

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 16, 2017 Town Hall

Chair Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 10:00am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of June 5th, 2017. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifest of 6/6/17 in the amount of \$100,544.75. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Sprague Tax Assessment Agreement: M. Marconi moved to accept the Sprague settlement. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor. T. Connors congratulated the Chair and M. Roy on their good work on the settlement.

Property Liability Insurance Quote: The Board requested that M. Roy shop for additional property liability insurance quotes for the 2018 calendar year.

Portsmouth Water Hydrant Rental Update: M. Marconi reported to the Board on a meeting that he and M. Roy had with B. Goetz. M. Marconi gave B. Goetz the water agreement between Portsmouth and Newington. He explained that \$17,000 per year is too much for Newington to pay for hydrant rental and it should be reduced. B. Goetz stated that the fee is for items such as water for the Fire Department. The Board will discuss this matter further in the future.

M. Marconi explained to the Board that Portsmouth has a long range plan to rebuild the 2 foot water line that goes through Newington.

Fire Station Study Committee: M. Roy read the first two sentences of Chief Head's email regarding formation of a Fire Station Study Committee. The expectation is that a new Fire Station discussion will bring forth the option of moving to regionalization. T. Connors made a motion to table the Fire Station Study Committee. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Regulations for Excavation and Blasting: After consultation with the Town Engineer and Counsel, D. Hebert recommends updates to the Town Excavation

Ordinance and a new Blasting Ordinance. These were given to the Board for review. M. Marconi suggested that the Board review these regulations at the next meeting.

EP Newington Tax Assessment Agreement: M. Marconi moved to approve the EP Newington Tax Assessment Agreement. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Discussion ensued about the Little Bay Road reconstruction project. The bids were higher than anticipated at \$282,000 and \$310,000. The Board asked about various elements of the bids and whether the work could be phased and how much a 4 week shutdown of Little Bay Road could reduce the bids. They asked for a review by the Police Chief on police details needed for traffic control.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 11:10am. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Roy
Town Administrator