

**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
June 18, 2001 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS), Chairman Christopher Cross (C), Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi (I), & John (Jack) O'Reilly (R); also, Executive Assistant (EA) Robert M. Belmore. Selectman Iocovozzi arrived after the meeting had started.

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Motion by R, second by C to accept the meeting minutes of June 4 and June 11, 2001 as Drafted. Motion passed, 3-0 vote.

Mr. Peter MacDonald

Mr. MacDonald asked the Board to consider purchasing portable soccer nets for the Town fields at a cost of \$1,050 per pair. The Board explained that there was no money budgeted this year for such a purpose.

Signature Folder

1. The BOS approved by a 2-0 vote 25 resident tax abatements: 20 residents had moved, 1 had passed away, 1 was over 65 years of age, and 3 were duplicates.
2. The Board approved a Coin Operated Game Machine Permit to Gameplan, Inc. to operate 11 machines at the Newington Wal Mart. Permit No. 114 was signed and the received fee noted (11 machines @ \$25 per, total cost of \$275).
3. The BOS approved several town hall & town facility use permits. The Board voted 2-0 not to allow Ms. Nickless to remove any tables or chairs for use at a wedding to take place in her gardens.
4. The Board voted 2-0 to appoint as Recreation Commission Members: Jane Harrington, Richard Sullivan, & Jeff Loewy; and as alternate Members: Laura Coleman and Terri Spinney.

Property Tax Abatements

- After review and discussion: motion by R, second by C, 3-0 vote to approve and sign the ABB Combustion Engineering property tax abatement settlement as recommended by town assessing agent George Sansoucy and as outlined in the May 9, 2001 letter from ABB's legal counsel, Attorney David Saliba.
- The Board discussed several other abatement applications and accompanying recommendations from Sansoucy, taking them under advisement.
- The Board requested the Chairman compile a list of abatement values being considered or granted and then contact the NH Department of Revenue Administration to request they re-calculate the Town's State Wide Education Tax levy using the Town's new valuation figure (after abatements).

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New Business & Correspondence

1. The Board discussed the June 13, 2001 dated Project Monitoring Services letter received from Jim Michaud of Century Consulting. This was in regards to the town wide property revaluation. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to accept the proposal for at the hourly rate of \$70, with a not to exceed cost for services capped at 10% of the actual revaluation cost incurred by the town.
2. The Board noted the receipt of the Notice from the PDA regarding a June 26th meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. on the Pease Airport Master Plan update. The Board decided to direct the Town Planner to attend and to prepare a critique of the proposed update for the BOS Chairman to review with him on next Monday.
3. The Board discussed a Memo from Cemetery Superintendent William Beals regarding his removal of shrubs that are overgrown & causing a hardship to the cemetery maintenance. The Board's unanimous consensus was to inform the Superintendent that the Board supported his operation of the town cemetery and the use of his full discretion in managing the grounds and the removal of any overgrown shrubs.
4. The Board asked Belmore to order portable toilets for the tennis court area and the Fox Point area.

Old Business

- The Board asked Belmore to Draft a letter regarding the portion of Town Forest land currently under PDA authority, asking it be turned back to the Town.
- The Board discussed a revised schedule of fees for permits as follows.

Residential Structures - A single Permit Fee would cover the cost of Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Permits, however separate Permit applications are required as needed. The new fee would be set at \$5 per \$1,000 construction cost with a Minimum Permit Fee of \$30.

Commercial Structures - Separate Permits & Fees are required, if needed. The new fees would be set at \$7 per \$1,000 construction cost for Building Permit; \$7 per \$1,000 construction cost for Electrical Permit; \$7 per \$1,000 construction cost for Plumbing Permit; \$7 per \$1,000 construction cost for Mechanical Permit; with a Minimum Permit Fee of \$30 for each Permit Needed.

Sign Permit - The new fee would be \$7 per \$1,000 construction cost for Sign Permit and a \$7 per \$1,000 construction cost for Electrical Permit, if lighted. There would be a Minimum Permit Fee of \$30 for a Sign Permit.

Motion by R, second by I, 3-0 vote to adopt this new fee schedule of Revised Building Permit Fees & have the New Fees effective July 15, 2001. The Board decided not to have a public hearing unless town attorney advises otherwise. The Board will have the new fees posted.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Belmore