

**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
July 2, 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 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Motion by R, second by C to accept the meeting minutes of June 18, 2001 as Drafted. Motion passed, 3-0 vote.

Newington Energy LLC

Mr. Ronald Bonzgo, Vice President of Engineering met with the Board to discuss their request to expand the project's construction work hours. Mr. Bonzgo gave the BOS a presentation copy outlining specifics of their request. He went over the handout in detail. Mike Brown, Construction Manager, and Walter Beck, Site Project Manager for ConEdison Development were also present for the discussion. Several Patterson Lane residents arrived including Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. LeClaire. There was some discussion about the possibility of sewer lines being extended onto Patterson Lane. The Board referred the residents to the Sewer Commission.

After much discussion the Board decided to schedule a public hearing on the matter for Monday, July 16, 2001 at the start of their next regular meeting. The Selectmen decided to send a notice of this hearing to residents of Patterson Lane.

Selectman Jack O'Reilly's Statement on the 2001 Tax Scheme

Selectman O'Reilly read a prepared statement entitled "Statement on the 2001 Tax Scheme". He gave copies to the Board and to Foster's Correspondent Lydia Frink. (A copy is attached to these minutes.). The Statement ended with a motion for the Town of Newington to stop flying the state flag. Discussion. Motion by I, second by C, 2-1 vote to table the motion to stop flying the state flag. (O'Reilly voted against the table motion.).

Bids

- The Board reviewed a proposal from Paul's Siding Specialist of Newington for installation of a gutter at the kitchen side of the town hall. Motion by R, second by I, 3-0 vote to accept the \$330.00 proposal.

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1. The Board discussed the application from CEC for coin operated game licenses and decided to table the matter until next meeting.
2. The Board reviewed and approved town hall facility use application/s.
3. The BOS authorized the Chairman to sign the State DES Coakley Grant Certification based on advice received from Attorney Ahlgren.
4. The Board reviewed and signed the manifest.

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New Business & Correspondence

1. The Board reviewed the fire chief's request to use town buildings for training exercises, i.e., old town hall and town garage. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to approve Chief Wahl's request as outlined in his June 26, 2001 memorandum.
2. The BOS reviewed a June 8, 2001 notice from the NHMA PLT regarding an increase in premium cost for the Fire Truck Replacement Program. The Board decided to remain in the NHMA PLT "new for old" insurance program for fire trucks provided the fire department still concurred on participation.
3. The Board discussed the town docks and recent complaints received regarding them. The Board agreed that it would be worthwhile to have one person coordinate the oversight of these areas. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to appoint John R. Welch of Newington to the advisory position of Town Docks Coordinator. It was further decided that this would be a non-paid, voluntary, appointed position reporting directly to the Board of Selectmen. The Board decided to develop a job description for immediate distribution.
4. The Board discussed an abatement request from Gary Michaels of Fox Point Road and deferred any action until such time as further information is received from Mr. Michaels regarding the specific abatement amount requested.
5. The Board reviewed a request from Sandra Sweeney of Patterson Lane for the placement of a town bench at the point area of Patterson Lane. The Board deferred any action until they could review some prices for an appropriate bench.
6. The Board decided to forward the draft McIntyre Road deed received from the Air Force to town counsel, Attorney William Mulvey, for review and comment.
7. The Board reviewed a request from Toys R Us for a permit to conduct a sidewalk sale. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to issue a four (4) day sidewalk sale permit to Toys R Us for Thursday, July 2, 2001 through Sunday, July 15, 2001.
8. Motion by R, second by I, 3-0 vote to continue with Northeast Mowers for town cemetery grounds maintenance at \$750.00 per mowing.
9. After some discussion the Board made several operational decisions including to discontinue the availability of a petty cash drawer, to authorize moving the employee biweekly pay day from Friday to Thursday, and to reemphasize the necessity to issue and update federal W-9 forms to town used vendors.
10. Chairman Cross updated the Board on several matters including the need to schedule a meeting with NH DOT District 6 Engineer Mike Burlage and a list of suggested summer work projects for the highway & maintenance departments.
11. The Board reviewed several other letters and notices received.

Nonpublic Session

Motion by I, second by R: 3-0 roll call vote to enter into a nonpublic session to discuss a personnel matter. The BOS reviewed the town planner's June 28, 2001 Memorandum. The Board decided to defer any action until their next meeting. The BOS voted 3-0 to come out of nonpublic session.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Belmore