

**Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 9, 2014 Town Hall 6:30pm**

**Chair Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge.**

**Present:** Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Rick Stern and Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi. Also present were the Fire Engineers, Ruth Fletcher, John Klanchesser and Darin Sabine as well as Fire Chief Andy Head, Deputy Chief Jeff LeDuc, Town Counsel Dan Schwarz, retired Fire Chief Larry Wahl, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and various other members of the public.

J. Stuart explained to all that this was a time for the Board of Selectmen and Fire Engineers to discuss the changes the Selectmen propose to make to the Fire Ordinance adopted by Town Meeting in 1980. Jan asked the Fire Engineers if they had any comments.

R Fletcher asked why the Board was rushing to change the ordinance. Why did the Board of Selectmen think that they were the employers of the Fire Department? R. Stern explained the Board was the Public Employer of the entire town to protect the taxpayers.

J. Stuart reminded all that this meeting was for discussion and there should be no confrontation. The Engineers agreed.

The group reviewed the proposed language. The Fire Engineers stated that they did not have any issue with the "Volunteer" being crossed out as there were no longer any volunteers in the department.

R. Fletcher stated that the Board of Selectmen should wait to make any changes until the Public Employees Labor Relations Board ruled as to who is the public employer. The Board stated that if the PELRB did not rule in their favor they would appeal the decision further.

A. Head stated that the Selectmen and Engineers disagreed on what the employees should be paid and R. Fletcher asked why the Board did not notify them of their budget changes prior to giving them to the Budget Committee. M. Roy explained that she and Anita Treloar, Finance Director had asked both A. Head and Laurie Mu, Fire Department Office Manager for these numbers but did not receive them. She also had asked J. Klanchesser for the figures. Since the numbers were not forthcoming she and A. Treloar created necessary figures for the Budget Committee.

There will be further discussion regarding Personnel Policies and changes the Engineers and Chief want.

The Engineers agreed with Article 4 regarding a Fire Engineer not holding the position of employee as written.

Regarding Section 5, Article 2 the Engineers were not in agreement with submitting the budget to the Board of Selectmen and the changes proposed in this Article.

The Engineers stated that Section 6 needed to have revisions made. D. Sabine stated that they would develop a draft and deliver to the Selectmen. The Engineers are having a meeting to discuss these changes further. A. Head and M. Roy will meet on the differences between policies in place.

#### **Fire Department Requests:**

**Shrub Trimming-**The Chief requested that the shrubs be trimmed back around the front entrance and his window. The Board will consult with the Town arborist about how best to go about this project.

**Smokey the Bear Sign-** The Fire Chief requested the sign be placed by the Station to alert residents about fire danger level each day. The Board stated they would review the idea and get back to the Chief.

**Landscaping Around Town Sign-** The Fire Chief stated that the firemen would be glad to landscape with flowers around the Town sign. After discussion the Board was amenable to crushed stone under the sign.

#### **Safety Training Day:**

The Board consensus was to wait until fall for a Safety Day and place this item on the August agenda.

**Non-Public Minutes:** R. Stern moved to approve and seal minutes of the May 19, 2014 non-public session indefinitely. Seconded by C. Iocovozzi. All were in favor on a roll call vote.

**Minutes Approval:** C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2014. J. Stuart seconded this with a vote of 2-0-1.

**Manifest Approval:** R Stern moved to approve Manifests for \$429,408.17, dated May 20, 2014, \$40,714.14 dated May 27, 2014, \$329,860.89 dated 6/3/14, and two Library Manifests, one for \$135,041.30 dated 5/21/14 and

**one for \$1,499.91 dated 6/3/14.. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

**Vehicle Bid Opening:**

Bids were opened as follows:

**1. A & Silver Auto Sales-**

2010 Ford Crown Victoria- \$3,802.00

2007 Ford Crown Victoria- \$2,258.00

**2. GAS Motors of Brentwood**

2007 Ford Crown Victoria- \$1, 032.12

2010 Ford Crown Victoria- \$ 2010.10

Pierce Fire truck- \$ 1,977.77

**R. Stern moved to reject and rebid all vehicles, placing them on Craig's list and other media. C. Iocovozzi seconded this motion and all were in favor.**

**Fox Point Parking Passes:** Oyster Farmers that had their farms right off of Fox Point requested parking passes for the summer and as needed throughout the year. The Board expressed concern with allowing any commercial activity to occur on Fox Point including boats launching from the shore. **R. Stern moved to not allow any commercial entity on Fox Point. C. Iocovozzi seconded this motion and all were in favor.**

**Paving Bids:** The Board discussed paving projects for the year. **R. Stern moved to award paving of Little Bay Road to Bourassa Construction, LLC for the amount of \$47,075. Paving shall take place from the end of the new pavement to the intersection of Fox Point Road contingent on using police details if determined to be feasible by the Police Chief. C. Iocovozzi seconded this motion and all were in favor.**

**R Stern moved to award paving of Shattuck Way to Bell & Flynn, Inc. for the amount of \$69,000. Paving shall take place from the intersection of Shaftmaster Drive to the intersection with Piscataqua Drive contingent on using police details if determined to be feasible by the Police Chief. C. Iocovozzi seconded this motion and all were in favor.**

The Board requested a bid for shimming and repair work for Fox Point Road. They will determine if Old Post Road will be paved at a later time and will also wait to make a decision on paving Piscataqua Drive based on the construction Wilcox Industries completes.

**Fox Point Tree Maintenance:** R. Stern moved to award the Fox Point tree maintenance to Urban Tree Service as recommended by the Building Inspector. C. Iocovozzi seconded this motion and all were in favor.

**Town Hall Landscape Maintenance:** C. Iocovozzi moved to award pruning of bushes and trees at Town Hall to Urban Tree Service as recommended by the Building Inspector. R. Stern seconded this motion with all in favor.

**Parsonage Repairs:** C. Iocovozzi moved to award repairs of the Old Parsonage to Haas Historic Restoration in the amount of \$900. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Meeting House Roof Repair:** It was the consensus of the Board to table the Meeting House repairs as the existing repairs were holding.

**Police Station Sallyport Door Replacement:** The Building Inspector recommended that Horne Construction Co. Inc. be awarded the replacement of the above door and frame. R. Stern moved to award this project with materials included to Horne Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$2,502. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Appointments:**

R. Stern moved to appoint Justin Richardson as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and discussion ensued. The vote was 2-1 in favor of appointment.

C. Iocovozzi moved to appoint Bill Murray to the position of Conservation Commission member. R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Facilities Usage Requests:**

C. Iocovozzi moved to allow the Lemieux-Town Hall 8/9/14 Birthday Party Facilities Usage request. R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. Iocovozzi moved to allow the Jeffery Merchant-Old Town Hall 6/14/14 Wedding & Reception Facilities Usage request. R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Gate Clicker Request:**

C. Iocovozzi moved to allow one clicker for the household of Sara Frizzell. R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**C. Iocovozzi moved to allow one clicker for the household of Elaina D'Orto Jack. R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

**C. Iocovozzi moved to allow one clicker for the household of Lulu Pickering. R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

**New Business:**

J. Stuart requested that Fox Point Parking Rules be developed in coordination with the Fire Department.

It was noted that Leonard Thomas was having large stones placed in front of the Fox Point Rental House septic field.

**Adjournment: R. Stern moved to adjourn at 9:23pm. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy, Town Administrator