

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 8, 2010
6:00pm Town Hall

Chr. Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Present: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi and Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Dot Noseworthy and Charlie Brewster Library Trustees, Conservation Comm Chairman Justin Richardson, Planner Tom Morgan and Mike Marconi representing the Planning Board, George Fletcher of the Sewer Commission, and Gail Pare presenting for the HDC. (Charlie Brewster – Cemetery Trustee and presenting their budget)

Minute Approval: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the non public minutes of Nov 1 as written and, with amendment, moved to accept the public minutes of November 1.*

(Record indicated a motion by O'Reilly to proceed with bidding process for Town Hall Parking lot and did not indicate second or passage – Board clarified intent, that it was to second and pass). *Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Motion passed 3-0.*

Planning Board 2011 Budget Presentation - \$161,093 Requested

Mike Marconi, representing the Planning Board along with Tom Morgan presented the budget. After removing the personnel lines, which come under the Selectmen, their request was for \$57,498.

Selectman O'Reilly questioned the secretarial and professional training lines as minimal was used in 2010, yet the 2011 request remained level. The major item increasing their budget was the C.O.A.S.T. funding request of \$21,262 whereas in 2010 was a warrant article. The Board felt it should be presented as a Warrant Article once again and Chr. Stuart stated that with the impending threat of the educational tax returning by way of Donor Towns, she hoped the Planning Board was prepared to take the heat.

Mike stated that they would yield to the preferred method. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to forward the Planning Board's budget request of \$161,093 (including personnel costs) however would recommend their C.O.A.S.T. request of \$21,262 to be removed at the Budget Committee level and be a Warrant Article. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Conservation Commission - \$ 15,691 Requested

Chairman Justin Richardson presented the budget request to the Selectmen. He stated that the legal request was based on appeals and cases. Regarding the town forest, they will be looking to Mark West who will be working on a forest management plan. Will be addressing some wash away issues at the new school planting area. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to recommend \$15,691 to the Budget Committee. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.* Regarding a warrant article request, the Conservation Commission asks for the Board to support a request of \$25,000 for the acquisition fund.

Historic District Commission - \$ 3,500

A \$1,599 grant is in their request. They plan Cannon/Plaque add ons, sign replacement along with hopes of publishing a brochure. Fox Point archeological dig continues. The HDC hopes to encumber what is not used to save it being raised again. *Selectman J. O'Reilly moved to authorize the Chair to sign the grant papers on behalf of the board. Selectman C. Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 2-0 (Chr. Abstained) Selectman Iocovozzi moved to recommend \$3,500 to the budget committee. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Sewer Commission - \$ 660,688

George Fletcher, representing the Sewer Commission presented their 2011 budget request. Regarding nitrogen testing, George indicates that certain government mandates are soon to come out. They, however are not going to wait to be ordered. In the budget is about \$15,000 dedicated to testing. ***Selectman J. O'Reilly moved to recommend a budget of \$ 660,688 to the Budget Committee, seconded by Selectman C. Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.***

Cemetery Committee - \$ 19,650

Charlie Brewster, Cemetery Trustee presented the budget. Trees cutting is budgeted for. Stipend line increased by \$250. Charlie explained that they may have to search for a new sexton, and if so, adding the \$250 to the line may bring in more interest. Private Cemetery Care line decreased. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to recommend a budget of \$ 19,650 to the budget committee. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.***

Langdon Library - \$98,356

With Charlie Brewster, also a Library Trustee, Dot Noseworthy presented the 2011 budget request. It is up \$86.00 compared to last year. Dot noted that several compliments have come in since the 2 trees were removed. ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to recommend the Library Budget of \$ 98,356 to the Budget Committee, Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Recreation Committee - \$ 35,825

With no one from Rec being able to make the meeting, it was noted that their budget request was down \$2,100. Chr. Stuart wondered what was planned for general maintenance. Selectman O'Reilly stated that it was field maintenance. ***Selectman O'Reilly Moved to recommend \$35,825 to the Budget Committee. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*** (The AA was asked to contact rec about the fence and to remind them if they need to encumber, to get the info to the Selectmen timely.)

Facility Use Request:

The Board approved a request from Portsmouth Symphony for Nov 10. Motion passed fee waived. A discussion regarding costs of rental of the different facilities was brought up by Chairman Stuart. She felt \$350 was low for a commercial entity using the auditorium at Town hall. With maintenance costs horrific, lights, heat, floor care, the Board agreed that it was worth looking into. They did ask the AA to only book the Town Hall Auditorium if being used by 25 people or more. Otherwise, they have to use Old Town Hall. Regarding the use of Newington's facilities by the bridge club, because of participation not growing as originally hoped for at the on start, the board felt the benefit to the Town as a whole was not to the level as expected. A letter asking to find another location will be going out.

The Selectman briefly spoke of the retirement plans of our building inspector and was concerned that time would pass so quickly that we may be left with a gap in staffing. An effort will be made to speak to him in hopes of extending his time with the town. The Board also briefly addressed an employees' request to meet in non public.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Admin Asst.