

**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
August 6, 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.

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing (6:30 p.m.)

Chairman Cross opened the public hearing and read the Petition for Release of Dedicated Way Pursuant to RSA 231:52.

Attorney Hank Stebbins, representing Tycom, explained the petition was the result of ongoing negotiations between land owners in relationship to the development of the ICR (Industrial Corridor Road). Stebbins showed the Board a map that depicted the land under discussion.

Discussion. Motion by R, second by I, to sign the "Return of Release of Dedicated Way" as negotiated and as presented by town counsel. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0 vote. The Board signed the "Return" document and forwarded it for filing with the Town Clerk.

• Discussion – follow-up to the Citizens' Petition Public Hearing to Invoke Article 10 of the State Constitution.

Budget Committee Chairman Alfred Smith was present for the discussion and he made some suggestions to the Board. The Board agreed to set up a meeting with town counsel to explore options on how the Board should proceed with the petition and the calling of any special town meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of another public hearing and/or a Selectmen Forum to be held at or about Tuesday, September 18, 2001. The Board targeted Tuesday, October 16, 2001 as a possible date for a special town meeting to address the Citizens' Petition. This discussion along with any final decision was continued to the next regular Board meeting set for August 20th.

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1. The Board reviewed and approved town (hall) facility use application/s.
2. The Board approved the sale of two (2) town cemetery lots to Sandra Drake at a total cost of \$600.00 (forwarded by cemetery superintendent William Beals).
3. The Board reviewed and signed the manifest.

New Business & Correspondence

1. The Board discussed a recent legislative bill passed and signed into law allowing pistol shooting of deer within the Town of Newington.
2. Chairman Cross passed along several recommendations from the town docks coordinator including a fence needed at the dock area. The Board discussed several work issues/orders needed around town and the Board authorized the

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- Chairman to act on several property tax abatement applications. Chairman Cross also gave the Board an update of the town wide reappraisal project.
3. The Board noted receipt of the notice that Newington Energy LLC had commenced their expanded work hours.
 4. The Board reviewed a request from EJD Associates of Richmond, Virginia for copies of town information. The Board authorized a letter being sent to notify them that they would need to come to town hall to conduct their own research and copies of documents would be provided at \$.25 per page.
 5. The Board received an August 6, 2001 Memo from Building Inspector Doug George regarding issues including a request to reschedule the planned work session ASAP.
 6. Selectman O'Reilly presented copies of a response letter from the PDA regarding the Newington Town Forest. The Board agreed that a meeting needed to be scheduled with the PDA and Board along with town counsel to address this issue and other issues. The Board authorized O'Reilly to coordinate a response to PDA Chairman Bartlett's letter.
 7. The Board reviewed an August 6, 2001 Computer Network Upgrade Memo from Tom Morgan. The Board made the following unanimous decisions:
 - a) BOS authorized the BMSI upgrade to a Windows environment as budgeted at a cost of \$4,262.00;
 - b) BOS authorized a Microsoft Office 2000 suite upgrade to the six town office workstations. The Board decided against a Microsoft Office XP Professional upgrade at this time; and,
 - c) The Board concurred with the request to notify personnel not to attempt to handle the town's LAN equipment on their own, and should any computer system damage incur appropriate personnel should be notified.
 8. The Board reviewed several other letters and notices received.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Belmore