

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 28, 2017 Town Hall

Chair Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 4:34pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Town Planner Gerald Coogan, Ken Latchaw, John Klanchesser, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of August 7th, 2017. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 8/8/17 in the amount of \$32,792.38, 8/15/17 in the amount of \$58,707.64, 8/17/17 in the amount of \$411.58 and 8/22/17 in the amount of \$62,113.24. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Moose Plate Grant Application: G. Coogan updated the Board of Selectmen about the Moose Plate Grant. The Town could use this grant for the Fox Point shoreline restoration project. The grant could match up to \$24,000 of money spent by the Town on the project and the Town could match this with a 50% contribution to the project. J. Stuart asked if the grant would require public access at Fox Point. G. Coogan has researched this and public access is not required. J. Stuart would like to see the plans and budget for the project before the Town commits any money. G. Coogan will ask Tighe and Bond for the plan and budget. Another meeting will be scheduled when this information is received.

J. Stuart moved to enter into a nonpublic, RSA 91-A:3 II (b & d), meeting at 4:45pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 5:14pm.

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

Facility Use Request: M. Marconi moved to approve the following request: Newington School Supporters-OTH & Grove-8/30/17-Back to School Picnic
T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Inspection Permit Fee Schedule: The Board reviewed the State law and previous Board actions confirming that the Fire Department is only in charge of alarm fees. **M. Marconi moved for M. Roy to send a memo to the Fire Chief explaining this. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.** M. Marconi thought that some of our other building permit fees should be higher. J. Stuart wants to make sure that we are competitive but business friendly.

IT Services: M. Roy reviewed the findings of the IT Committee with the Board. Our current server is 20 years old and needs to be replaced. The IT Committee recommended award of the IT Services contract to RMON Networks. **T. Connors moved to accept the IT proposal of RMON Networks. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Economic Development Committee: The Board agreed that an Economic Development Committee should be formed and have between 5 to 7 members. The Board will each come up with a few names of people who have a vested interest in Newington businesses and future business and industrial development. They will bring the names to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Nimble Hill Road and McIntyre Road Speed: M. Marconi stated that there is a heavy flow of traffic between 3-6pm on Nimble Hill and McIntyre Roads. Speeding is common. M. Marconi recommends dropping the speed limit to 30 mph. K. Latchaw showed the Board an analysis of the Police Department traffic numbers and speeds report he developed. He stated that he was in favor of the speed being reduced. He also suggested that a new school speed signs are needed that are reflective. J. Klanchesser also spoke in favor of the reduced speed limit. J. Stuart emphasized that there is no sense lowering the speed limit if enforcement of it doesn't take place. The Police Chief will be contacted about enforcement.

M. Marconi moved to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph on Nimble Hill Road and McIntyre Road and a crosswalk will be placed in front on the school driveway. The school speed limit will be reduced correspondingly. Discussion ensued about the crosswalk and the State law about speed limits in the school zone only being 10 mph under the regular speed limit. **M. Marconi withdrew the crosswalk part of his motion and revised the speed limit during school hours to 20 mph. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

PDA Tree Planting: J. Stuart moved to hire a Town Forester consultant to look at the overall PDA project. **M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor. M. Roy will bring forth a candidate to review the PDA tree planting project.** The next PDA meeting is September 21st.

Town Hall Drainage: This issue will be addressed when the Town Engineer's recommendation is received.

Carriage House Drainage: The Board consensus was to have Altus engineering place the recommended drainage plan out to bid. T. Connors would like to see the work completed before the first frost.

Budget Goals and Due Dates: The Board consensus was to require level funding of operating budgets for 2018. The Board of Selectmen will now wait to vote on the Department's final budgets until November. **M. Marconi moved to accept the M. Roy's recommended budget dates. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Highway Block Grant Aid: The NHMA lobbied for more funds to come to the Towns. The grant can be used for road projects or equipment. There will be a public hearing, in compliance with State law, at an upcoming Selectmen's meeting. The Town can encumber these funds. M. Marconi stated that he was in favor of purchasing a new snowplow for the OshKosh truck with the Highway Block Grant Funds. T. Connors agreed this would be good use of the funds. This matter will be discussed further after the public hearing.

Seacoast Water Commission Appointment: **J. Stuart moved to appoint T. Connors to the Seacoast Water Commission. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

The Board of Selectmen asked M. Roy to write a letter to the Birchtree Center asking them to consider staying in Newington.

T. Connors asked M. Roy to include information about USAF well contamination meeting in the next newsletter. It was emphasized that questions should be delivered in advance of the meeting to make it as productive as possible.

M. Marconi requested that M. Roy send a letter to Portsmouth water about all the water breaks in Town and the lack of water pressure.

Adjournment: **J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 6:20pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Boy
Recorder