amount of \$19,436.38 and 3/28/17 in the amount of \$68,612.62. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

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

Heather Kelly-TH-9/15/17- Wedding reception

Paula Akerley-TH-5/6/17-Baby Shower

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Appointments:

Zoning Board of Adjustment: T. Connors moved to appoint Ralph Estes to the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term to expire on April 30th, 2020. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Historic District Commission-3 Open Positions: M. Marconi moved to appoint Maxine Mintz Pottier, Lulu Pickering and Chris Cross to the Historic District Commission and Nell Ann Hiatt as an Alternate Member with terms to expire on April 30th, 2020. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Conservation Commission-2 Open Positions: M. Marconi moved to appoint Ann Morton to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on April 30th, 2020. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Recreation Committee-7 Open Positions: M. Marconi moved to appoint Bob Dell Isola, Martin Callahan, William Blatt, Jeff Philbrick and Darryl Brown to the Recreation Committee with a term to expire on April 30th, 2018. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

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

Health Officer: T. Connors moved to appoint John Stowell as the Health Officer with a term to expire on April 30th, 2020. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Deputy Health Officer: M. Marconi moved to appoint Fire Chief Andy Head as the Deputy Health Officer with a term to expire on April 30th, 2020. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Jim Weiner's appointment to the Zoning Board was tabled from the last Selectmen's meeting. Since that meeting, his appointment papers were found showing that his Zoning Board term will expire in 2019.

**Auditorium Floor:** The Selectmen are having a letter sent to Brocks Flooring explaining the importance of having the floor replaced immediately. Other options will be explored if this is not completed. M. Marconi stated that several people at the Church Supper on March 26<sup>th</sup>, were disappointed with the condition of the auditorium floor.

**Corcoran Contract:** T. Connors moved to approve the Corcoran Appraisal Services contract. M. Marconi seconded the motion will all in favor.

**Sansoucy Contract:** T. Connors moved to approve the Sansoucy Utility Appraisal contract. M. Marconi seconded the motion will all in favor.

**E-Newsletter:** The Town will begin to send an e-newsletter to residents. Over 100 people have already signed up to receive it. M. Roy should also send out a paper newsletter as well with a sign up notice for the e-newsletter.

**Road Signs re: Welcome & Speed Enforcement:** M. Marconi would like to see welcome signs on each end of Town. He would also like to have "speed limit enforced" on the sign. J. Stuart thought it wouldn't be welcoming to put the speed limit information on the sign and thought "established 1713" might be better received. M. Marconi agreed. T. Connors moved to proceed with acquiring designs from Alton Sign. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Recreation Voucher Program Rules:** The Board discussed the Voucher Program and different guidelines. Discussion ensued about limiting the amount per household, senior citizens using the Spinnaker Health Club, introducing activities for seniors. M. Roy will email the Recreation Committee and ask them to create and submit the Voucher Program rules.

**USAF/Patterson Lane Update:** The USAF contacted Martha to let her know that they can now take out the materials by rail. They will be coming back to a Board meeting to explain the details. M. Roy will set a date and let everyone know.

**Resignations:** M. Marconi moved to accept with regret the resignations of Keith Frizzell, Brian Haberstroh and Tom Rossi from the Recreation Committee. T. Connors seconded the motion will all in favor. The Board thanked them for their service to the Town.

T. Connors raised concerns about the Dog Ordinance. A resident had called him and voiced her disappointment that there wasn't a discussion about the ordinance at the Town Meeting. M. Roy explained that the retiring Police Chief informed the town that Selectmen's ordinances do not have to go to Town Meeting. Temporary or permanent ordinances can be issued by the Selectmen at any time.

J. Stuart raised concerns about the number of out of state cars parking at Fox Point. M. Roy will ask the Police Department to complete patrols of the area. The Road Agent will be informed of a fallen dead tree at the Fox Point dock as well.

M. Marconi would like to see if the Planning Board could change the night of their meetings.

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:24pm. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Boy  
Recorder