

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 2, 2018 Town Hall

**Present:** Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Deputy Chief, Darin Sabine, Road Agent, Len Thomas, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 9:07am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:** K. Latchaw moved to approve the minutes of June 25th, 2018. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Facility Use Requests:**

**K. Latchaw moved to approve the following Facility Use Request:**  
**Mike Marconi-8/25/2018-Old Town Hall-50<sup>th</sup> HS Class Reunion**  
**T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Hawkers, Peddlers, Vendors Application:** The Mall Management has applied to have four food trucks in the Sears parking lot for a "Coffee and Cars" event. **K. Latchaw moved to approve the application for the four food trucks. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.** D. Sabine asked about the inspection of the trucks by the health officer. M. Roy said that she had discussed this with the Health Officer, Kevin Kelley, and he told her the inspections are done by the State.

**Woodbury Ave. Plowing Review-Darin Sabine and Len Thomas:**

The Selectmen asked D. Sabine and L. Thomas to come to the meeting to discuss the plowing of Woodbury Ave. In September 2019, the Town will take over the plowing of Woodbury Ave. from the State.

Darin Sabine's company had the contract with the State to plow Woodbury for 6 years. Discussion ensued about the number and type of trucks that will be needed to plow Woodbury. D. Sabine thought a grader with a plow and wing, a 6 wheeler (10 yard) with a plow and a wing and a 10 wheeler (14 yard) with a plow and a wing were needed. D. Sabine thought a grader was essential to be able to get the snow over the guard rails. D. Sabine thought the town could lease the equipment from John Deere. A grader could be leased for \$4,000/month (for the entire year). A used grader could be bought from the state. L. Thomas wanted to know where the Town was going to store this new equipment.

D. Sabine thought the Town should buy a grader and then hire two truck subcontractors at a hourly rate. The subcontractor must have a ground speed sensor, this could save up to 33% of the salt used. He recommended that our plow operators be trained on a grader.

250 to 300 hours are needed for snow removal per season.

The Town currently has approximately \$200,000 in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Jack O'Reilly interrupted the meeting at 9:42am to ask about another air conditioner for the Old Town Hall. D. Sabine told him to ask the Fire Department for one.

The Selectmen asked Len Thomas to put together a plan (solution) for plowing Woodbury and bring to the next Selectmen's meeting in July. The plan should include the equipment and the money that will be needed.

The Selectmen asked about pretreating the roads. The Town doesn't have the equipment to pretreat with a solution, but can pretreat with salt.

The Town will also have to repair the guardrails.

**Carriage House Drainage Project:**

The Selectmen want this project completed by Septemberfest on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**EDC Intern:**

**K. Latchaw made a motion to pay the Economic Development intern up to \$15/hour. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Fire Department Radios:**

\$25,000 for new portable radios has been approved and is in the budget. D. Sabine stated that the radio maintenance budget line needs to be over expended as the Fire Dept. base radio failed. The excess will be made up from the salary budget line. K. Latchaw asked if all the radios will be used at the same time. D. Sabine explained that each firefighter has a radio with a number, so they are able to tell who is missing. The Selectmen asked D. Sabine for a breakdown of what the department has for radios, Part time portables vs full time, before July 14<sup>th</sup>.

D. Sabine told the Selectmen that Fire Chief Andy Head will be retiring on November 30<sup>th</sup> and he has been appointed the new chief.

The Selectmen asked M. Roy to write a letter to the Fire Engineers asking them to reply to the rumors about Fire Chief.

K. Latchaw asked K. Kelley how many written complaints he has received. K. Kelley explained that there is a complaint form in place and no one has filled one out yet.

M. Collins from Eversource told K. Kelley that a telephone pole can't be put in wetlands or a Town's ROW.

**Adjournment: K. Latchaw moved to adjourn at 10:30am. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy  
Recorder