

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 24th, 2018 Town Hall

Present: Chair Ted Connors, Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ken Latchaw, Residents: Robert Chaikin, Welsh Cove, Paul and Kathleen Reardon, Patterson Lane, Doug Ross, Gundalow Landing, Mark Phillips, Hodgdon Farm Lane, Cemetery Trustees: Alan Wilson, Peggy Lamson and Cosmas Iocovozzi; Sewer Commissioner, Skip Cole and Sewer Plant Manager Denis Messier; Library Trustees; Jack O'Reilly and Lilian Wilson and Library Director Lara Croft; State Representative, Dennis Malloy, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

T. Connors called the meeting to order at 4:01pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of September 17th, 2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifest for \$74,415.66 dated 9/18/2018. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Robert Chaiken, Welsh Cove: Dr. Robert Chaiken addressed the Board of Selectmen on the subject of helicopter noise over Welsh Cove. The noise is not supposed to exceed 65 decibels. T. Connors said that the Board would take all of the information and discuss with the Town's attorneys. T. Connors asked Dr. Chaiken to drop off his package of information to the office so it could be passed along to the attorneys. K. Latchaw will serve as the liaison for the Board on this issue.

Paul Reardon thought the routes of the helicopters should be in the middle of the river rather than right over the Town.

Doug Ross gave the Selectmen an article about managing noise.

The FAA has the final say on helicopters.

Volunteer Dinner-2019: The Selectmen stated that the Recreation Committee is welcome to choose their date for their "Senior Dinner" and the Selectmen will work around it for the Volunteer Dinner date.

Comcast Options: M. Marconi moved to change the internet provider for the Town Hall to Comcast for \$264.90 per month. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Fox Point Rental House: M. Marconi stated that the house needs further work and has issues in the upstairs bathroom. Kevin. Kelley will be notified.

Transfer Station Concerns: All town residents that wish to have a table at the Transfer Station must contact the Selectmen and get their approval prior to the date requested.

Storage Barn Request-Woodbury Ave. Excavation: Mark Phillips, owner of the Storage Barn in Newington, asked the Selectmen to make an exception and allow him to dig up Woodbury Ave. There is currently a seven year moratorium on excavating the upper portion (by Storage Barn LLC) of Woodbury Ave. M. Phillips explained that the first reports he had received showed the water and gas lines along the edge of the road, but he has now found out that the lines are actually closer to the median. T. Connors asked for a couple of weeks to look over everything and get back to him. M. Phillips would like to get the work done this fall so that there will be heat and water this winter for the caretaker's house located on the property.

Ted Connors updated the Board on the water situation. The Selectmen are meeting with Senator Hassan's and Senator Shaheen's offices Monday, October 1st about what the federal government is doing for Newington well owners. T. Connors recently attended the CAPP meeting. He asked for blood and well testing and that Newington be included in any further testing and information.

Town Land: M. Marconi moved to post all Town land to be Town Residents Only. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Cemetery Budget 2019: Cemetery Trustees; Alan Wilson, Peggy Lamson and Cosmas Iocovozzi presented the 2019 budget. The Trustees hired a sexton, John Frink, in 2018. The Trustees would like to add a columbarium in 2019. C. Iocovozzi will get figures on how much it would cost. This could possibly be a warrant article.

Sewer Budget 2019: Plant Manager Denis Messier reviewed the budget. The insurance will increase in 2019 because of the \$8.6 million improvement.

Library Budget: Library Trustees; Jack O'Reilly and Lilian Wilson and Director Lara Croft presented the library budget. The Trustees would like to change the Programming Assisant position to full time as people are not interested in it for

long term as part time. They requested to also add 7 more open hours. Mary Rash retired from the Library after 17 years of service. K. Latchaw asked the Trustees to begin sending time sheets to the Town Hall. The auditors recommended this change.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 6:49pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Roy
Town Administrator