

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting

May 16, 2005
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.

Approved 5/31/05

In attendance: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Road Agent Leonard Thomas, residents Vincent Frank and Barbara McDonald, and Administrative Assistant Bea Marconi.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Iocovozzi at 6:29 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to accept the minutes of May 2nd and May 9th.
Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

There was discussion on the replacement process of Brenda Foster. If possible, Mrs. Foster would like to leave August 5th and have the replacement person start August 1st for training purposes. The Selectmen reviewed the Receptionist/ Secretary Job description and decided that they are happy with the way it is worded as well as the wording of the ad to go in the newspaper. The Selectmen requested that AA Marconi begin the process.

Selectman O'Reilly gave an update to the Board on the Town Forest. After discussion regarding the letter dated May 6, 2005 from McNeil & Taylor, Selectman O'Reilly reported that after July 1st the Town should be back in the process. This letter is to be filed in the Town Forest folder-with copy provided to our PDA representative.

Appointments recommended by Town Clerk Mazeau were read and signed.
Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to appoint the following people to the following positions;

Jean Bowser	Ballot Clerk	Exp. 2006
Evangeline Brawn	Ballot Clerk	Exp. 2006
Lynda Bullock	Ballot Clerk	Exp. 2006
Elizabeth Connors	Ballot Clerk	Exp. 2006
Sandra Sweeney	Ballot Clerk	Exp. 2006
Gail Klanchesser	Planning Board- Alt.	Exp. 2008
Margaret Lamson	Planning Board- Alt	Exp. 2008
Jill Newick	Board of Adjustment- Alt.	Exp. 2008
Norm Walker	Recreation Committee	Exp. 2006
Keith Frizzell	Recreation Committee	Exp. 2006
Chris Bellmare	Recreation Committee	Exp. 2006
Darryl Brown	Recreation Committee	Exp. 2006

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Jack Anderson	Recreation Committee	Exp. 2006
Peter MacDonald	Recreation Committee	Exp. 2006
Susan Carroll	Recreation Committee	Exp. 2006

Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

The Selectmen requested that letters be sent to those listed above to inform them that they need to be sworn in. The Selectmen also requested that a letter be sent to each committee and board asking how many vacancies they currently have. This information will be compiled and put in a newsletter to be sent to the residents.

Chairman Iocovozzi discussed the '99 Crown Victoria police car that is no longer needed. AA Marconi was asked to put an ad in the newspaper putting the card to bid.

Chairman Iocovozzi read a letter from the D.O.T. dated May 9, 2005 regarding the conservation easement on Shattuck Way. There was discussion. Selectman Stuart made the motion to table this discussion until Town Planner Tom Morgan can be present. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Town Custodian Rick St. Laurent submitted a pricing update on the scrubber and battery brushes. The Selectmen reviewed the information. Selectman O'Reilly moved to purchase the scrubber and battery brushes not to exceed \$4,189. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

New Business

Road Agent Leonard Thomas and Police Chief Jon Tretter will be attending a meeting on Thursday, May 19th at 1:30 regarding State preconstruction of the Spaulding Turnpike exit 4. This will be a question/ answer session.

Chairman Iocovozzi checked on the time line for the paving of River Road and the State responded that they are not putting any trucks on that road. The Sewer Commission wants to know the price of replacing 8 or 9 manholes.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31st as a work session.

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Resident Harry Sanborn spoke to the Board regarding the methadone clinic. Mr. Sanborn feels that the best place to have access to drugs is in rehab. And although the school bus stop has been moved, it is trouble. He admitted he is not familiar with the setup in Newington, but feels the Town should be very leery of this clinic. Chairman Iocovozzi replied, speaking as a Planning Board rep, that the Town has little concern about this other than sending our personnel to training. The clinic came to the Planning Board as a courtesy and could not be denied. The clinic is well monitored and has strict rules as well as security and cameras. The Police Chief and Fire Police have no concerns over this clinic. Resident Deanna Walsh stated that right now there are not many cruisers that go up her road and asked if more patrols would be conducted. Vincent Frank, as a member of the Police Commissioners said that this will be discussed at the next Police Commissioners meeting. Selectman Stuart said that she feels the Town ordinances should be tightened up and reviewed. There was a question about the hours of the clinic. The clinic will be open from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. with possible extended hours one night a week. Selectman Stuart spoke to Chief Tretter about this clinic, and having spoken to him, feels comfortable with the security measures at the clinic. Selectman Stuart stressed that the Town only has two officers on duty at a time and can't have someone patrolling constantly. Mr. Frank received information about the parameters of operation and reviewed the various licensing agencies. The people who are using this clinic have been screened and honestly want to stop their addiction. This clinic is licensed by all the necessary boards (state and federal).

Mr. Frank also emphasized that the clinic was not required to come to the Town boards and departments, but out of courtesy they came to the Planning Board, Police Department and Fire Department.

Chairman Iocovozzi suggested that Selectman Stuart send a memo to the Planning Board regarding tightening up of the Town ordinances. Mr. Frank said that the Police Department are planning to do three patrols daily at alternate times.

Ms. Walsh asked the Board why a notice about a gas lane was sent to the mall but not the residents. This letter was not printed on letterhead. The Selectmen will check with the Police Department and call the number listed on the letter.

Ms. McDonald mentioned that Town Planner Morgan should report to the Conservation Commission regarding the letter from D.O.T. about the conservation easement (as discussed earlier). All money will go to the Conservation Commission per the Board of Selectmen.

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Ms. McDonald also mentioned that the Selectmen should consider hiring an arborist for tree trimming. Chairman Iocovozzi said they will take this into consideration.

Town Hall Use

A Town Hall use form from Jennifer Carter for a May 21st event was approved and signed. Fee should be collected.

A Town Hall use form from Doug Reed for a May 26th Celiac Spru meeting was approved and signed.

There being no further business before the Board of Selectmen;

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to adjourn at 7:30. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Meeting Adjourned 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bea Marconi
Administrative Assistant