

**Newington Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 15, 2010  
Town Hall**

Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

Present: Chr. Jan Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi and Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi and Receptionist Cathy Forbes.

At 5:08pm, ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non public under the provisions of RSA 91:A-3, (e) Employee Matters. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.***

***Selectman O'Reilly moved to come out of non public – seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi – with a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0. Selectman O'Reilly moved to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi and motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0 at 6:08.***

***Pledge of Allegiance.***

***Present:*** The 3 Selectmen, the AA, Fire Chief Dale Sylvia, Assistant Chief Andrew Head, Fire Engineers Wib Goins and Ruth Fletcher, John Bell and Police Chief Jon Tretter.

At 6:09pm the Fire Department presented their **2011 budget request of \$ 1,299,057.**

Chief Dale Sylvia stated that after personnel costs were removed, their request is \$700 less than last year.

Secretarial Wages: Under spent in 2010 due to leave.

Restructure Staff – Utilizing Part Timers

Ambulance Supplies – Generally need replaced annually due to expiration-however, the expired items are used when possible during training.

Vehicle Maintenance – Over spent in 2010. Needed repairs.

Fire Boxes – Could be sold as they are unused and antiquated (Engineers approved)

***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to remove the street fire boxes once radio boxes are in place and operating.***

***Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Ambulance Fees: Currently \$ 419.00 plus costs and mileage. Comstar bills, and regarding resident billing, Comstar consults with the Fire Dept.

Wages: New step system is worked into their request which indicates a 1.4% increase over 2010.

Retirement – Increased due to mandated retirement system increases.

Chief Sylvia offered the knowledge of his department to address inspections in the absence of a Building Inspector.

Chief Sylvia proposed the following: He feels there will be adequate unspent funds left over at year's end (2010) to afford them the ability to purchase a basic pick up truck (approx \$ 25,000). Current Fire Warden truck would be kept, however the utility truck is slated to be sold. The ambulance is good for another 3 or 4 years and will cost about \$ 160,000 for a new one. Discussion ensued regarding number of vehicles currently in the Fire Dept with Selectman Iocovozzi strongly stating that they do not need additional vehicles, rather replace as the rolling stock ages and is sold. He went on to say that the FD does not have the manpower for the amount of vehicles they want. He suggested they wait, trade in the current Fire Warden truck (with the possibility of the Selectmen throwing in a plow rig) and get a 4 door truck With the needed bells and whistles. The Selectmen felt the way to go is to request \$ 50,000 under Capital Out Lay for 2011 as this is the year the Police are not scheduled to order cruisers.

The Chief felt with a purchase of a \$25,000 truck, the difference between that and a fully equipped one would enable the department to dedicate more to maintenance. Selectman Iocovozzi felt otherwise in looking at the big picture. Fire Chief to get a price for budgeting under Capital Expenditures. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to recommend \$ 1,299,057 to the Budget Committee, Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Given to the Selectmen were the Fire Departments' building maintenance 'Needs and Wants'. Board will let the Fire Department know if there will be a need for misc inspections in the absence of a building inspector and appointment of a Health Officer.

**Police Department Budget Request of \$ 1,324,711.**

Chief Jon Tretter presented the budget on behalf of the Police Department.

Professional Training: Some certifications are required every year, others every 2 or 5.

Steps: Police are putting in place the 10 step wage system for 2011, which resulted in about a \$3,000 increase.

Retirement: Increased due to Retirement System town contribution percentage amount increase.

Chairman Stuart stated she was pleased with the budget presented as after personnel costs are extracted, it amounts to a zero increase in the operating budget. Therefore, Selectman O'Reilly moved to recommend a budget of \$ 1,324,711 to the Budget Committee with Selectman locovozzi seconding and motion passing 3-0.

Emergency Management Budget will be reviewed by the Selectmen at their general government work session.

Chief Tretter asked for consideration of the continued support of \$1,000 to the Child Advocacy Agency.

**Paving Bids**

Hannah Lane: Pike \$ 70,527; Bell & Flynn: \$ 51,950; Bourassa Construction: \$ 56,052

***Selectman O'Reilly moved to award the Hannah Lane paving project to Bell & Flynn, not to exceed \$ 51,950. Seconded by Selectman locovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.***

Fox Point Road to Old Post: Pike: \$89,733; Bell & Flynn: \$73,750; Bourassa \$ 71,816

Chairman Stuart stated that while Bell & Flynn are in town doing Hannah Lane, and given the fact that there is minimal difference in bids, ***she moved to award the Fox Point Road to Old Post paving job also to Bell & Flynn. Selectman locovozzi seconded, motion passed 3-0.***

**Johnson Motor Bid – formerly on the Fire Dept's rescue boat**

Advertized twice, and receiving a single bid on the second time around, ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept Bruce Osborn's bid of \$125 for the Johnson. Seconded by Selectman locovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.***

**Highway Budget Request –**

Wages: Remain level for 2011. See end of year for any additional spending if available. Chr. Stuart felt that the Board should look at this line as other PT employees have been recommended for an increase. She went on to say that even the plow drivers rate should be revisited.

Training: up \$500

Paving: Adjusted down from 282,500 to \$265,000 with plans to encumber what is not used.

**Facilities Use**

Girl Scout request to use TH Kitchen approved - Fee Waived

**Pole License**

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve – Selectman locovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

***At 7:55 Selectman O'Reilly moved to Adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.***

Respectively Submitted

Beatrice Marconi  
Administrative Assistant