

**Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 5, 2010 6:30pm Town Hall**

Chr. Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:30pm which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi and Jack O'Reilly, Admin Asst. Beatrice Marconi, Code Enf Officer Charlie Smart, Jim Kerrivan and Tony Fallon of Altus, Dave Sweeney and Sue and Al Smith.

Minute Approval: Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of March 1 (public & non public), and March 15. Seconded by Cosmas Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0. (Note: Sealed minutes subject to periodic review for release)

Highway Garage/Salt Shed Building Project: Jim Kerrivan had the Selectmen review the site plans and septic design (signed by C. Smart). DES permit for holding tank signed. A Ck for \$300 forthcoming. 7 bidders on the grid - will afford a 30 day review with awarding and construction to commence early June. Mr. Fallon spoke of veneer - BOS indicated that at this point, decisions will be based on cost. Any left over may be dedicated to site work. Demo of current bldg - after construction. Fuel tanks on site to be determined at later date. Regarding insurance - same guarantee as previously used naming Newington as additionally insured. Will be progressed payments with 10% held til project is 90%, then 5% held til punch list complete. Form 7640 (FAA) will be required regarding crane need for roof tresses.

Bond Process: Treasurer George Fletcher updated the Board on his bond research. Town will probably have to take one lump sum and place in interest bearing acct. Selectman O'Reilly suggested we spend down the bond first and if H/W cap. Res. is not totally used, what is left can go to the general fund to reduce taxes. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to have the Treasurer proceed with the application process in an effort to secure a bond for payment of the highway garage and salt shed project. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.***

Aqua fir purchase offer to the PDA: George asked the Board if the Town was continuing its effort to place a conservation easement (or purchase the land) with the PDA near the former Khalsa land. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the Conservation Commission was involved with this. Mr. Fletcher is a member on the Cons. Commission, he personally feels that the effort was placed on the back burner. The hold up at the time was that the FAA had to approve. George also spoke of Portsmouth's effort to conserve water re: purchasing rain barrels.

Finance Seminar: Mr. Fletcher stated he would like the Board to approve a request from him to attend a Finance seminar in Conway. He will forward an invoice.

Police Garage Proposals - Insulate and Sheet Rock: Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve Barry Warren Contracting proposal not to exceed \$4,850. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 2-0-1 (with Selectman Iocovozzi abstaining).

Correspondence: In response to the Board's letter to our Delegates who did not support Newington's plea to vote in favor of the House sunset bill extending the Educational tax out 2 years, the Delegates state that not only do they represent our town but Portsmouth as well. They noted to help prevent a large increase in Portsmouth's tax rate (because of the threat of a formula change), it was so voted in that City's best interest. Rich Dipentima, Paul McEachern, Laura Pantelakos, Robin Read, Jim Splaine and Terie Norello did not vote with Newington's interest in mind. The Selectmen stated they were truly disheartened. Therefore, ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to explore other avenues to get Newington's representation away from Portsmouth and join in with perhaps Greenland or NewCastle. It is important that we are fairly represented in Concord and clearly, as evident by this vote, we were not. Motion passed 3-0.***

Tax Office relocation bids: Coastal \$14,800. Wyman \$8,775. Because the proposals were not level in detail, Charlie will look over our needs and come back with specs. Chairman Stuart felt the Board should centralize or better create uniformity so that when proposals come in, the specs are equal.

Town Hall Roof Analysis – Riverbend Masonry: Seven suggestions came in from re-pointing the brick to removal and rebuild of chimneys. Even then, the cure was not for sure. Because of the many angles in our building and because of the chimney placement and construction, Town Hall is leaking more than it should. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to have JSN analyze our situation and come back with a recommendation. Motion passed 3-0.*

Fox Point dog incident – Sue Smith called the Police to address a problem with a dog not being on his leash or under control of the owner while visiting Fox Point. The dog owner countered her protest stating she did not have proof of residence. She suggested the Selectmen utilize the sticker system with writing names in when they have a need but do not have a vehicle. Chr. Stuart stated she is bothered by individuals policing issues on their own and stated many people simply let their dogs run at Fox Point. The Board felt that the Tax Office should issue stickers to those with or without vehicles.

Wentworth Connections: The Board is currently asking for public input via a survey mailing, to establish a need of transportation to see if it is feasible for their van to have a pick up schedule to transport our elders 60 and over.

Dave Sweeney asked the Board if they had a list of poor quality contractors. The Board said there was no list however knew of a few companies to shy away from. He also spoke of tree debris falling on passers-by. In speaking of the pines along Little Bay, Selectman Iocovozzi noted that that street was a ROW passage and nearly impossible to force a person to cut their trees.

Facilities Use Requests: School Supporters, Thermo, the Census and DAR were all approved to utilize various buildings. Thermo will be liable for the fee, and this will be the last time the Census will be using our facility.

Fire Station Unutil Energy Plan – Selectman O'Reilly will review their recommendations and report back.

DOT Highway Incident Management and Traffic Control – Spaulding Project: The Board recommended this request for participation be forwarded to the Highway Safety Committee (both Chiefs)

Uniform Step Committee – Selectman O'Reilly to be Selectmen's Rep

Tree on Fox Pt Road will be followed up with PSNH due to threat of wires.

The motion to adjourn came at 8:27pm with no objections.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant