

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 22, 2017 Town Hall

**J. Stuart moved to go into a nonpublic session at 5:05pm per RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) & (e). M. Marconi seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.**

**The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 5:40pm.**

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

Chair Jan Stuart called the public meeting to order at 5:42pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, State Representative for the 23<sup>rd</sup> District Dennis Malloy, Len Thomas, Road Agent, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

**Len Thomas-Highway Department Discussion:** The Town budget included the purchase of a used tractor for cutting the grass. L. Thomas has prices for a John Deere and Kabota. Both quotes are \$13,200, which is \$2,200 over the budget line. **M. Marconi moved to approve a \$2,200 over expenditure for the purchase of a tractor. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.** T. Connors asked M. Roy to go to the State's website to determine if there are any State bids in for this type of tractor.

The Highway Department has a new used Osh Kosh truck that was acquired from Federal Surplus property. L. Thomas reviewed the quotes to purchase a new plow and sander unit for this truck. It will cost approximately \$70,000. M. Roy will research State bids for the sander and plow.

L. Thomas notified the Board that a resident called to ask when the top coat for Hannah Lane will be completed. L. Thomas commented that he did not immediately find anything wrong with the road. M. Roy will work with L. Thomas to review the road and provide cost estimates if additional work needs to be completed. The Board agreed that if work needs to be done, it would have to be done in 2018. There are trucks parking on the side of Piscataqua Drive across the street from the China Buffet. They are breaking up the road and ignoring the "no Parking" signs. M. Roy will contact Cosmas Iocovozzi about getting some big rocks to put on the side of the road.

Discussion ensued about Woodbury Ave. Should the Town plow it or contract it out? L. Thomas will supervise the work either way. Will the contractor supply

their own salt or take out of the Town shed? This item will be discussed further in the future.

**Minutes Approval:** T. Connors moved to approve the minutes of May 1st, 2017 and May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 5/2/17 in the amount of \$632,771.96, 5/9/2017 in the amount of \$43,850.61 and 5/16/17 in the amount of \$30,486.93. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Facility Use Requests:**

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

Leila Lamson-OTH-Pontine Performance-November 2,3 & 4, 2017

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Appointments:**

T. Connors moved to approve the following appointments:

Katherine Latchaw-Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate, term exp 4/30/2020

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Recommendations:**

T. Connors moved to recommend the following positions contingent upon the addresses on all the applications be the applicants home addresses instead of 80 Fox Point Road:

John McCooey-Deputy Fire Warden

Brandon Lisowski-Deputy Fire Warden

Christopher Gallant-Deputy Fire Warden

Darin Sabine-Deputy Fire Warden

Jonathan Connors-Deputy Fire Warden

Andrew Head-Deputy Fire Warden

Jeffrey LeDuc-Deputy Fire Warden

Jonathan March-Deputy Fire Warden

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Investment Policy:** T. Connors moved to accept the Investment Policy dated April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, prepared by Sue Philbrick, Town Treasurer. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Purchasing and Petty Cash Policy:** T. Connors moved to increase the Department Head spending limit from \$250 to \$500. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Town Hall-French Drain Discussion:** Discussion ensued about drainage quotes and using a camera to see the problems. **M. Marconi moved to authorize John Stowell, Building Inspector, to order the camera inspection of the drainage system. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Eversource Newington Station-Change of Use:** A overview of the hazardous chemicals that are being stored temporarily at Newington Station. The Board agreed that Eversource needs to come before the Planning Board to discuss the “change of use”.

T. Connors discussed the well water testing in Newington. He is very concerned with the contamination all over. J. Stowell attends meetings and keeps the Selectmen up to date. T. Connors stated that Lulu’s report in the Newington Neighbor was very informative about the well testing. T. Connors let the Selectmen know that he would like to be the point person for the well PFO information. Dennis Mollay suggested that M. Roy contact the Greenland Town Administrator and Health Officer for more information.

J. Stuart discussed a box on a sign that has been placed on Fox Point Road. After extensive investigation, it was discovered that the box was used to monitor Portsmouth water line water flow.

The Board discussed the current hydrant situation. M. Marconi believes that there is nothing in the current contract (from 1964) that states that the Town needs to pay rent for the hydrants located in Newington. M. Roy will follow up with Peter Rice.

M. Roy will contact the Greenland Town Administrator and ask about their hydrant situation. M. Marconi will contact New Castle to find out about their situation.

**Business Development Plan:** DRED, the Department of Resources and Economic Development, has been in contact with Jerry Coogan and M. Roy about having a business development video completed. This can be placed on the website or emailed to developers. The intent would be to bring in further business and industry to the area. M. Roy, G. Coogan and M. Marconi will draft a business development plan and bring it forward to the Board of Selectmen.

**Fox Point Rental:** **M. Marconi moved to extend the rental agreement with the current Fox Point rental tenant until May 2018. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

J. Stuart discussed the new road in the Southern Division of the Cemetery. People are driving to the end of the new road and then they are cutting across graves to get out. J. Stuart would like to see rocks placed in the Cemetery by the spigot to prevent people from doing this.

M. Roy will purchase more "Town" ball caps.

T. Connors discussed the dog ordinance. The ordinance is in place and will be enforced.

The Board thanked State representative Dennis Malloy for attending the meeting.

E. Boy will follow up with a list of people that have gate clickers that have moved out of Town.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:10pm. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Boy  
Recorder