

**Town of Newington  
Board of Selectmen  
September 5, 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. Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the regular Monday meeting was held on the first Wednesday of this month.

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Terri Spinney, School Board Rep. / George Cushing, Superintendent SAU 50

Mr. Cushing gave the Board a letter outlining school board action to limit bus transportation down Mott Cove Road to a seasonal basis, weather permitting, and not occurring between Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. The letter goes on to state concerns raised by the bus transportation company, First Student of North Hampton. Cushing said the bus company had suggested a road apron be constructed for a safer turn around area and it was also pointed out that brush should be cut in the area of Fox Point Road and Little Bay Road to improve sight lines for the buses. Discussion. David Low, a Newington firefighter, said he had no problem operating the town fire apparatus along these roads and could turn the vehicle without problem in & out of Mott Cove Road.

Motion by C, second by R, 3-0 vote to authorize Selectman Iocovozzi to meet with the bus company to determine a cost effective solution, apron or other temporary fix, in order that full year use on these town roads is agreed to by the SAU's bus company.

Mr. & Mrs. Harrington of Mott Cove Road asked if there would be a follow-up meeting. The Board said they did not think it would be necessary. Superintendent Cushing said he would notify the Harringtons and Mr. & Mrs. Low once the bus company and school board were satisfied that concerns had been addressed.

1. Minutes. Motion by R, second by C, 3-0 vote to accept the meeting minutes of August 9, 20 and 23, 2001 as drafted.
2. Signature Folder.
  - a. Motion by R, second by I, 3-0 vote to abate property tax duplicate lien charges as submitted by the tax collector in her 8/23/2001 memorandum.
  - b. The Board reviewed and approved town (hall) facility use application/s.
  - c. The Board approved a town gravel/load of tailings (rocks) request by resident William Beals of Fabyan Point.
  - d. The Board reviewed and signed the manifest.
  - e. Motion by R, second by C, 3-0 vote to disburse town meeting appropriations in the amount of \$50,000 to establish a conservation fund and \$87,000 to various established capital reserve funds.
3. Proposals / Bids.
  - a. The Board reviewed the town planner's August 30, 2001 memorandum regarding the installation of BMSI software. Motion by R, second by C, 3-0 vote to authorize Kaply Consulting to do it provided it be done during the day when support was available from the BMSI home office in Franconia, NH.

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- b. Town Hall parking lot discussion – Motion by R, second by C, 3-0 vote to award the 2001 repair/repaving project to Bayside Paving of Greenland.
  - c. Fire Station – the BOS reviewed a proposal received from R.G. Young & Son to renovate the former police side of the fire station. Discussion. The Board deferred the issue to their next regular meeting, September 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Little Bay Road – the Board discussed the upcoming road reconstruction project. Selectman O'Reilly suggested some repair work to Little Bay Road Extension be added to the project. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested shimming the Ext. section. Motion by R, second by I, 3-0 vote to authorize Iocovozzi to hire Pike to shim Little Bay Rd. Ext.
- Newington Energy LLC Expanded Work Hours Permit  
Belmore reported on his contact with Newington Energy VP Ron Bozgo regarding the renewal of their work hours permit. Discussion. Motion by R, second by I, 3-0 vote to renew the Expanded Work Hours Permit from September 3, 2001 to November 5, 2001 with the same special conditions remaining in effect.
4. New Business & Correspondence.
- a. The Board discussed the Seacoast Area American Red Cross request to update the Newington – Red Cross agreement for the use of the town hall building, grounds, and equipment for mass care shelter/service outreach center required in the conduct of disaster services activities. Motion by R, second by I, 3-0 vote to authorize Chairman Cross to execute the agreement and coordinate the update of any necessary information with the town's emergency management directors & team.
  - b. The BOS discussed the August 28, 2001 letter from Cairns and Sons regarding their cutting down a large oak tree in conjunction with the ICR development. The Board agreed to have the Chairman complete further work to dispose of the tree trunk so long as it was profitable for the Town to do so.
  - c. The BOS discussed the August 21, 2001 letter from David Murray of Bedford regarding his acceptance of their offer to rectify a property tax deed issue.
  - d. The BOS discussed Attorney McNeill's August 16, 2001 letter regarding the hiring of a consultant/s to assist as experts with regard to ground generated noise at Pease (APU's/GPU's). Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to authorize the hiring of GRA Inc. of PA, as presented by McNeill, at an overall budget of up to \$8,000 plus expenses with a NTE/not to exceed cap of \$10,000. The specific scope of services will be finalized by the BOS with town counsel, Attorney Malcolm McNeill.
  - e. The Selectmen reviewed and discussed an August 29, 2001 letter from DOT Commissioner Carol Murray regarding interim safety improvements to the Spaulding Turnpike. The Board reached a consensus that the Chairman would develop a plan to be presented to the Planning Board, CIP Committee, and perhaps Sewer Commission for discussion and their support. The Chairman was to contact the DOT Commissioner to apprise her of the Board's intent for action regarding her letter.

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- f. The Board agreed to have the Chairman arrange for a meeting with town counsel for Friday afternoon, September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss options that might be available to the BOS regarding action on the Citizens Petition to Invoke Article 10 of the NH State Constitution. The BOS also discussed the recent NH Supreme Court decision against the Coalition case to affirm the State Property Tax being unconstitutional (3-2 ruling against the Coalition appeal).
- g. Personnel Discussions: The Board discussed the need to organize the records management of the office vault. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to authorize the hiring of Cliff and Mary Spinney to start the process on a part-time temporary basis under the supervision of the Board and Belmore. The Board discussed Belmore's budgeted salary line. Motion by R, second by I, 3-0 vote to award Belmore a \$1,000. salary stipend in addition to his regular pay at the next payroll disbursement. The BOS discussed Richard Rines workers compensation situation. Motion by R, second by C, 3-0 vote to advance Rines up to ten (10) days of calendar year 2002 sick leave once his 2001 sick leave is depleted, and to deduct this time from any severance due (i.e., vacation and pay) should he leave the employ of the town before he earns it on an accrual basis in 2002. The BOS discussed & confirmed the August 10<sup>th</sup> date/time for a special BOS meeting – posted start to be 6:30 p.m.
- h. The Board discussed the need for new ergonomic friendly chairs and furniture in the town hall. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000. for six (6) new chairs for the town hall offices.
- i. Belmore provided the BOS with a Selectmen 2001 project list and timeline update, a synopsis of the Drafted Town Purchasing Policy and an outline of the proposed changes for the Draft revisions to the Town Personnel Plan for their review and discussion. The Board decided to post the old fire department vehicle for sale around town, the past newspaper ad having generated no bidders for the surplus vehicle.
- j. Copies of the Building Inspector's August 31, 2001 letter on code enforcement policy and procedure were given to the Board for review and discussion. The Board decided to refer the matter to the Planning Board for their review, consideration & action to include possible legal advice.
- k. The Board discussed their request to the NH DOT for an encroachment lease for the Bloody Point Depot area. Chairman Cross updated the Board on his discussion with DOT and their request for a long range Town Plan on its use. It was decided to have Selectman O'Reilly take up the matter of developing a plan with the Historical District Commission.
- l. The Board reviewed several other letters and notices received including ones from the PDA and City of Portsmouth.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert M. Belmore*