

**Newington Board of Selectmen Minutes
Of Meeting held September 6, 2005**

Non – Public

approved 9/19/05

Scaled

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi at 6:30pm.

In attendance: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Glen Walker of Sansoucy Appraisers with Phil Sutton at 6:45pm

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to go into non-public at 6:32 under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Litigation and RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Selectman Stuart and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3 – 0.

Public Service Assessment

Glen Walker of Sansoucy Appraiser gave the Board his thoughts on Public Service Assessment and felt the Town could do one of two things. Either knock 5 million off the main plant value this year and see what happens or knock 5 million off the main plant value this year and 2.5 in 2006 and 2.5 in 2007 in hopes that they will forego filing for any abatements for 3 years with the instability of our economy. After looking at our current ratio and speaking to Wil Corcoran, Glen urged the town to consider locking in.

Sutton Exit Interview

When asked by the Board of Selectmen why he was leaving, Phil Sutton gave the following reasons:

- 1). Pay, overtime possibilities and more call backs.
- 2). Safety – More personnel on duty at any one time.
- 3). A long term contract is offered to firefighters, for example, N Hampton offers a 5 year deal whereas he and his family can plan better and save for the future.

Regarding discussion about a contract for service or if the fire fighter leaves after the Town pays for certain education or certification, that plan was discussed but never put in motion, however he understands that the next person in will be asked to sign.

He stated he did not come to Newington with the pre plan to work a year and leave. A better opportunity came up and he felt it was right for him. He stated he had no quams with administration, however the Fire Engineers were a problem as they held a lot over the firefighters heads and had them worrying about their futures a lot.

He mentioned that it was a bit easier getting into the Town of Newington as other Departments may have had more test requirements, (ie: lie detector) however he came here all certified and ready to serve.

The Department has someone ready to move into his vacancy so there will be no lapse in safety coverage for the citizens or fellow staff. He was very happy to work here.

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to come out of the non-public meeting ending at 6:49 p.m. and to seal the minutes. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.

The public portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant
