

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 21, 2018 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Transfer Station Manager Craig Daigle, Newington School Principal Peter Latchaw, Attorney Kate Miller, State Representative Dennis Malloy, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 5:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes May 14th, 2018. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Craig Daigle: C. Daigle updated the Selectmen on the Transfer Station. EcoMaine, the Town's recycling company, has informed Craig that their prices will be going up because there is a lot of "junk" in the recyclables we send them. It is a problem across the country. Craig told the Selectmen that he will be putting up signs to remind residents about what is allowed in the recycle bin and what is not. Hopefully, this will improve the problem so that prices remain the same. A reminder will also be included in the June newsletter.

Meeting House Cleaning Expenses:

This item was tabled until Ken Latchaw returns to town. The Selectmen would also like to set up a meeting with Laura Coleman, the representative of the other church that meets at the Meeting House on Sundays. M. Roy will contact L. Coleman.

Town Forest Access: Residents Only or Open to the Public: The Board discussed the question regarding use of the Town Forest by other than residents. Currently the ordinance allows non-residents to access the Town Forest. The Board decided to table this matter for the time being.

Fox Point Rental: M. Roy will call the current renters and discuss the rent increase to find out their thoughts and concerns.

Peter Latchaw: P. Latchaw updated the Selectmen on the ongoing actions the school is taking to update their safety procedures. The SAU 50 school district received a grant from the State to update safety items at the school. There will be an Active Shooter Drill at the school in the near future.

The Birchtree School in Newington contacted the Board of Selectmen about using the Old Town Hall as their gathering spot in their Active Shooter procedure. The Board consensus is that this be allowed.

Dennis Malloy: D. Malloy, the NH State representative for Greenland and Newington, updated the Selectmen on current legislative happenings in Concord. Discussion ensued on the legislation pertaining to postponing elections due to weather. The bill gives authority to the Secretary of State rather than to the town moderator. The Board was opposed to this bill and D. Malloy will vote in the opposition. He also discussed the semi-trailer bill with the Board.

T. Connors opened the Public Hearing about the renewal of the cable television franchise agreement between the Town of Newington and Comcast of Maine/NH at 6pm.

He asked for public comment. No one spoke in favor or opposed to the contract renewal.

T. Connors closed the Public Hearing at 6:02pm.

M. Marconi moved to accept the renewal of the cable television franchise contract between Newington and Comcast. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:05pm. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder