

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Monday, October 18, 2010
6:30pm Town Hall**

Chr. Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Present: Chairman Stuart, Selectman O'Reilly, Road Agent Len Thomas, Fox Point Building Steering Committee Chair Rick Stern, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi. *Selectman Iocovozzi arrived at 6:39pm*

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2010 with Chr. Stuart seconding. Passed 2-0.

Fox Point Building Steering Committee - Chr. Rick Stern was able to get prices for the Selectmen to consider funding to help the Steering Committee with visuals to see if the conceptual idea of placing a deck on the side of the Carriage House was practical and period friendly. He got three companies to submit sketch costs. He was looking for approval from the Selectmen. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the committee's request (\$500-Haas, \$500 Wheeler and \$950 for Sumner Davis) to proceed. (to fund from the Cap Res). Chr. Stuart seconded. Motion passed not to exceed each of their proposals.***

State Education Tax – RETURN OF DONOR TOWNS - Selectman O'Reilly urges Newington Residents to attend the discussion at Portsmouth City Hall regarding the State Ed Tax on Monday, Oct 25 at 7:00pm. Candidates for the November election have been invited and will be available for questions and answers. *Selectman Iocovozzi arrives*

Little Bay Road/Patterson Lane Overhead and Roadside Tree and Brush cut back-The town got an estimate from Urban Tree, which was based on a per day basis. Amount of days needed to complete the task was unknown at this time. Selectman Iocovozzi will contact Asplundh for an estimate.

Highway Plowing - Road Agent Thomas reviewed those slated to plow this season and it was noted that Victor can clear parking lots. With the garage due to be completed at the end of December, temporary salt storage can be at the Transfer Station. Len stated that about 2 loads could do the entire town. Selectman Iocovozzi wanted assurances that routes would be assigned and each would be responsible for their sections.

Paving: Approx \$67,000 is left in paving. Board discussed Little Bay to Old Post with the same specs as Beane. Bea will work with Charlie for writing something up and getting it out for bid request.

Recycling – Rhonda Baker Hill: It was suggested that the Town concentrate more on encouraging recycling during events held; ie. September Fest, Church Suppers, elections, and at the Library, Fire and Police Departments. Rhonda felt if the Board made more of an effort by supplying the necessary containers, it would soon become a natural habit. The Selectmen asked the AA to put out a memo.

Steps - Selectman O'Reilly reported that the three departments are now on a ten-step system. Numbers can be adjusted by the governing authority as they see fit. Regarding longevity, at the committee level it was quite confusing when tied into the steps, especially with promotion. The personnel policy will be adjusted regarding steps. The Selectmen chose not to address longevity at this time.

C.O.L.A. - Because no Cost of Living Adjustment was given to the Retired Federal Employees nor the SS recipients along with the tone of the economy, ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to issue zero C.O.L.A. for 2011. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*** Chairman Stuart wanted it noted that a Cost of Living Adjustment is not and should not be considered a raise. Regarding salary adjustments for 2011, increases are at the discretion of the governing authority.

Health Cost Committee – to explore options: Our rep from the LGC will be invited to speak to this committee to offer options. Chr. Stuart felt that an invitation should be extended to all employees (and interested retirees) to hear what he has to say. A memo will be sent out inviting all eligible employees (and retirees) to attend.

Cemetery Committee Appointment - Although Selectman Iocovozzi would rather see Mr. Abbott as a Sexton, *Selectman O'Reilly moved to reappointment Cliff Abbott to the Cemetery Committee (March 2011). Roll call. Jack – yes Jan – yes Cos – Nay.*

Facility Use:

Newick – OTH – Oct 23 - 1:00 - Birthday Party

Sprague – Memorial Service - Town Hall Audi – 100 People – October 25 - Noon til 6:00pm

Thermo Fisher – Town Hall Audi – Nov 8 – 10:am til 1:00am - Business Meeting

Martin Callahan – OTH – 2nd Fl - 11:00am - 12:30pm - Birthday Party

All were approved with fee.

Misc: The Board spoke of the problems and complaints about Fox Point with the note in the windshield system. Seems unauthorized notes are being created and an unusual amount of out of state vehicles are parking on the point. Chr Stuart felt that residents should accompany the guests and passes for guests should be displayed in a visible spot if using the guests' vehicle. The Selectmen felt because it simply is not working, they have to revisit the issue.

Budget Guidelines : As in the past, the committees, etc and departments have submitted reasonable budgets generally needing little tweeking. The Selectmen did not want to have everyone held at a specific percentage, however in a memo will ask that frugallness continue. Tax rate to be set at the end of the week.

Building Inspector: The Chair will meet with Mr. Smart regarding retirement.

Use of Old Town Hall: The AA was asked to draft a letter to the Bridge Club.

Adjourned at 8:10pm with the passing of its motion.

Respectively Submitted,



Beatrice Marconi
Admin Asst