



**Town of Newington  
Board of Selectmen  
October 15, 2001 Meeting Minutes**

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Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS), Chairman John (Jack) O'Reilly (R) & Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi (I); also, Executive Assistant (EA) Robert M. Belmore.

Chairman O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
The pledge of allegiance was recited.

- Chairman Jack O'Reilly read the public hearing notice in accordance with RSA 31:95-b regarding the acceptance of a U.S. Department of the Interior Rural Fire Assistance grant in the amount of \$12,240.00.

These funds are intended to be accompanied by a 10% Town of Newington Fire Department budget contribution in the amount of \$1,360.00 for a total of \$13,600.00. If accepted the Fire Department FY 2001 budget will be amended by the \$12,240.00 grant. Said total funds will be used for the purchase of a forestry skid unit and two portable radios with the frequency of Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge for emergency assistance.

Chairman O'Reilly opened the hearing and asked for any public comment. Fire Chief Wahl and the Board discussed how the funds would be processed into the town budget and general fund. It was decided to place it into a new town budget line and not into the specific fire department budget line. The Board kept the hearing open until approximately 7:30 p.m. No members of the public arrived to comment. The Chairman closed the hearing. Motion by I, second by R, 2-0 vote to accept the \$12,240 grant for the Town and the Newington Fire Department in order to purchase the radios and skid unit.

- The Selectmen discussed several issues with resident, Irving Beebe including the building department and town building inspector positions as well as concerns with the construction of the new ICR. The Board also discussed a possible building inspector candidate with the fire chief. Christopher Cross asked the Board for permission to continue working on the town forest issue and noise concerns with the Pease Airport. Chairman O'Reilly said he was going to handle the town forest issue. The Board said they had no difficulty with him continuing to assist with the noise situation. Cross and the Board also discussed the DOT Spaulding Turnpike improvements project and related issues.
  - The Board voted 2-0 to appoint Edna Mosher as a regular member to the Board of Adjustment. The Board voted 2-0 to appoint John Newark as an alternate member to the Board of Adjustment.
1. Motion by O'Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Iocovozzi, 2-0 vote to approve the October 1 and October 4, 2001 meeting minutes.

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2. Signature Folder.
  - a. The Board approved facility use permit/s.
  - b. Motion by I, second by R, 2-0 vote to approve and sign the Lease Agreement for the Fox Point Property to Paul and Bernice Busque with a \$50.00 per month rental increase.
  
3. New Business / Correspondence.
  - a. Motion by R, second by I, 2-0 vote to send \$10,000 in town legal funds to the Coalition Fund care of the City of Portsmouth to support legal costs as well as costs related to other Coalition efforts regarding the State Wide Property Tax. The Board discussed telling the press that they had not finished examining possible Article 10 Petition action.
  - b. Motion by R, second by I, 2-0 vote to authorize contracting for Natural Resource Mapping with RPC for a not to exceed amount of \$1,000.
  - c. The BOS noted their support of the fire chief having the Nimble Hill blinking traffic light removed.
  - d. The Board noted they had received news from US Senator Gregg's office that funding had been approved for Fabyan Point conservation land purchase. The Selectmen thanked Senator Gregg for his efforts.
  
  - e. The BOS noted a letter received from DOT Commissioner Carol Murray regarding progress on securing a Temporary Use Agreement for the Town's continued use of the Bloody Point property.
  - f. The Board received a letter from PDA Board Chairman William Bartlett regarding progress on an agreement for the management of the Newington Town Forest. The BOS forwarded a copy to town attorney Malcolm McNeill for action.
  - g. The Board discussed Mr. Howard Patten's request to have his \$7,000 bond released and voted 2-0 not to release it due to concerns still not addressed.
  
  - h. Revaluation discussion: Motion by I, second by R, 2-0 vote to withhold all payments to Sansoucy & Associates until all concerns raised by the State DRA are answered satisfactorily. The Board asked that certificates of insurance be secured from the company immediately. Resident Christopher Cross commented on the revaluation. Belmore gave a report on the meeting with DRA Officials, Jim Michaud, and Sansoucy staff person – Charlene Genest. The Board reviewed Century Consulting's (Jim Michaud) report on monitoring the 2001 Revaluation Project. Motion by I, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R, 2-0 vote to accept Michaud's recommendation to delay the property revaluation until 2002.

Annual Property Inventory Forms: The Board reviewed & discussed the Town's use of Inventory Forms. The Selectmen read a memo from Jim Michaud regarding the use of these forms under RSA 74:4-2. Motion by R, 2<sup>nd</sup> by I, 2-0 vote not to utilize the use of annual inventory form and procedure.

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- i. The Board noted the household hazardous waste collection day set for this Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Portsmouth's DPW from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- j. The Board deferred action on the NHMA PLT and Primex insurance programs correspondence until their next regular meeting.
- k. Selectman Iocovozzi gave an update on the Little Bay Road reconstruction project.
  
- l. The BOS discussed a letter received from the Professional Firefighters of Newington, IAFF Local 4104. Selectman Iocovozzi wanted it noted that they were an affiliated local only, not a union – bargaining unit. The Board decided to ask the Local for more information regarding the possibility of setting up a 457-investment plan for town employees.
  
- m. The Board reviewed a County Tax commitment letter. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested the County should consider billing towns 2x per year to lessen their need to borrow, that cost of borrowing being passed on to the communities.
- n. The Board reviewed a proposal from Paul's Siding Specialist for the installation of a new gutter at the Library. Motion by I, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R, 2-0 vote to award the job to Paul's Siding at their proposed cot of \$234.00. The Board gave kudos to Trustee John Welch for keeping an eye on the Library building needs.
  
- o. The Board reviewed and discussed other correspondence including a report from the State Plumber Inspector regarding his inspection of a town property.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert M. Belmore*