

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen
Meeting minutes for Monday, May 6, 2013

Call to Order: Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman, Rick Stern, Selectmen Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas locovozzi and Town Administrator Martha Roy

Public Guests: Town Treasurer, Luanne O'Reilly, Library Trustees: Melissa Prefontaine, Steve Bush, Granville Knox, George Dow, Tom Hourihan, Joe Akerley, Brian Rogers, Chris Cross and Joey Cresta

Minutes Approval: Jan Stuart noted changes that needed to be made to the April 29, 2013 minutes. **Jan Stuart moved to approve the Minutes as amended for the April 29, 2013 Meeting. Cozlocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0**

Manifest Approval: **Jan Stuart moved to approve the manifest dated 4/30/13 for \$116,621.73. Coz locovozzi seconded, and the motion passed, 3-0**

Library Bond- **Coz locovozzi moved to authorize the issuance of \$1,798,000. General Obligation Bonds for the library project to be funded May 8, 2013 for a term of 5 years at an interest rate of 2%, seconded by Jan Stuart. Rick Stuart and Coz locovozzi asked clarifying questions about the bond and the motion passed, 3-0.**

Habitat for Humanity Tax Abatement Request: Tom Hourihan and Dr. McLaughlin appeared representing Habitat for Humanity. They explained that the organization rents the ReStore building from a real estate agent and pays a large amount for taxes and rent. Tom asked if the Board would entertain an abatement request. The Board explained that the 2013 period for abatement requests had passed. Coz locovozzi expressed concern regarding setting a precedent by giving an abatement to a private company (the real estate company). Rick Stern requested a letter from the owner as to their intent. **Rick Stern moved to table this item until further notice. Coz locovozzi seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.**

Tom Hourihan also told the Board that the organization wanted to hold a 5K Road Race on October 5th. Rick Stern explained that this request needed to go to the Police and Fire Chiefs for review followed by the Selectmen's Office if they wanted to use any of the Town buildings.

Joe Akerley- Fox Point Tree and Sign Discussion- Joe Akerley explained that he will be requesting to meet with the Board at a later date to discuss swapping 3 small spruce trees in return for 3 pitch pine trees. He also discussed the signage history of the trails and fields on Fox Point with the Board. He stated that many of the signs had fallen into neglect and needed to be refurbished or replaced. He volunteered to replace the signs and presented the Board with a map outlining where the trail and field signs would be located. Coz locovozzi commended Joe for stepping forward and offering to do all of this work. **Rick Stern moved to authorize Joe Akerley to repair or replace 12 trail signs and 5 field signs on Fox Point. Coz locovozzi seconded, and the motion passed 2-0-1 with Jan Stuart abstaining.**

James Weiner- Replanting Forsythia bushes on Fox Point : A letter was presented to the Board outlining that Jim had removed a tree on town property and planted five forsythia bushes on May 3rd. Jan Stuart stated that these plantings were a plus to Fox Point. **Coz locovozzi moved to approve the plating of the forsythia bushes on the Town's Fox Point property seconded by Jan Stuart and the motion passed 3-0.**

Brian Rogers /Resident Sticker: Brian explained to the Board that he was a resident of Portsmouth but renovating a house in Newington. He requested that he be allowed to have a Transfer Station sticker only to deliver excess materials from the Newington house. He discussed the fact that he was paying Newington taxes and had no intention of bringing his trash from Portsmouth to Newington. Jan Stuart

stated that it was reasonable to allow a 60 day pass to the transfer station under the circumstances. ***Jan Stuart moved to approve a 60 day Transfer Station pass to Brian Rogers, seconded by Rick Stern and the motion passed 3-0. Rick Stern will notify the Town Clerk and Transfer Station Operator.***

Tania Pulkowski swearing in paperwork: The Board signed the swearing in paperwork. They asked Martha Roy to call Tania Pulkowski and have her come in to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Gate Clickers: The Board requested further information on how many gate clickers are being used currently. ***Coz locovozzi moved to table this item seconded by Rick Stern and the motion passed 3-0.***

Old Business:

Fox Point Porta-Potties: The Selectmen requested the Highway agent have the business in charge of the porta potties be notified that they need to be relocated to their previous spot.

New Business:

Facilities Use Requests:

Brian Newcomer requested the use of the Old Town Hall and Fox Point for a baptism on May 19 from 9-12 noon. ***Jan Stuart moved to approve the Facilities Use request, Coz locovozzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

Thermo- Fisher requested the use of the DeRochemont Room for a company meeting. The Board discussed the fact that they do not rent out the DeRochemont room and that a group of 40 people would not fit in that space. ***Jan Stuart moved to table the request and ask the company if they are willing to use a different room, Coz locovozzi seconded and the motion passed 3-0***

Tania Pulkowski Appointment- Martha Roy reported that the Board had not taken an official vote regarding Tania Pulkowski as had been previously believed. ***Rick Stern moved to appoint Tania Pulkowski to the Conservation Committee, seconded by Coz locovozzi and the motion passed 3-0.***

Library Parking Conceptual Designs: Chris Cross discussed various Library parking designs with the Board. The Board was interested in preserving the Old Parade area.

Cemetery Update: Coz locovozzi updated the Board on where he expected the new columbarium to be placed. However, the Cemetery Trustees will be reporting to the Board of Selectmen about this at a later date.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 20, 2013

Adjournment: ***Coz locovozzi moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Jan Stuart seconded, and all were in favor.***

Respectfully Submitted by: Martha S. Roy, Town Administrator