

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2017 Town Hall

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Planner Board Chair Denis Hebert, Attorney John Ratigan, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Stuart called the meeting to order at 5:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

J. Stuart moved to enter into a nonpublic session at 5:01pm per RSA 91-A: 3 II (c, d and e)). M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 5:47pm.

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

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of August 28th, 2017 and September 7th, 2017. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: T. Connors moved to approve the manifests of 8/29/17 in the amount of \$18,702.19, 9/5/17 in the amount of \$264,680.99, 9/12/17 in the amount of \$43,232.52. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Request: M. Marconi moved to approve the following Facility Use Requests.

Kristen Poulin-OTH-10/21/17 from 9am-5pm, Baby Shower

Sue Bowles-OTH-10/29/17 from 9am-5pm, Baby Shower

T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Carter's Rock Clean Up-Highway Department:-The Selectmen agreed that this area needs to be cleaned up. M. Roy will notify the Road Agent to proceed. M. Marconi will check with Harbor Master to inquire about ownership of land at high and low tides.

Led Lighting/Building Insulation Programs: M. Roy and Charlie Smart met with Eversource representatives about changing the Town's street lighting to LED. This change could potentially save the Town \$10,000 per year. M. Roy will also contact Unifil about a grant program for updated building insulation in

natural gas heated buildings. **M. Marconi moved to include \$20,000 in the 2018 budget for the LED conversion. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Copier Contract: E. Boy reviewed the various copier quotes and State bid amounts with the Board. **T. Connors moved to accept the Town Hall copier lease contract with Seacoast Business Machines. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Hawkers, Peddlers and Vendors Ordinance Discussion: The Board reviewed fees and wording to be used in a new Hawkens, Peddlers and Vendors ordinance to insure residents are protected. Debbie Zabkar had researched other town's ordinances and these were reviewed by the Board. T. Connors stated that the fees in other Towns were too low. J. Stuart thought that the vendors should have a criminal record check and register with the Police Department. **T. Connors moved to have M. Roy draft a Hawkens, Peddlers and Vendors Ordinance addressing the Selectmen's concerns. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

J. Stuart opened the DOT SB 38 Funding Public Hearing at 6:05pm.

The Selectmen held a public hearing to hear comment on potential uses of Department of Transportation- Senate Bill 38 funds. Newington will receive \$32,300.87 in extra funding in 2017. No public attended the public hearing. The Board discussed several uses for the money including purchase of a snow plow for the OshKosh Highway Department truck. M. Roy will ask Len Thomas for his recommendation. This will be discussed further in the future.

Police Department Data Review-Newington Road Speed Results: J. Stuart stated that the Police Chief did a great job working on the graphs and the report on Newington Road car traffic and speeding. The Board requested that the report be put on the website or in the newsletter.

Release of CADD Engineering Files: Jessica Winston, from TF Moran, has requested the Woodbury Avenue and Piscataqua Drive CADD files from the town for the development of the Great Bay Services property. **M. Marconi moved to share the Town's files with T F Moran with the understanding that TF Moran will agree to share their CADD engineering files with Newington when requested in the future. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Safety Program Review: T. Connors moved to affirm the current Newington Safety program. **M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Old Town Hall Usage: J. Stuart expressed concern that there wasn't a place for just Newington residents to meet and work on crafts (like the Reapers Sewing Group). She hoped there was a place where Linda Bowser's Rock Decorating group could meet free of charge. **T. Connors moved to allow the Rock Decorating group to use the Old Town Hall. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

2018 Budget Review Schedule: The Board discussed the October budget review schedule for departments. Departments will present their budgets then and the Selectmen will vote on all town budgets in the month of November using projected revenue and other costs to insure a stable tax rate is achieved.

Fuel Bids: M. Roy will follow up and negotiate with the current bidders and bring the results to the 10/2/17 meeting.

M. Roy reported that Newington's assessment is 22 million dollars higher than last year.

Discussion ensued about winter plowing and the staff needed as well as bidding out plow truck and driver services. The Selectmen asked for a list of all the CDL licensed employees that can plow this winter.

T. Connors congratulated the Recreation Committee for the great job they did with Septemberfest. M. Roy will draft a letter of thanks for the Board to sign.

Jim Weiner; Mike Powers, Forest Consultant; Eric Weinrieb, Town Engineer and M. Roy walked the border of where PDA will be cutting trees. They believed that the trees that are going to be planted could be spread out more. Sumac was discussed as another tree that could give good coverage 3 seasons of the year. The PDA will proceed with cutting but wait to plant until the Town's Forrester and the PDA's Forrester can discuss a plan that is mutually beneficial.

The Board asked M. Roy to contact the State about the dead vegetation in the median from the new round-about, across the bridge to Woodbury Avenue.

M. Roy will continue research on the sale of town land to Mark Phillips and report back at the next Selectmen's meeting.

M. Marconi moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:00pm.

T. Connors moved to use the grant money to purchase a plow for the OshKosh plow truck. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:08pm. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder