

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2009
6:00pm Town Hall
Newington, NH

Approved 4/6/09

Chr. Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Jack O'Reilly, AA Beatrice Marconi and Wil Corcoran.

*Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) litigation and
Selectman Stuart seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.*

At 6:33pm, Selectman O'Reilly moved to come out of non public session with Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call. No votes taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was sited which was followed with a motion by Selectman Stuart to approve the minutes of January 20, February 2 and 17th. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly with the motion passing at 3-0.

Fresh Local – Michelle Lozuaway

The request is for permission for beer and wine consumption at their establishment as applied for through the NH liquor commission and for outside patio beer & wine consumption. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve their request for outside patio consumption and to send a letter to the NH Liquor Commission stating the Board had no objections for serving beer & wine both inside and out pending approval from the Police. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call.*

CLG Grant Additional Project Request

Selectman O'Reilly moved to authorize the Chair to sign the new CLG project request for funding. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0. (no cost or stipulations to town)

C.O.A.S.T.

Represented by Rad Nichols and 3 other Board members, COAST appreciated the Board's time. Rad explained that funding once again was an issue and had hoped to open up communications in an effort to get Newington to contribute \$21,440. Riders and service miles determine the town contributions. The mall is very popular. Selectman Stuart stated that the best she can recall that communications started breaking down when COAST determined that no in town route was worth the cost to service. Rad went on to say that 6.7 miles are driven in Newington and that the town benefits from the mall. Selectman O'Reilly stated it is too late in the year for this year, however, if COAST could do a study and provide figures for a service stop in town perhaps then a public hearing could be conducted followed by a warrant article at town meeting. Scott Bogal – Transportation coordinator added that the Federal Spaulding project mandated certain criteria, one of which required Clean Air aspects to qualify. He stated that we would not have gotten Federal Funds without COAST servicing the area. Sylvia, representing Exeter stated that when other communities are asked for funding, it is difficult to justify the asking of their contribution when they see a 'zero' next to Newington's contribution line. In the end, Rad will work up some numbers and will meet at a later time with the Board. Chr. Iocovozzi stated he will talk to the Planning Board to set something up in a month or so but in the mean time, the AA was

asked to write a memo to Tom Morgan, our COAST rep indicating he should attend their meetings.

Assessing Contract

New numbers will be forwarded to be considered at a later date which will include some of the industrials that Sansoucy normally handles.

March Proclaimed as Red Cross Month -

Great Bay Chapter – Today, the mission of the American Red Cross is more relevant than ever as we confront a changing America full of unique challenges. Through a collaborative effort with local governments and other members of the emergency planning community, the Great Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross and its partners are better able to serve the community. The Red Cross continues to lead the way in empowering individuals and families to protect themselves through CPR, First Aid and disaster preparedness training.

For more than 91 years, the American Red Cross has honored its mission to provide relief to victims of disasters while helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Every day volunteers from across the region help our neighbors by responding to disasters such as house fires or flooding; by becoming instructors in CPR and First Aid and encouraging their friends and family to get trained; by giving blood every 52 days; and by assisting in the Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces program, which keeps military families connected in times of great personal sorrow and joy.

On behalf of a grateful town, I applaud and recognize the selfless dedication of generations of Red Crossers. Now, therefore, I, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Chairman of the Newington Board of Selectmen, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Newington NH of Rockingham County, do hereby proclaim March 2009 as American Red Cross Month. As we celebrate American Red Cross Month, I call upon all the citizens of Newington to become partners in preparedness with their local Red Cross chapter and to become active participants in advancing the noble mission of the Red Cross.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to declare March as Red Cross month. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call.

Renumbering of 388 McIntyre Road

McIntyre Road is a continuance of Newington Road which was built to connect South Newington with the rest of the town which had been split off in the 50's because of Pease Air Force Base. New construction was numbered 388 McIntyre, however there is a 388 Newington Road. Emergency personnel, deliveries and mail had concerns, so to end any future confusion, ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to replace 388 McIntyre Road with 888 McIntyre Road. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call.*** The Building Inspector may continue to work with the Fire Chief in an effort to establish numbers from 888 back to Newington Road.

Airport Road

Vannie Brawn of Airport Road came before the Board this evening to discuss the condition of Airport Road which is in deplorable condition and a victim of not only a bad winter, but culvert washout failure. After viewing Airport Road, the Selectmen felt it was essential to prioritize this road and asked the AA to contact the engineer immediately to analyze what needs to be done.

RiverBend Trucks

The erosion company doing work on Fox Point has asked the Selectmen for passage on certain posted roads while they continue the job. The Board noted to leave this up to Len & Charlie to work with them as needed.

Town Garage Safety Discussion

With the failure of the passage of the bond to construct a new highway building at Town Meeting, the Board felt it was essential to discuss the safety and the deterioration. Building Inspector Charlie Smart stated that the foundation was compromised, floors are gone, the wiring would not pass any kind of inspection, the paint may be lead and he wouldn't be surprised to find asbestos caulking. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to have Altus inspect the Town Garage and make recommendations as to what is needed to provide a safe work environment for the next year or so. Selectman Stuart seconded for discussion purposes.** Selectman O'Reilly stated that he is not in favor of spending another dime on this building. Selectman Stuart launched her concerns over the foundation as it appears to be holding on a wing and a prayer. Cos suggested to look for another building to lease for now. Charlie recommended just to patch. The left front corner is a bearing corner. Chr. Iocovozzi stated that it scared him knowing these guys are in there working. He agreed with contracting with Altus to determine the cost for safety. Perhaps it is safe for machines but not people. The stairs are in violation and there is open wiring too but he doesn't feel the building will collapse. Again, Charlie suggested we watch and patch when necessary. ** Selectman O'Reilly withdrew his motion as did Selectman Stuart on her second.*

Sun Set Road Race & Facility Use Requests

The School Supporters request the use of Old Town Hall September 11-13 for race affiliated set up and storage.

Old Town Hall Sept 11 – 13 for set up of Road Race – School Supporters- approved fee waived

Old Town Hall June 6 - Dale Sylvia – Family Party – 2nd floor – approved with fee

Old town Hall – June 20 – Sabine – family gathering – 2nd floor – approved with fee

Old Town Hall – March 28 – Leighton – party – 2nd floor - approved with fee

The Board asked that the School Supporters file a facility use request form in addition to the Road Race request.

Signage on Nimble Hill Road – gate warning

Charlie Smart will pursue this whether it be dead end or no outlet. He will also get a price for a solar blinking light forewarning of gate ahead.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:20pm – seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted



Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant