

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2005**

Approved Nov. 21, 2005

**Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chairman Iocovozzi

In attendance: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Bob Vachon and several Newington town residents. *See attached attendance sheet*

Pledge of Allegiance

Statement from the Board Selectmen

Chairman Iocovozzi opened with the reading of a statement from the Board of Selectmen in regards to public meeting minutes due to the recent law suit filed against the Board and each Selectman individually. The Chairman stated that the Board of Selectmen try to reduce the number of non public meetings that are held, but the citizens should be aware that non public meetings are held to discuss personnel issues and other allowable items as specified by NH law. If a resident should have any concern with how these meetings are held or the way the meeting minutes are kept please feel free to express these feeling with the Board of Selectmen.

Minute Approval

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 17th and the 24th. ***Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart.*** Chairman Iocovozzi asked if there was any discussion in regards to the minutes. Being that there was no discussion Chairman asked for a roll call vote, 3-0 ***motion passed.***

Auditor Presentation

Bob Vachon gave a presentation on the year ending December 31, 2004 audit and stated that the Town of Newington received good marks and is doing great financially with no deficiencies.

Wal-Mart Open 24hr Request

Gregg from Wal-Mart asked on Wal-Mart's behalf if the store could remain open 24 hours from November 25 until December 23 for this year's holiday season. Selectman O'Reilly stated that the Planner and the Police Chief had no objection with this request. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion*** to accept Wal-Mart's request to stay open 24 hours from November 25 until December 23. ***Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart,*** roll call vote 3-0, ***motion was passed.***

Letter from School Supporters

Chairman Iocovozzi read a letter from the Newington School Supporters presenting the Board with two checks received for the new playground equipment installed. The first check in the amount of \$5,000.00 is a generous grant from Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program. The second check in the amount \$5,198.01 is from the funds raised by the Newington School supporters at the annual Fox Point Road Race. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion*** to accept the checks totaling \$10,198.01. ***Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart,*** roll call vote 3-0. ***Motion passed.***

Copier

Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi stated that she has been speaking with two companies Conway and Imagistic. Beatrice stated she recommended that the town should go with Imagistic due to the fact that the town would be saving \$60.00 plus they would pay off our existing lease and give us two new machines. Wayne Feenstra a representative from Conway stated that he recommends that the town should stay with the existing copier until the lease runs out in April. ***Chairman Iocovozzi suggested*** that this discussion be tabled until more information is gathered.

Report of Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

Dee Dee Walsh gave a brief presentation of what all she received for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Selectman O'Reilly suggested that a letter of appreciation should go out to the local companies and or/newspaper thanking them for all of their support and the items given by them to help Newington in this relief effort.

Residents Stickers

Much discussion was held about why there should be resident stickers and whether there should be a charge for them. ***Selectman Stuart made a motion*** that there should be no charge for the decal stickers. ***Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly***, roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Ball Field Update

Pete Macdonald stated that he spoke with the contractor Mr. Fernandes and he hopes to have the ball field completed by Thanksgiving weekend. Pete MacDonald also will get a bid from Fernandez to present to the Selectmen for drainage work.

Jungle Gym at Carriage House

Selectman Stuart made a motion to contact Great Bay and see if they would like the old playground equipment. ***Motion was seconded by Selectman O'Reilly***. Roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.

Chimney Removal for the Town Hall

Building Inspector Charlie Smart spoke on this issue. Mr. Smart gave a brief overview of what needs to be done to repair the chimneys there were two bid proposals one from Ricci Construction for \$24,477.00 and one from Careno Construction in the amount of \$18,850.00. ***Selectman O'Reilly made motion*** to award the job to Careno Construction not to exceed the amount of \$18,850.00. ***Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart***, roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Amendment to the CMA Engineering Agreement for the Old Town Hall

Chairman Iocovozzi decided to table this discussion until we have a clear understanding of the amendment.

Old Town Hall Debris Disposal

After much discussion it was decided to put a town truck at the Old Town Hall so that the contractors could dispose of any debris and if a truck is unavailable then the debris will be stock piled and disposed of at our Transfer Station in an effort to save on costs.

COLA

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion that the new COLA be set at 4.7 for full time employees only. ***Selectman Stuart seconded***, roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Correspondences

Informational Letter from the Police Chief

A letter from police Chief Tretter regarding the Pease International Trade Port coverage. The letter was just to inform the Board of Selectmen of the annual cost evaluation for having a police coverage on the Newington side of Pease has been revised for 2006.

Letter from the NH DOT

The NH DOT sent a letter stating that there will be an informational public meeting for Newington residents on Wednesday Nov. 9, 2005 at 7pm to discuss the Spaulding Turnpike Project.

Municipal Pest Control Seminar Announcement

December 1 at the Holiday Inn in Portsmouth between 8:30 and 11am. This is a free seminar to inform communities about a better quality pest control program. It was suggest that Charlie Smart attend.

Letter from the Health Trust to Adopt new Health Plan

Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi stated that this is a new program established to give more of a choice to our members who may want to take advantage of Medi D. It is at no cost to the Town to adopt this program and Health Trust is just looking for an answer as to if Newington wants to offer this. ***Selectman Stuart made a motion to adopt this new program. Motion was seconded by Selectman O'Reilly***, roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Bond Agreement

This is the agreement for the bond for Old Town Hall for a five year payoff set at \$850,000.00 ***signed by the Board of Selectmen***. Mr. Fletcher, our Treasurer hoped that the Board would consider finding him a spot at Town Hall to set up an office of the Treasurer.

New Business

Laura Coleman asked if the Selectmen would be willing to let former members of the building commission sit with Charlie Smart and Careno and CMA when they start restoration at Old Town Hall. Selectman O'Reilly suggested that she should get with Charlie to see if there is an issue that he needs help with, but don't hold up decisions.

Laura also presented a letter to the Board requesting to be appointed to any available position on the HDC. ***Selectman Stuart made a motion to appoint Laura Coleman a member of the HDC. Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly***, roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Laura also suggested to the Selectmen that there should be a finance person to take care of the finances here at the Town Hall in an effort to help the Administrative Assistant not burn out as the Town had gone through a variety of AA over the last 5 years. After much discussion it was decided to table this issue until more information from different towns that have financial officers.

Old Business

Selectman O'Reilly stated that he spoke with the Town Attorney about getting the town forest back by the end of the year.

Public Comment

In regards to the flu shot clinic, Ruth Fletcher felt as if that there was no publication about the flu shot clinic that was held. Research will be done.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.

Being that there was no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant