

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2017 Town Hall

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

J. Stuart called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approval: T. Connors moved to approve the minutes of July 10th, 2017 and July 20th, 2017. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 7/25/17 in the amount of \$58,772.96 and 8/1/2017 in the amount of \$252,387.15. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Appointments: M. Marconi moved to approve the following appointments.
Jarrad Savinelli-Recreation Committee
Darin Sabine-Deputy Health Officer
T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

T. Connors moved to authorize fireworks at Fox Point during Septemberfest. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Excavation Ordinance: T. Connors moved to amend the Excavation Ordinance to read "no excavations on holidays". M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Oshkosh Plow Purchase: Discussion ensued about the purchase of a plow for \$20,000 for the 2017 season. Just the front plow, no wing plow and no salt bin. It was the consensus of the Board to buy the front plow for the 2017 season.

Water Issues Discussion: T. Connors would like to have the Pease Restoration Advisory Board come to Newington and address Newington water issues with residents. T. Connors will organize the meeting.

Brian Goetz-Portsmouth PWD Deputy Director-Hydrant Fees Discussion: B. Goetz explained to the Board that hydrant fees have been charged for a least 25 years. The fee of \$100 per hydrant has been in effect for several years. Currently Newington owes the hydrant fees for 2016 and 2017. A couple of years ago Portsmouth hired a consultant to look at the fees and they recommended that the fees be increased. The current rate is \$200 per hydrant and Newington has 87

hydrants. M. Marconi felt that Newington should be getting a concession for having the water line through Newington from Madbury. T. Connors thought that Newington should pay what we owe and then at some point review with Portsmouth PDW to see if a concession can be made to Newington because we provide access to Portsmouth's water source. **T. Connors moved to authorize M. Roy to pay the 2016 and 2017 hydrant bills. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Discussion ensued about the 24" line from Madbury that goes under the bay and splits in two 20" lines, the new pipe that will be needed under the bay because the one that is currently there has been there since 1957 and the need to always dig up roads when installing water lines.

B. Goetz discussed Coleman Drive and all the water breaks there. Portsmouth Water wants to install a pressure reducing valve. When hydrants are turned on too fast or shut off too fast it puts too much pressure on the water pipes under Coleman Drive and causes all the problems.

Town and Fire Inspection Fees: The State RSA states that the Selectmen set the fees. M. Roy will get an opinion from an attorney about the RSA. Wilcox would like the Board to consider a reduction in their Fire Life Safety Permit fee. The Selectmen would like to get something in writing from Wilcox outlining what they are asking for. J. Stuart pointed out that Wilcox started their project 2 years ago and should be grandfathered in. The fees from two years ago should be looked at. M. Roy will get in touch with Wilcox and let them know that we are still working on this issue and will let them know the result soon. The Board's consensus was that they needed more time to study the fees.

Shattuck Way-Adopt a Roadway-TE Subcomm: M. Marconi moved to accept TE Subcomm adoption of Shattuck Way. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Coast Guard asked if they could dock at Fox Point from September 19-29, 2017 while construction of the bridge is being done. This will allow them to respond to incidents on this side of the bridge. It was the consensus of the Board to allow them to dock.

Discussion ensued about the need for an Economic Development Committee, the Pease trees, the storage shed at Fox Point.

Resignation: T. Connors moved to accept with regret the resignation of the Building Inspector John Stowell. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Adjournment: J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 5:13pm. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder