

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Town of Newington Town Hall

December 19, 2005

preliminary

Present: Chairman Iocovozzi, Selectman Stuart, Selectman O'Reilly, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi(at 6:45pm), Dot Noseworthy & Meredith Hoyt-Library Trustee, Chris Bellmare-Recreation, Peggy Lamson & Barbara McDonald-Conservation Comm, Len Thomas-Highway, Edward Bober-Bayside Auto.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Library Budget

Meredith Hoyt, Library Trustee, presented the library budget request for 2006. Mrs. Hoyt stated that the amount should have \$8,196.00 instead of \$6,480.00. The library is also requesting a raise of 4.7(merit raise) for the librarian vs a COLA which is only given to Full Time employees per the Selectmen. There was much discussion on building maintenance and other miscellaneous items in regards to the Langdon Library. **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to recommend that the budget request be sent to the Budget committee in the amount of \$ 59,436. **Selectman O'Reilly seconded motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Conservation Committee Budget

Conservation Chairman Peggy Lamson presented the budget request. Selectman Stuart asked why there was such a difference in the legal budget amount. Chairman Lamson and Barbara McDonald discussed how the conservation committee has not met their goals for the year. Barbara McDonald gave a brief example on how Justin Richardson has professionally devoted 20 hours of his time to benefit the conservation committee. Mrs. McDonald stated that they couldn't just expect him to continually do professional work for the committee for free. Board of Selectmen Chairman Iocovozzi stated that the conservation committee should not need legal, due to the fact that it could go under the Selectmen's legal. Chairman Iocovozzi asked why the Conservation Committee needs \$10,000.00 for legal purposes. **No conclusion to this subject due to the fact that the tape stopped** – however, discussion of a Fox Point Easement took place. The Board voted to recommend sending the Conservation Committee Budget request in the amount of \$15,555 to the Budget Committee.

Recreation Committee

With the tape not running, discussion did not become part of the record, however, the Board of Selectmen voted to recommend sending the Recreation Committee Budget on to the Budget Committee in the amount of \$ 33,550.

Highway

Again, with the tape not running, after much discussion, the Board voted to table this department's 2006 request until a workshop discussion slated for Dec 28. However, Len should go up to \$20.00 per hour for wages and John to \$14 as he has a CDL. Those without CDL should be at \$12.00. The Board also briefly discussed misc lines in the Highway budget.

Performance Bond-CMA Contract

With the revisions that CMA proposed in an effort to keep their costs to \$46,000, the Board signed the contract. CMA Engineers explained briefly as to why one would be needed and reflected that it was a matter of protecting us. Septic issues were discussed. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that this is something that should wait until winter. Chairman Iocovozzi asked Mr. Smart about the bringing the water level up and if the water line is connected to the cemetery. Mr. Smart's answer was too muffled to be understood. Chairman Iocovozzi instructed Mr. Smart to ask the plumber to give another estimate on the water line.

Book Case at Town Hall

Edna Mosher would like a bookcase placed at Town Hall to house artifacts of historical value. Board voted in favor of such.

Force Agreement with State for Fire Alarm Cable

The agreement was voted on and signed by the Chair. (copy of agreement attached) \$4820

Letter from the PDA

Selectman O'Reilly read the letter presented by the PDA. The letter was in regards traffic demand management. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that he would prefer to check with the Town Planner, Tom Morgan. **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to hold off on making any decisions on this matter until the information is passed on to the Town Planner. **Selectman O'Reilly seconded motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Mayor Sirrell's Proclamation from the Selectmen

Town Administrative Assistant, Beatrice Marconi stated that the signing of the proclamation drew a few laughs and was highly enjoyed by the Mayor and Governor.

Letter to the Spaulding Turnpike Advisory Committee-Elevated Guard Rails (Tom Morgan)

Chairman Iocovozzi read the letter out loud. The letter stated that there are no objections to having the elevated guardrails put in. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to have the Chairman sign off on this project. **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Altus Purchase Order-\$1,675

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept and sign. **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Bay Auto Shop

There was a request for dealer plate permit from Bay Auto. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that this information should be passed on to Tom Morgan to see if there are any special requirements that have to be met. Selectman Stuart prefers that this issue be tabled until the next meeting so that more information can be acquired.

Town Hall Use

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve the use of the Town Hall by: Thermo Electron on January 18, Estes on December 24, Sea breeze (fee waived) on January 13 the Professional Fire Fighters of Newington use of the kitchen on January 6 (fee waived) and Seacoast

Electrical Inspector (fee waived). **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Exit Light in the Town Hall-Maldini Estimate

The lights will be converted to LED to save money. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that if there is money left in the budget, this matter could be taken care of then.

Road Issue

It is undetermined if off Shattuck Way belongs to the Town of Newington or the State of New Hampshire. Chairman Iocovozzi will call Tom Morgan to get his input as the Town may consider closing it rather than repave it.

Old Business

Town Administrative Assistant stated that the tape recorder was on play instead of record. Ms. Marconi briefly went over what was stated earlier so that it could be added to the record later.

Public Comment Session

(Muffled) Barbara McDonald asked a question as to how the tax calculation worked for the budget. Selectman O'Reilly answered her question.

Jack Pare asked a question about the cell tower-*muffled*.

The tape ended.

Being that there was no further discussion before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant