

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday March 5, 2012
6:30pm Town Hall

Chr. Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly and Rick Stern, Planner Tom Morgan, Senator Nancy Stiles, Ted Reed and Jim Terrio of Sprague and Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi.

Minute Approval: *S. O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012 (public and non); S. Stern seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.*

SB 259 – Extending PDA Control at PEASE til 2050: Senator Stiles tells the Board that it is still in Committee. There has been discussion on splitting the bill or perhaps changing the date. May pass with only first part. This Thursday is decision date. She hopes that the Committee comes up with something that pleases everyone. Will know more as time goes by. The Selectmen are willing to sit with the PDA, State, and City of Portsmouth to work something out. Chr. Iocovozzi believes we should work with the PDA, in order to avoid law suits. As the law stands now, In 2020 the land use controls will go away, and will revert back to the towns. T. Morgan says that, initially, the PDA was set up as a temporary agency, but that "somewhere in Concord, things got tossed around". Both Senator Stiles and the Board question why a 30 year extension is requested.

Senator Stiles acknowledged the **HB 1238** letter from Newington Selectmen, which she believes is coming up for a vote this week. Bill 1238 deals with Power Plants and if passed could hurt both the plants and the town.

CACR12 – Senator Stiles tells the Board that George Cushing is concerned. She explained that they were asked to define "adequate education", "find funding means" etc... which was done. She felt the RSAs need to be changed. If not passed, then the State Wide Property Tax stays in place. S. Stern asked Senator Stiles to let Newington know what happens.

Sprague – White Gypsum Dust Problem – Ted Reed of Sprague apologized for dust. The issue was the exiting of the empty trucks. The Sweeper didn't jump on it quick enough. Another load is scheduled to be trucked in April. 1400 truck runs per boat. Until their pier conveyors are upgraded to unload multiple style of ships, they have to unload at the State pier and truck. They paid PDA \$40,000 for pier use at state pier that last load. They are looking at September to get conveyor belt system in place. 4 more ships will come in before Sept. Dust problem: Sprague will be building a 75' area of stone, which must be driven over. This will knock stones out of tires. They also looked into a wash however it cannot be in place to deal with the immediate problem. Ted acknowledges that this stone area will fill up and will make sure the collection areas are monitored and cleaned. When the trucking portion of the gypsum is over, the Town will look at our catch basins and if they need cleaning, we will let Sprague know. Ted will adjust route if Town prefers. Sprague will keep sweeper on site. Chr. Iocovozzi stated that the trucks may need to be watered/washed down, but will be difficult this time of year. BOS says to try "rock solution".

Saba Agreement – *S. Stern moved for the Board of Selectmen to accept the agreement pending Conservation Commission approval. S. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.*

Facility Use Requests:

Estes – Approved w/fee and security - Approved 3-0

Patriot Outreach Booth at Walmart – Approved 3-0

Tree Cutting at Pease – S. Stern informed the Board that the project review request from NH Division of Historical Resources will be filled in by the HDC. S. Stern suggested we wait a bit to act on this as the Town has a consultant involved. S. Stern suggests BOS read, perhaps approve, wording when timing is right. Chr. Locovozzi suggests that in final form all HDC members sign and CC to BOS.

Deputy Municipal Treasurer Appointment and Resignation – The AA was asked to send letter to Marge Hislop accepting her resignation as Deputy Treasurer with regret and to thank her for her service to the Town. The AA was asked to type up an appointment sheet for Sue Philbrick who will be taking Ms. Hislop's place. ***S. Stern moved to approve Sue Philbrick as Deputy Municipal Treasurer. S. O'Reilly seconded. Roll Call motion passed 3-0.***

Dig Safe Membership Application– The Board asked that the Building Inspector, Road Agent and Planner work on the application. The Building inspector will be the day contact, Fire Department will be night contact. They will read the documents and recommend if we should we be a general member or a non-utility member. ***S. O'Reilly moved to apply for a Dig Safe membership. S. Stern seconded. S. O'Reilly suggests the GIS portion be researched. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.***

Snow mobiles – Fish & Game Warden Josiah Towne (through the AA) wanted to know if the Selectmen had any snowmobile issues that he could resolve. The Board of Selectmen did not immediately see any problems at the present time.

Bucket Truck Donation for Indiana Tornado Towns–Sue Smith (through the AA) asked if the Board would consider donating our bucket truck to those towns in Indiana recently devastated by tornados. The Board recalled the time the town donated a fire truck - it was very problematic and did not get to the destination.

Ford Diesel Pickup– Needs repair - estimate came in at \$3,666 from Portsmouth Ford however Hampton Ford's estimate came in between \$2,000 - \$2,400. It is in Hampton currently. The Board discussed converting needed vehicle service from the Portsmouth facility to the Hampton facility.

At 7:35pm, a cake was brought out in honor of the Chairman Cosmas Locovozzi's last Selectmens' meeting – shortly thereafter, ***S. O'Reilly moved to adjourn. Seconded by S. Stern.*** Cossie thanked his fellow Selectmen for their time and for working so well together on behalf of the town. ***And with that, he hit the gavel and closed his final Selectmen's meeting.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant