

**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
August 9, 2001 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS), Chairman Christopher Cross (C), Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi (I), & John (Jack) O'Reilly (R); also, Town Building Inspector (BI) Doug George, Town Plumbing Inspector (PI) Bobby Hart, Town Electrical Inspector (EI) Larry Wahl.

The Thursday Workshop Meeting started at approximately 3 p.m.

The meeting began with a general dialogue of town building codes that should/could be enforced with discussion emphasis on the residential areas. Many points were made including the timing of inspections and the extent of past enforcement. The Board mentioned how they count on the town inspectors to use their good judgment as to how to enforce codes and to what extent particular codes are applicable to any given building project. All concurred with protecting residents and the town from liability as the task.

BI George said he had been using BOCA codes as listed in town ordinances but had only recently found out that 1 & 2 family dwellings were excluded from these codes. The Board and the inspectors continued to discuss what codes each of them are responsible to consider during inspections in order to ensure compliance. Building energy codes were discussed and there was a difference of opinion as to their applicable enforcement by the town. Chairman Cross said that the building inspector received specific direction from the Board of Selectmen at the Board's 4/2/2001 meeting to enforce all town codes.

Examples of specific building site inspections were discussed and critiqued by the Board and the inspectors. The Board and inspectors also talked about some building complaints within the past few days regarding town inspections of these citizens' projects. Conflicting information and opinions were conveyed by those present.

BI George excused himself from the meeting. The Board continued their workshop with the remaining inspectors. The Board was unable to come to any decisions on what course of action should now be taken.

Chairman Cross said the workshop had been scheduled and due to conflicts re-scheduled for some time now; and, its primary purpose was to review town building codes and inspection procedures with the three town building inspectors. He went on to say that any further discussion of individual complaints or performance issues should be handled separately and at another time as a personnel matter. The meeting came to a close and was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Christopher Cross, Chairman
Board of Selectmen