

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 20, 2006**  
**Town Hall - 6:30PM**

*Preliminary*

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

***Present:*** Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Vice Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Building Inspector Charlie Smart, Road Agent Lenny Thomas, Treasurer George Fletcher, Recreation Committee Members Brian Haberstroh, Peter MacDonald, Jean Bowser, Barbara McDonald, Cliff Abbott, Lisa Zhe, Sandi Clark and Jim Caddy.

**Minute Approval**

***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the minutes of October 16, 23, 25 and November 6. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

**Vector Control Regulation Proposal**

Building Inspector Charlie Smart took the floor and passed handouts to the Board while explaining that this regulation is necessary to have in place for the town to be eligible for reimbursement of mosquito control funds when available. ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to have Charlie go forward with this proposal and to bring it back to the Board when adapted to Newington's needs. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 3-0***

**Coleman Drive Culvert Memo**

The DES permit specified that work shall be done during a 'dry season'. Shapleigh Construction was awarded the bid. The area is never 'dry' but the water flows less during the winter months when partially frozen. Shapleigh wants to purchase the culvert headwalls now and store them at the Highway Garage as this will save us costs and him time. It is possible that the funds will have to be encumbered. Selectman Iocovozzi noted that the asphalt will be very expensive but all agreed that we could probably cold patch until spring. Charlie stated that he did not feel the pond by Baker-Hill would be affected barring unusual natural events. Charlie will contact Shapleigh.

**Town Hall Lobby Rain Damage Repair**

The Selectmen instructed Charlie to proceed with the Town Hall lobby repair from the heavy rains last May & June. F A Gray gave the town a price of \$500.00.

**Tennis Court Lighting**

Pete MacDonald and Brian Haberstroh of the Rec Committee both encouraged the Board to support immediate installation of the tennis court lights with the funds coming out of Capital Reserve. Both Selectmen O'Reilly and Stuart commented on the evening use of the facility. The bids received ranged from \$10,000 to \$18,275. The only complete proposal to spec was one received from Maldini Electric. After discussion on the variation of the bids, ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the Maldini bid not to exceed \$ 18,275 with Selectman Stuart seconding and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.***

**Holiday Lighting Competition and Open House**

Brian Haberstroh spoke to this event stating the Rec Committee was offering to take the event over. They hoped to have hay or sleigh rides, depending on weather and availability. Dec 19 was suggested. Brian would check with Gail Pare as that was the night for the Community Sing Along and was going to invite her group to sing at Old Town Hall instead of Meeting House. He will let Bea know details for newsletter. The Board asked that liability be checked on in case of incident.

### **BackStop at Base Ball Field**

Pete MacDonald informed the Board that bids were being sought as we speak with Keith Frizzell spearheading the effort. As information comes in, they will let the Selectmen know. Pete added that he would like to extend a special thanks to John Pantelakos for his work done at the South Newington Basket Ball court by Patches Infra Red. John has asked that his check for work be donated to the Newington School Supporters.

### **Cost Of Living Adjustment for 2007**

After discussion of the COLA with Selectman Iocovozzi suggesting 2.6%, Selectman Stuart suggesting 3.0% and Chairman O'Reilly suggesting 2.8%; it was ***so moved by Selectman Iocovozzi to offer a 2.8% Cost of Living Adjustment. Chairman O'Reilly seconded and the motion passed by 2-1 with Selectman Stuart voting against.***

Selectman Iocovozzi so noted that if Department Heads felt their employee (s) merited a performance raise on top of the C.O.L.A. then they could bring that for budgetary consideration.

### **Town Facility Fee Criteria**

- Any Educational Workshop or Training Session offered to benefit people or positions with the Town of Newington – FEE WAIVED
- Any Youth gathering/banquet/ceremony whereas at least one person who is a participant of such group is a resident of Newington – FEE WAIVED
- Any non-profit agency (non-profit or Tax Exempt certificate must be shown) who are conducting a meeting or offer to provide an educational or health benefit to a town position or resident (s). – FEE WAIVED
- All Funeral Receptions for deceased Newington Residents (or their family members) - FEE WAIVED

*Note:*

- Excluding Youth Activities** - Even for non-profits, if the event is a holiday party, dance, or other social gathering, etc and not providing an educational or health benefit, then a minimal fee of \$ 100.00 is applicable
- A play/concert/production/birthday party/wedding, etc – For set up and rehearsal bookings - when multiple nights are needed but not necessarily for the production or event – the usual 'room rental' fee applies.
- Per our Insurance company - When commercial agencies or non profits hold an event, we are to get a certificate of Insurance with the Town being named as additionally insured.

*The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to waive or alter criteria based on circumstance*

***Selectman Stuart moved to accept this criteria with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. So voted 3-0.***

### **Budget Committee/Selectmen's Schedule for Meetings with Departments/Boards/Commissions**

The Board accepted the schedule with a switch in positions with the Cemetery and Conservation Commission to appear before the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Schedule to be placed on Newington's Web Site and posted.)

### **Blevin Property**

Although grateful for the offer, the Board voted to turn down the Blevin offer of their property located on Fox Point Road. They felt it was not a good time to take on more property inventory. Selectman Iocovozzi moved to not accept the offer with Selectman Stuart seconding. So moved 3-0.

### **Highway Salt Shed Repair**

Pike's bid came in at \$4,750 for 3+ inches of asphalt. Bayside came in at \$3,000 with the inches to add unspecified. Beatrice is to call both Bayside and Pike for a 4" quote.

***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to go with lowest equivalent bid for salt shed repair at highway site with Selectman Stuart Seconding. Motion passed 3-0.***

### **Lamprey Contract**

***Selectman Stuart moved to accept the Lamprey 10 year contract with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.*** Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi is to notify our Representative Peg Lamson.

### **Announcements:**

- Chairman O'Reilly noted the winter transfer station hours to be 9:00am-1:00pm on Saturdays from November until April 1.

- Chairman O'Reilly noted that the Tax Collector/Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 22.

- Chairman O'Reilly announced the community sing along to be Tuesday, December 19 at the Meeting House at 7:00pm.

- Chairman O'Reilly announced that the tax rate has been set at \$ 9.07, which is down from \$ 9.10.

There was discussion about the County annual bill which is always Due by December 17 with Selectman Iocovozzi stating that they should bill twice a year to relieve the pressure put on Towns.

### **Correspondence:**

Although signed "Concerned Residents", a letter came in from Amy Maness stating her dissatisfaction with the amount of signs appearing road side, ie: Library, Church, School Play. She felt the Board should address this issue to keep Newington the pretty town that it is. The Board suggested this letter be forwarded to the Planning Department.

The Board discussed a sign memo from Planner Tom Morgan generated from a memo from the Dept of Transportation regarding a suggested sign to be placed at the intersection of Shattuck and Nimble Hill Road. Also, the Board addressed the need for a sign to be placed at the off ramp from the Turnpike (near Rockingham Electric.) Suggested verbiage will be passed to Tom.

Barbara McDonald commented that many trucks are going thru the Trickey Cove area using Shattuck. The Board felt this was an enforcement issue more than a signage issue.

### **Town Facilities Requests:**

***Selectman Stuart moved to approve the request of Sandi Clark for the use of the Town Hall Auditorium and Kitchen on January 15<sup>th</sup> for a concert. Selectman Iocovozzi Seconded. Passed 3-0.***

***Selectman Stuart moved to approve the Marine Docents request for use of the Town Hall Auditorium for Dec 13 with fee waived. Selectman Iocovozzi Seconded. Passed 3-0.***

***Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 7:50pm with Selectman Iocovozzi Seconding. So moved 3-0***

***Respectively Submitted, Beatrice Marconi***