

**Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 6, 2012 Town Hall 6:30pm**

***At 6:30pm, Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.***

**Present:** Chr. Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly and Rick Stern, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Justin Richardson, Road Agent Len Thomas (*arriving at 6:40*); Moderator Ruth Fletcher, George Fletcher (*arriving at 6:50*); and Supervisor of the Check List Paula Cecada (*arriving at 7:08pm*).

**Minute Approval:** *S. O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of January 16 and 23, 2012. Seconded by S. Stern. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.*

**Fox Point Pavilion:** Justin Richardson spoke of the pavilion warrant articles. Besides there being a WA to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fox Point Pavilion Capital Reserve, there is also a petition Warrant Article that states the following: *'To see if the Town of Newington is opposed to construction of a pavilion at Fox Point as presented to the Newington Planning Board on November 3, 2011? If this article passes, the Town shall not expend funds for construction of the proposed pavilion as provided by RSA 32:10, I (e).'* Mr. Richardson wrote the petition warrant article and stated that those that signed it were signing under the premise that it was stating that NO PAVILION WAS TO BE BUILT at Fox Point. However, the Selectmen stated that it clearly states that those that signed the petition were against the construction of the pavilion as presented to the Planning Board on November 3; that being a 30 x 40 structure. S. Stern strongly urged Justin to make this clear at the public hearing and again at Town Meeting. The Selectmen stated that they only want to fulfill the will of the people and if the will is for the majority of the voters to not have a pavilion built, then make it clear. Chr. Iocovozzi stated that with the failure of the article two years ago to dissolve the pavilion capital reserve, and the continued vote to fund the article, sends a message to the Board to proceed. S. O'Reilly noted that the Board has also be urged to continue with the construction. Justin went on to state that if the article to appoint the Selectmen as agents fails, then money can only be expended with a vote at a future town meeting. There is discussion on whether or not a petition warrant article as presented can be amended and went on to debate if it is amended to read *'To see if the Town is opposed to construction of a pavilion at Fox Point'* – does that change the purpose? The AA will contact the DRA. Justin felt the Selectmen were reading this petition warrant article as presented too technically. The Board disagrees and is reading it as written. S. Stern went on to say that there was one plan presented at the Planning Board's public hearing and that was for a 30 x 40 structure. Both George and Ruth were asked to read the petition article as presented. Ruth stated she felt it referred to any pavilion, as George noted that it stated the plan as presented. Justin assured the Board he would speak to the article at Town Meeting in hopes of getting a clear understanding of its intent. S. Stern will have ADA information to share at Town Meeting regarding future renovation of the Carriage House. Chr. Iocovozzi went on to say how this process began in the 90s with S. O'Reilly adding that 4 years ago or so the purpose was changed to include construction or renovation, which in turn would be the option to renovate the Carriage House. Justin spoke of asking the Board for its word that if he encouraged folks to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend, then could he have their word not to build the pavilion if Town Meeting shows that that is the intent of the people. Chr. Iocovozzi stated that it would be best to see what happens at Town Meeting once the will of the voters is heard.

**Supervisors of the Checklist Compensation:** Moderator Ruth Fletcher and Supervisor of the Check list Paula Cecada explained to the Board about the number of hours required by the Supervisors to for fill their obligations. There are some years when four elections are held. Other years there is only one. The Board asked what they felt was fair compensation; hourly or stipend pay. The Ballot Clerks/Election Workers earn \$125 for working a federal or state election and earn \$75 for the day for a Town Election. After a lengthy discussion, they agreed to the following:  
For election work at the polls during voting, the Supervisors will be paid at the \$75/\$125 rate as noted above. (the same as Ballot Clerks). After the polls close, the Supervisors will then be at an

hourly rate of \$15.00. They will continue to be paid at the hourly rate for their required Supervisor's meetings and when work begins to clean up the check list. The AA will e-mail Paula a time sheet. This new pay system will retro back to the election January 10<sup>th</sup>. For the hourly pay, it will go through payroll. Election work request for pay will be submitted as it generally is through the Moderator. ***S. O'Reilly moved to change the Supervisors of the Check list from a stipend form of compensation to an hourly rate of \$15.00. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.***

**Highway Bldg Signage:** Road Agent Len Thomas presented the Selectmen with a proposal for a 30" x 30" sign from New England Barricade. S. Stern will work with Len regarding colors, placement, etc.

**Precision Weather Package:** Mr. Thomas asked the Selectmen if they would like to enroll in Precision's Weather Package alert system. Just coming off a free trial, the Board felt there were enough free venues to follow weather alerts such as NOAA, WMUR, etc.

**Grounds Care 2012-2014 Proposal:** ***S. O'Reilly moved to recommend Fayban Point's Grounds Care proposal dated January 7, 2012 for three years. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.***

**Highway Garage Bond Payment:** The Selectmen voted to adjust the motion of January 16, 2012 from \$75,000 to \$74,000 out of the Cap Reserve to reduce the debt. ***3-0 passed on a roll call vote.***

**Liquor License Request:** Trader Joes – The Board had no objections to this request.

**Clicker Request** – Pulkowski – The Board denied this request for lack of hardship, however when informed of the decision, if they would like to speak to the Selectmen, they are welcomed to.

**HB 1238 Letter** – To the Science, Technology and Energy Committee – Concord re: Communities with Power Plants. The Board signed a letter and attached a letter from Assessor Wil Corcoran opposing HB1238 as its passage would create more of a financial burden on towns and tax payers. Copies were also sent to our reps and Senator Stiles.

**Health Deductible Supplement – Retirees** - The board agreed to amend the personnel policy to cover the retiree (him or herself only) under the proposed deductible supplement should the Warrant Article pass at town meeting relating to establishing an expendable trust fund to cover a portion of the Comp2500 deductible. This supplement will cover only those current participating retirees or those who retire from Newington employment and continue their participation.

**Sign for all Trucks to Turn onto Shattuck while Exiting Tyco:** S. Stern questioned why we would direct all truck traffic down Shattuck (being a town road susceptible to wear and tear) rather than down Woodbury Avenue, currently a State maintained road. Chr. locovozzi stated that upon urging from the former Fire Chief regarding relieving Woodbury congestion and exposing mall traffic to possibly a more hazardous situation, the Planning Board placed this sign. Chr. locovozzi suggested S. Stern work with Planning if change is recommended.

**Facility Use Requests:**

Great Bay Wildlife Refuge – TH Audi March 8 – Noon to 10:00pm

South East Water Shed Alliance – TH Audi Feb 8 – 6:00pm

Newington Historical Society – OTH – Sept 15 – Town wide Yard Sale

Newington Town Church – OTH – April 29 – 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Newington Girl Scouts and Greenland Girl Scouts requesting approval to sell cookies at Walmart

***All requests were approved by the Selectmen with fees and deposits waived.***

**Sewer Treasurer Check for \$ 1,107:** The check issued in July 2011 for the former Sewer Commission Treasurer half year stipend and reimbursed back to the town from the commission will go as a credit on the Commission's 2012 invoice this fall per Board of Selectmen.

**Meeting Schedule:** Next meeting for the Selectmen will be Feb 27.

**Boy Scouts of America Request for Camp out June 29 and June 30, 2012:** In a letter of request dated February 2, 2012 from Skip Chase, the Board of Selectmen approved the request to camp out for benefit of the upcoming airshow. The AA will contact Mr. Chase.

**Sprague's Increase in Transportation of Material:** The AA was asked to make the Building Inspector aware of the memo as well as the Planning Board.

***Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non-public under RSA 91:A-3, II (a) personnel. Seconded by Selectman Stern. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.***

***Selectman O'Reilly moved to come out of non-public. Seconded by Selectman Stern. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0. Selectman O'Reilly then moved to seal the minutes indefinitely. Seconded by Selectman Stern. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.***

***Selectman O'Reilly moved to hire Leila Richardson for part time employment at a rate of \$ 18.00 per hour to assist the AA with the special Warrant Article project and minutes. Selectman Stern seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.***

***Selectman O'Reilly moved to utilize the general legal fund to support the needs at this time of the Fire Department. Seconded by Selectman Stern. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.***

***Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:41pm. Selectman Stern seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.***

Respectfully Submitted,

***Beatrice Marconi,***  
Administrative Assistant