

**Town of Newington  
Board of Selectmen  
July 31, 2001 Meeting Minutes**

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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.

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** Motion by R, second by I to accept the meeting minutes of July 16, 2001 as Drafted. Motion passed, 3-0 vote.

- The Board's work session with the town's building inspectors was deferred to a later date.
- Chairman Cross gave the Board an update on several issues including the condition of the Old Stone School. Cross discussed several property tax abatement applications and received some direction from the Board on these.

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1. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to apply for a town Wal-Mart credit card and to request two (2) cards.
2. The Board reviewed and approved town (hall) facility use application/s.
3. The Board reviewed and signed the manifest. The Board discussed the July 30, 2001 memo from the town treasurer regarding check signing. The Board authorized the Chairman to respond to the treasurer.

**Bids**

- The Board reviewed a proposal from R.G. Young & Son to remove and dispose of floor tile at the fire station (old police side). Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to award the job to Young for a total project cost of \$8,188.00 based on his 4/10/2001 proposal and 7/17/2001 proposal supplement.
- The BOS reviewed a 7/16/2001 proposal from Young & Son to do some repair work at the Langdon Library. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to accept the recommendation of the Library Trustees and award the job to Young at the proposed project cost of \$1,620.00.
- The Board discussed the 4/30/2001 Young proposal for renovation work to the fire station (old police side). No decision was made.

**New Business & Correspondence**

1. The Board discussed Attorney Mulvey's letter outlining his review of the Draft McIntyre Road deed sent to the Town from the federal government. The Board decided to notify the federal contact person that there were no concerns with the deed language.
2. Belmore presented a Draft Personnel Plan based on his meeting with Selectman O'Reilly. The Board will schedule a work session time to review the revisions before submitting them to town personnel for comment.

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3. The Board discussed the June 28, 2001 memo from the town planner. Selectman O'Reilly indicated he had talked to Morgan regarding the issue. Motion by R, second by I, to grant town planner Tom Morgan a \$1,000.00 longevity award in lieu of his extra vacation provision being eliminated. Further discussion regarding a future review of the town planner's job description/duties. The Board unanimously agreed the planner should be considered like other town employees. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0 vote. The Board approved the town planner request for vacation time on August 3. The Board agreed that employees should make vacation requests five days in advance if possible.
4. The Board reviewed several other letters and notices received.

The Business portion of the Meeting was recessed at 5:05 p.m.; to be reconvened for the public hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m.; all 3 Selectmen were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Cross introduced the Board and made some introductory remarks. Cross read the Citizens' Petition.

**Citizens' Petition to Invoke Article Ten of the State Constitution**

Chairman Cross read the petition:

We the undersigned petition the Town of Newington (Board of Selectmen) to invoke Article Ten of the State Constitution which reads as follows:

*Article 10. (Right of Revolution) Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power, and oppression is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.*

**See separate Public Hearing minutes for comments noted.**

Chairman Cross closed the hearing at 8:48 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert M. Belmore*