

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Newington Town Hall
June 5, 2006

Preliminary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by the Chairman of the Board-Jack O'Reilly.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Dot Noseworthy, Lisa Zhe of the Portsmouth Herald, Barbara McDonald, Vincent Frank, Dave Sweeney, Peg Lamson, Jean Bowser, George Fletcher, and Rick Stern.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the meeting minutes of May 8th, May 15th, and April 25th. Selectman Stuart seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed. Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the public hearing meeting minutes from May 25th. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 2-0, motion passed. (Chairman O'Reilly was not present for that meeting.)

Abatements

Selectman Stuart moved to approve the 2003, 2004 & 2005 Wong (Map 13-1A totaling \$5,864.97 incl int.) and Drinkwater (Map 50/2 \$ totaling 2,173.37 incl int.) abatements. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Appointments

Selectman Stuart moved to appoint Sandra Sweeny for a one year term as a Ballot Clerk. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Tree Proposals

After a brief discussion, the Board of Selectmen decided to table this issue until the Road Agent Leonard Thomas looks at the problem areas. ***Selectman Stuart moved to table. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.*** Administrative Assistant Bea Marconi was asked to contact Fernandes and Newick to see if they could come up with a shrub/plant maintenance plan and to include the HDC and Library Trustees when applicable.

RainScape Proposal-Waterline at Cemetery

There was some confusion on the totals in regard to the proposal for the water line. ***Selectman Stuart made a motion to table the issue until the company could send someone to give more detail on the pump/pressure/irrigation costs. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.***

Paving Bids

This discussion **was tabled on a motion by Cosmas Iocovozzi – seconded by Jan Stuart** until the figures from Pike could be obtained. The Board decided that bids being postponed should be discussed at a workshop on June 12.

Newington Energy Amended Escrow Agreement

Selectman Stuart moved to sign the amended escrow agreement with Newington Energy extending it out to mid-July with stipulations. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Vincent Frank-Old Town Hall Renovations

Vincent Frank brought to the Board of Selectmen his views on the short comings of the Old Town Hall renovations process bringing both thoughts on Careno Construction and CMA into the discussion. He felt a lack of paperwork made it difficult to track spending and spoke of what he felt were 'unaccounted for' funds. He referred to a spreadsheet he created from information he reviewed from paperwork provided by the Town. He spoke of the layout in certain areas of the project and felt the space could have been better planned. Selectman Stuart stated that there was a committee of Town residents who went to every meeting and gave an input on how they want the building to be.

Mr. Frank interrupted Selectman Stuart and stated that he had the floor and he didn't appreciate being interrupted. They began to bicker a little when Mr. Frank said a word that Selectman Stuart found inappropriate - she told Mr. Frank to watch his mouth or leave. A heated discussion continued between Mr. Frank and the Board - Beatrice Marconi was told to contact the police, which she did. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that Mr. Frank spent time looking these things up but did not give the Board any information to help them get answers to his issues. As the Officers entered the meeting room, Mr. Frank stated he was just finishing up and both Mr. Frank and the Officers left.

Barbara added that there was only one proposal received on this job and that the Board of Selectmen should have sent out more bid requests. Selectman Iocovozzi asked what more could one do whereas 37ish expensive bid packets were sent.

Bay Auto Body

The Board stated from the advice of Attorney Loughlin that the owner should go before the Board of Adjustment for a variance for his request for dealer plates.

Hydro Electricity Tidal Energy Project

In correspondence from Justin Richardson, he tells us that he would get more details on the permitting request. Peggy Lamson stated that there was a 60 day window to launch our concerns to the permitting agency. The Board indicated that they would hire Attorney Rob Upton to review the license request and let be known our issues.

Conservation Commission Request for Help

Barbara McDonald stated that the Conservation Commission needed assistance with the filling of documents in some type of re-organizational order. Barbara stated that it has not as yet come before the Commission itself for a vote but wanted the Boards thoughts at this point. She stated that there was money in their budget to cover costs as Selectman Stuart stated that there was no money out of the Selectmen's lines available.

Town Hall Use

Selectman Stuart made a motion to approve the use of Fox Point on July 28th, Newington Public School on June 9th, 12th, and 13th, 14th and the use of the hall by the Newington Brownies. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Tennis Court Power

The Board went over the proposed price for power to run the ball machine. The total cost is \$1265.00. After a brief discussion ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to table this issue until all costs are known as there were questions on the costs for burying of the lines. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.***

Assistant for Kenny Pickering

Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to have Craig Daigle as an assistant to Kenny Pickering for work at the Transfer Station. Selectman Stuart seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Old Town Hall memo- from Charlie Smart

Charlie's memo stated that to get pressure to the boilers and hot water heater would cost approx \$1400.00. ***Selectman Stuart made to approve not to exceed \$1400.00. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.***

Barbara McDonald referenced RSA 95 :1. The Board is awaiting a legal reply.

Being that there was no further business before the Board, ***Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant