

**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Town of Newington Town Hall  
December 5, 2005**

*Approved 12/19/05*

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Chairman Iocovozzi opened the meeting at 6:33 pm

**Present:** Chairman Iocovozzi, Selectman Stuart, Selectman O'Reilly, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, George Fletcher, Laura Coleman, Gail Saudi Clark, Lisa Z, Rick Stern, Barbara McDonald, Vincent Frank, and Chris Bellmare.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minute Approval**

**Selectman O'Reilly made the motion** to accept the meeting minutes of November 21, 2005 with amendments. *(during the CMA presentation ,Nov 15 to note the amended amount of an additional \$15,000 to their proposal)* **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0. **Motion passed.**

**Town Meeting CD Tape Recording-Larry Wahl**

Larry Wahl asked if the Town wants a CD and tape recording of this year's town meeting. Board felt we should again this year.

**Electronics Update**

Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi gave a brief comparison of Uniwaste and Eastcoast. There was much discussion in regards to getting a bin for one to two months to see exactly how much electronic waste the town would be dumping. The Board decided to check with Kenny Pickering and see how and where a bin can be stored for one month, just as a trial period.

**Budget Scheduling**

To get the budgets done in a timely manner it was decided to schedule the Library, Recreation, Highway and Conservation Committees on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 6pm.

**Plaque-Christmas Lighting Contest**

Beatrice Marconi gave a brief overview on the different types of plaques and prices for the Christmas Lighting contest. **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to go with the Etchex plaques at \$48.00 each. **Motion was seconded by Selectman O'Reilly.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

**Correspondences**

**Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to read Barbara McDonald's first letter. **Motion seconded by Select Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.** Selectman O'Reilly read the letter aloud. *(attached to record)* Mrs. McDonald was requesting to include a list of all Town employees and the current salaries in the upcoming Town report. Selectman Stuart stated that it adds an extra expense to the town report. Selectman O'Reilly also stated that it is up to the Board of Selectmen to decided where this information would be published. Selectman Stuart stated that this information is public and can

be made available at the town hall. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to accept the first letter and place it on file. **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

**Selectman Stuart made a motion** to read Barbara McDonald's second letter. **Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly.** *(attached to record)* Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.** Chairman Iocovozzi read the letter aloud. It stated that Ms. McDonald felt the Board was in violation of Right to Know regulations by them being seen gathered after meetings in the Planners Office and/or their office. Selectman Stuart stated that the 3 of them (along with Laura Coleman and the AA) did in fact walk around town hall after one particular meeting searching for office space for our Treasurer, as requested at the meeting. Selectman Stuart felt it was a shame that even upon entering their own office to drop off their papers after a meeting that they can no longer ask each other how the family is doing without being accused of conducting business secretly. Laura Coleman spoke in the Board's defense stating that it was not a meeting of any sort and they did have the right to speak to one another but were prohibited from voting on any matter except at a public meeting. Selectman O'Reilly wondered why Ms. McDonald didn't address other boards and commissions who admittedly had (unknowingly) been in violation. After much discussion **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** for the letter to be accepted and placed on file. **Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

### **Abatement**

Tax collector submitted a hardship tax abatement in the amount of \$603.73. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to approve. **Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

### **Chuck E Cheese-Game Permits**

Chuck E Cheese submitted 13 game permit requests along with a check in the amount of \$325.00. **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to accept the request of 13 game permits. **Motion was seconded by Selectman O'Reilly.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

### **RG YOUNG- Guard Rail Replacement Proposal**

**Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to accept the bid proposal from RG Young not to exceed the amount of \$1648.00. **Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

### **Town Hall Use**

The church submitted a request to use the town hall for the upcoming church suppers on March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and October 21<sup>st</sup>. **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to accept the requests. **Motion was seconded by Selectman O'Reilly.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Gail Pare gave a brief reminder about the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Town Sing A- Long on Dec 15 at 7:30 at the Meeting House. Mrs. Pare also stated that desired finger foods are more than welcomed to bring to share.

Sandi Clark made a request for the use of the Town Hall auditorium to put on a play on March 2-5. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to approve the request for \$100.00 provided we get a certificate of insurance. **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

## **Meeting House Work & Old Parsonage Lease**

George Fletcher spoke on this matter. He also stated that last year they put in a walkway for \$3260.00. The church would prefer to hire Larry Haas to fix the steeple and they would contribute to this project if it meant we could use Haas. Chairman Iocovozzi suggested that the church members get proposal and report back to the Board of Selectmen.

## **Swamp Inc. Proposal**

Chairman Iocovozzi read off the three options to consider for 2006. Option one consisted of cleaning out the ditches equaling 1800 linear feet, fill two small ditches with excavated dredge material, etc. totaling \$25,500.00. Option two consisted of cleaning out all ditches, removal of all dredge, rift raft, etc. Option three totals \$39,300.00 includes everything as number two with some different options. All three options include wetland permits. The Board of Selectmen all decided to consider a budget work session for December 14 and this topic will be included. Jack & Bea will get together.

The Recreation committee will let the Board know about the music and other items for lighting competition on Dec 20.

## **Public Comment Session**

Barbara McDonald suggested that minutes be stored in the Foyer in notebooks for the public on the counter.

Chris Bellmare asked if there was a way to put Internet access in the foyer for the main purpose of viewing the meeting minutes.

Barbara McDonald asked a school tax question. Selectman O'Reilly answered.

Vincent Frank had a question about the performance bond at the Old Town Hall. Mr. Frank wanted to know why there was a performance bond purchased by the town. After much discussion, on December 19 this question will be addressed when CMA will be present.

Being that there was no further business before the Board, Selectman ***O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.***

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Beatrice Marconi  
Town Administrative Assistant