

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 6, 2006
6:30 Town Hall

Approved 11/20/06

Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Mark Philips, Charlie Smart (Building Inspector), Jean Bowser, George Fletcher, Duncan Mellor of Waterfront Engineering, Mike Good (Fosters Democrat), Police Chief Jon Tretter, Vincent Frank, Barbara McDonald, and Larry Wahl.

The public hearing on Alarms opened up at 6:36pm. Jack read the amendment, as shown below: To see if the Board of Selectmen will vote to amend Town Ordinance No. 86-08 'Alarm Users and Businesses: as follows:

Page2, Subsection 7. "Operating System After Revocation; Penalty" last line to read: "...conviction, shall be fined a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)".

Page 2, subsection 8. "False Alarms" paragraph (b) deleted and rewritten to read as follows:

(b) In any case where more than six false alarms in a calendar year are received from an alarm system for which an alarm user permit has been obtained, a civil assessment shall be paid over to the Town of Newington, and such permit may be revoked subject to the provisions of this ordinance. Refusal to pay the civil assessment within thirty days of the assessment shall be punishable as a violation and may be cause for revocation of the alarm user's permit. Each false alarm received in excess of the limits stated in this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty set by the Police Commission for burglar/hold-up alarms and the Fire Commission for fire/medical alarms.

Police Chief Jon Tretter noted that 86-08 may be a reference in error and that in fact, Ordinance 03-02 is more recent.

Larry Wahl asked about a public hearing on alarms and questioned if the increase was on initial permit fee or false alarms.

The public hearing was left open for comments until 7:36pm when the Chair announced it closed.

Selectman Stuart moved to approve the changes to the present ordinance as presented by Chief Tretter for Alarms. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the minutes of October 16 and 23rd. The motion was then tabled until the next meeting.

C.O.L.A.

Chairman O'Reilly noted the annual September to September Northeast Regional Urban chart that the Board uses as reference each year to be at 2.6%. It was also so noted that the Federal was at 3.2%. At the next meeting, the Board will vote on a Cost of Living Adjustment.

Health Costs for 2007

Chairman O'Reilly noted that Health Trust had sent us their 2007 costs for budgetary reasons which came in at an increase of 10.8% for BC3T5RDR-R\$3/15M\$1 plan and 11.6% for the C100MC-M\$1 plan. Delta Dental did not change their costs.

Erosion at Fox Point – Engineering Update

Duncan Mellor of Waterfront Engineers gave the Board a summary of where they are in progress for wall re-enforcement/rebuild at Fox Point. He announced that the survey was complete and presented a map depicting the severe over the non-critical areas to address. He spoke of vertical rebuild over sloping areas as the DES prefers the slope. This can be a sectioned job, however suggested the permitting be done from A-Z as the DES analyzes full impact. The Board must decide on which routes to take before permitting can be done. Duncan will give us recommendations and an estimate for phase I for '07 budgeting. The Board asked that the trees be saved if at all possible.

Coleman Drive Culvert

3 bids were received for this project. Larry Wahl spoke to the water problem and stated that it stemmed from the ball field. Selectman Iocovozzi was concerned that it might be too late in the season and suggest the road agent do the project.

Fissette Excavation of Pelham NH - \$12,500; Shapleigh Construction from Eliot Maine - \$ 15,987; R Garth excavation \$18,960.

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the Shapleigh bid (not to exceed \$15,987), contingent upon discussion with Bldg Inspector, Road Agent and Police & Fire Chiefs recommendations to keep passage open and over all approval of this contractor. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded with motion passing 3-0.

Police Grant for Radios in Cruisers

The NH Dept of Safety via a Homeland Security grant is encouraging Police Departments to apply for funding to supply departments with P-25 compliant portables to allow for increased access with officers with agencies involved in Homeland security. Chief Tretter explained that it is 100% funded. The Board authorized the Chair to sign on their behalf.

Engineering for Highway

The Board discussed miscellaneous locations for the Highway Garage, being the same area, closer to our existing transfer station or Shattuck Way. Selectman Stuart suggested forming a study committee. Selectman Iocovozzi stated he was looking at the future and what the Towns needs will be. He went on to say that we are not meeting OSHA or DES requirements. He felt we needed to set parameters – ie: what our recycling plan will be, how will our growth effect our future needs. It will cost approx \$ 900,000 for a building replacement right now. George Fletcher when on to describe Stratham's set up and stated that what ever we felt our space needs would be, double it, as you'll need it, when it comes to bays, etc. Chairman O'Reilly strongly urged the Board to consider establishing a Cap Reserve as this will eventually be quite costly. Selectman Iocovozzi stated he felt we had adequate room at our Transfer Station site even if we don't get the Khalsa land. Charlie suggested we consider a reflective noise study once we decide on a site. It was decided that the next newsletter should address the need for volunteers for a study committee. Larry Wahl asked about building behind our current highway garage site however Selectman Iocovozzi felt that there was a stop placed on tree removal. Barbara McDonald mentioned the master plan and utilizing the Planning Board or other committees who may be a good local resource to gather contributions from. Selectman Iocovozzi added that this was part of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Highway Joining the Drug Screen Consortium

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to have our Highway Dept join with the Fire & Police Departments (to comply with Federal Mandates) and become part of the Drug Screen Consortium. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Pole License on Aboredum Drive

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the pole license petition for placement on Aboredum Drive. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- A memo from Building Inspector Charlie Smart to the Board asking for them to consider forming a building committee to work with the Engineer on an advisory level to assist the selectmen in this process of plan development for the Carriage House at Fox Point. This group would meet with the architect and discuss ideas and uses pertinent to the building and location. The Board felt we should include this request for volunteers in our next newsletter.
- Letter from Len Thomas of South Newington asking the Board to consider placing proper lighting at the basket ball court on Newington Road and giving alternate ideas, ie the school gym for games. The Selectman asked the Administrative Assistant to write back to Mr. Thomas, to forward the letter to the Recreation Committee and to pass a copy on to the school. Meanwhile, light pricing will be sought for possible consideration for next year.
- An in-depth scope of work sheet for the Carriage House was given to the Board which covers more details than what was passed out previously. Kelly Davis of Sumner Davis Architects was awarded the job on October 16, 2006. Chairman O'Reilly stated that we need to look into the warrant article working that we established to fund a 'three season pavilion' for its applicability to the Carriage House.

Davis & Towle

Treasurer George Fletcher spoke to the Board about discovering that the Town had continued to contribute to Davis & Towle for life insurance for 3 individuals who left employment. A rough estimate for refund is approximately \$ 2,100.

Town Facilities Use Requests

- Sandi Clark's request for Town Hall Auditorium & Kit - January 15 was tabled until we find out if the event is being charged for.
- Thermo requested the Town Hall Auditorium November 9th – approved
- Carrie Tammik-OTH Kit & 2nd fl - Birthday Party - Nov 18, 2006 – 2pm-10pm - approved
- Bellmare Baby Shower-OTH-Kit & 2nd Fl – Feb 3 2007 – all day - approved
- Fire Dept Memorial Breakfast (DeWolf)-Town Hall Audi & Kit – Jan 6 2007 – 7am-11am-fee waived - approved
- Historical Society – Feb 15, 2007 – meeting 6pm – OTH – 2nd fl & Kit – approved – fee waived
- Tiffany Spinney-wedding recp-OTH 2nd fl & Kit – Sept 15 2007 – all day – approved (Cos was to call Tiffany regarding booking the 14th of Sept for set up

Library Structural Repair

There is some work that needs to be done at the Library totaling \$516.40 for re-enforcement of joints, etc. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the estimate by Coastal Remodeling, not to exceed \$ 516.40. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0*

Barbara McDonald passed out the following request:

“In order for the Newington Conservation Commission to assess its needs and the resulting requests for services for the 2007 budget, the commission is asking for clarification of your vote on June 12, 2006 which states ‘that the town planner works for the Board of Selectmen and is not anyone’s secretary.’”

Exactly what are the duties you are referring to that our town planner is to do as his job description dictates?

What duties do you see are things you do not wish to have him spend his time doing for our commission?

Not only do we need to know your expectations, but the planner needs clarification as well.

Please respond with providing in writing the planner’s job description and your answers in detail to how you wish to utilize him for our commission.

We request this information to assist us in the development of our 2006 budget.

Barbara McDonald for the Newington Conservation Commission”

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:00pm with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. So moved 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant