

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Newington Town Hall
Monday - February 6, 2006

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Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Town Admin Assist Beatrice Marconi, Vincent Frank, Peggy Lamson, Jack Pare, Chris Bellmare, George Fletcher, Ruth Fletcher, Laura Coleman, Mike Goot, Rick Stern. **Absent:** Selectman O'Reilly

Minute Approval Minute approval for January 17 was tabled until February 21, 2006 meeting.

Pictometry

Jack Pare spoke to pictometry for emergency services' benefit and spoke on how useful it would be for arrests and fires. Homeland Security is offering a grant to two counties and Nashua is administering it. Mr. Pare also spoke of the resolution and how the grant will cover 50% to a 6" resolution low-level flight. It would also be a good tool for Assessing to utilize. Jack states that a decision must be made this week. Selectman Stuart states she will talk to Chief Greenleaf and Chief Tretter and get back with Mr. Pare the following day. The agreement was signed contingent upon a favorable recommendation of PD and Fire.

MAPS-Wet Land Delineation

Jack Pare has been speaking with the City of Portsmouth about the GIS flight and feels it is the least expense way to address the FEMA plan option. The initial costs of \$50,000.00 were based on flight costs from an Ohio based company and Portsmouth is going with a more local firm. He estimates that the \$ 50,000 will be on the high side with us taking an option to fly with multiple towns.

Jack Pare also spoke of benchmarks for aeriels and asked if any know of any. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that the PDA is taking care of that specifically Maria Staul.

Jack spoke of options for replacing some of the destroyed boundary markers or adding new ones. Mr. Pare stated that he would check with Dave Hislop to look into the matter.

Information Request Policy

Chairman Iocovozzi explained the new policy being put in to effect. It basically states that all requests for information must be put in writing and gives the town up to 5 days to respond. This is so that there will be a paper trail for all requests and so that nothing gets lost within the system. ***Selectman Stuart made a motion to approve this new policy. Chairman Iocovozzi seconded motion.*** This issue was opened for discussion. Laura Coleman asked what type of information the Board was referring to. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that it was anything that took a lot of research. This policy does not over ride any freedom of information that is governed by RSA. ***The Chairman then called for a vote, 2-0 motion passed.***

Chairman Iocovozzi then read off a list of information provided by the town hall at \$.25 cents per page per. They are as followed: 2005 salaries by position, 2005 total town expenditures with detail, 2005 town wide expenditure by department, benefits offered by the town and their plans with costs, 2006 town wide budget proposals by line item, 2006 Board of Selectmen budget request by department total and the revenues. There was much debate about the charging \$.25 cents per copy as some of the audience thought that it should not be as much as that. There was conversation as to what can and cannot be publicly revealed as far as health benefits are concerned. In the end, it was stated that total costs for benefits can be lumped if the information

is in existence now and that the Town is under no obligation to customize reports – only to share what is available to us.

Old Business-Careno Chimney Project at Town Hall

There were changes in the final amount due to the fact that the bldg plans had exhaust fan location errors. Chimney workers damaged some of the hedges in front of the town hall. The final cost is now \$4,928.49, this is after Careno Construction deducted \$1,300 for the hedges. **Selectman Stuart made a motion to pay Careno. Motion seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi, 2-0 motion passed**

Stenographer at Town Meeting

Peggy Lamson stated that this year for the town meeting there should be a stenographer present to make sure that the minutes are done verbatim. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that there has already been information gathered on the pricing of stenographers and that one will be present. Peggy Lamson was pleased to hear that and she moved on to her next subject. She stated that on January 4, 2006 she received a phone call from fellow Conservation Commission member Barbara McDonald who stated that the previous night at the Board of Selectmen meeting that she (Peggy Lamson) knew about Trickey's Cove transaction and that she, -Peggy- wanted clarification from Selectmen Stuart. After a flurry of mis-interpretations on what exactly was discussed, Cos stated that this was a matter of 'he said/she said'. It was suggested that we move on with other matters.

Town Hall Use

Gail Pare request for the use of the Old Town Hall is tabled until we get closer to completion of the renovation project. **Metropolitan Planning Org** and the **Temnick Family** requested the use of the auditorium. **Selectman Stuart moved** to approved both requests. **Motion was seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi, roll call vote 2-0, motion passed.**

Public Comment Session

George Fletcher asked how many budget copies would be printed up for the hearing. Beatrice Marconi answered by stating 30 per Selectman O'Reilly. George then states that based on the past Public Hearing meeting only ten people will be in attendance in this meeting. He felt the extra copies should be given away.

Barbara McDonald presented a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting copies of all legal invoices.

Rick Stern asked if our rental/use policy for various bldgs would be reviewed in 2006. Chairman Iocovozzi stated yes they would.

Mr. Fletcher then asked what will happen to the money used from rental. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that it will be used to pay the utilities. The Chairman explained that there are expenses per building for each year. There was a brief discussion on this matter.

Being that there was no more discussion before the Board **Selectman Stuart moved** to adjourn, **motion seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Roll call vote 2-0, motion passed.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant