

**Town of Newington  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 3, 2014 Town Hall 6:30pm**

**Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.**

**Present:** Chair Rick Stern, Selectman Jan Stuart and Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi as well as Town Administrator Martha Roy and various members of the public.

**Minutes Approval:** J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 27 and 29. C. Iocovozzi seconded this with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the Manifest of February 4, 2014. J. Stuart seconded this with all in favor.

**Eagle Scout Project- Evan Jones:** E. Jones outlined the project he was working on to attain his Eagle Scout badge. It encompassed building a traverse climbing wall and having a mural painted both in honor of Tony Rahn, previous Physical Education teacher at Newington School. Principal Peter Latchaw and School Board member David Mueller, are working with Evan on this project. He outlined the various fund raising activities that he has been undertaking to be able to purchase the supplies for the projects and asked the Board if the Town may be willing to donate funds for the venture.

**J. Stuart stated that she was very impressed with the hard work Evan had put into this worthwhile project and moved that the Town contribute \$800. to the climbing wall and mural materials. This was seconded by C. Iocovozzi with all in favor.**

**Great Bay Services- New Facility-** David Choate and Erik Potts, representing Great Bay Services (GBS), discussed the possibility of renovating the Stone School and possible lease of the property to replace it's outdated non-residential facilities on Woodbury Avenue. They explained that a space of roughly 10,000 square feet would be required. J. Stuart expressed concern specifically regarding any potential deed restrictions and preserving the Historic District. D. Choate suggested a \$1 per year lease for a certain number of years if other issues could be worked out. He did not believe the deed restrictions were insurmountable. Dennis Hebert, Planning Board Chair stated that he believed a non-profit would work perfectly housed in this building and it was something the town should consider. C. Iocovozzi stated that parking for the facility would need to be reviewed. R. Stern requested a letter specifying the size, detailed use, timeframe of potential use and what specifically is needed from the Town from GBS. **C. Iocovozzi moved to proceed with reviewing the viability of Great Bay Services using the Stone School. This was seconded by J. Stuart with all in favor.**

**Election Budget Proposed Revision-** M. Roy requested that the Election Budget be revised to include the two State elections in 2014. **C. Iocovozzi moved to revise the Elections budget to a new total of \$7,645. J. Stuart seconded and all were in favor.**

**Air Quality Mitigation Escrow Payment- Multi-use Path Construction-** J. Stuart moved to approve the payment of \$10,000. to the Pease Development Authority (PDA) to develop the multi-use path between Newington and the PDA. This was seconded by C. Iocovozzi with all in favor.

**PSNH Power Line Construction in Newington-** The Board discussed concerns with the potential above ground construction of large power lines through the Town. J. Stuart stated that PSNH had declined

having a public hearing on the matter. The proposed line of construction would begin at Gundalow Landing through to the Spaulding Turnpike. It was a 115 KV line similar to the power lines visible at The Crossings Mall. **J. Stuart moved that D. Hebert be approved as the point person for the project and return to the Board with the names of 2-3 attorneys to consult on the project as soon as possible. This was seconded by C. Iocovozzi with all in favor.**

**Facilities Use Requests:**

**5K Sunset Road Race-** Gail Klanchesser requested that the Sunset 5K Road Race be approved. It had been a large success last year with 820 bibs sold for the race. Discussion followed about the preference not to have signs painted on the road and orange road cones being used instead. **J. Stuart moved to approve the 5K Sunset Road Race contingent on no spray painting of the town roads. This was seconded by C. Iocovozzi with all in favor.**

**The Board also notified G. Klanchesser that the Girl Scouts may sell their cookies at the Newington WalMart on March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Seacoast Wind Ensemble-** C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the use of the various rooms of the Town Hall as requested by the Seacoast Wind Ensemble. **J. Stuart seconded and all were in favor.**

**New Business:** Sue Smith requested that the Board discuss a policy for signing up to discuss an issue at Board of Selectmen's meetings, at their next meeting. She further requested that agendas be posted on the website by Thursday of the week prior. S. Smith asked the Board about employee bonuses and that a criterion be established for same. C. Iocovozzi stated that a criteria needs to be developed to determine what a bonus should be.

C. Iocovozzi asked about a meeting date to discuss and vote on warrant articles.

Adjournment: J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 7:49pm. C. Iocovozzi seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy  
Town Administrator