

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday April 16, 2012
6:30 pm Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Present - Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Rick Stern and Jan Stuart, Gail Pare, David Sweeney, Len Thomas, Allan Smith and Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi.

Minutes – The minutes of March 19, 2012 were tabled for amendments. ***S. Stuart moved to accept the minutes of April 2, April 5, and April 9. S. Stern seconded. Approved 3-0.***

Manifest Approval – Manifests dated April 10 for \$57,867.18; April 17 for \$66,538.97 ***S. Stuart moved to approve. Seconded by S. Stern. Motion passed 3-0.***

Dave Sweeney – Wanted to discuss placement of cigarette buckets outside of the Town Hall. During the town meeting in March, he noted cigarette smoke was coming into the auditorium through the kitchen and open door. There was discussion about a 20'-25' foot setback from doors by RSA. Dave questioned if this was enough or if the town could find another area like the parking lot. S. Stuart stated that no one would be placed in a parking lot and stated there were RSAs that addressed smoking areas. Chr. O'Reilly stated the town continues to research the laws, but did mention that the Town was not able to make rules that are more strict than the state guidelines per the RSAs.

D. Sweeney would like Selectmen to be aware of distracted drivers and the danger this presents to bicyclists.

Trees: Chr. O'Reilly once again informed Mr. Sweeney that he should speak to Road Agent Len Thomas regarding trees and limbs that he is concerned with in town. The Selectmen were disturbed with Mr. Sweeney as he has independently been marking trees at Fox Point with pink tape. S. Stuart strongly reminded Dave he had to stop immediately as Public Service had hired tree specialists to tag the trees with pink tape that needed addressing along the power lines. She went on to add that he had no right to do so in addition to disturbing the entire process. Dave was argumentative and said he would use blue tape. S. Stuart instructed him to stop tagging immediately – any color tape. He stated that the RSAs gave him the right to mark trees, however when questioned by S. Stern as to which RSA, one was not provided. D. Sweeney was warned that he was close to being out of order, and furthermore, he needs to bring any problematic trees to the Road Agents attention who will make a determination on whether they should come down or not. Dave said he would cease tagging trees.

Plow – V Plow donation for the Town Garage site. Len stated that it is rusted, but can be painted for \$800 - \$1000 through Bay Auto Body. Gail Pare mentioned that when it is displayed, it should be on a pad with information about it. S. Stuart would like price on a cement pad. Chaining the plow to the pad was also discussed. Len will come back with a pad (with ring) and paint costs.

Ditch at Fire Station – L. Thomas has spoken to Dale Sylvia regarding the gully created by hoses. They will be spraying in the opposite direction to prevent further gullying and the Highway crew will address the ruts.

Pond – L. Thomas asked about the tree in the pond on Fox Point Road. S. Stuart stated that it didn't look like the pond would be used for skating and not to bother at this time.

Farmer Smith-Fox Point – Alan Smith would like to rotate crops. He will flip the corn and grass areas, and although using Roundup to kill the grass, the ground is not tilled as the seeds take in the dead grass. S. Stuart

asked whether the fertilizer used will wash into the bay. A. Smith said that he did not believe that it would be an issue as farmers don't lay down any more than minimal quantity. The selectmen felt that there was no issue to vote on, and approve of Farmer Smith's work. Trails will remain. Mr. Smith will work to limit dust issues, as he realizes this affected Jim Weiner's property last year. S. Stuart expressed that she likes the gates that Mr. Smith put in. G. Pare mentioned that she would like to discuss the tri-centennial with A. Smith to ensure that none of the events disrupt his planting activities and asked if he might have some antique farming equipment for a historic display.

S. Stern stepped out of meeting at 6:50pm to attend a portion of the ZBA meeting next door.

YMCA 2012 Contract – *S. Stuart made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Chr. O'Reilly. There will be one P.O., half paid up front, and half paid later. Motion passed 2-0. Total cost \$ 23,120.*

Laptop – There was discussion on whether to repair or replace the general use laptop in the office. The general feeling is that the computer is old, and that it will be most cost effective to replace it. There was also discussion on computer security. Laptop purchase will be discussed further. Tom Morgan will be asked to get a price.

Langdon Library – In a request from the Langdon Library Trustees, they informed the Board that the motherboard has blown for their security system and that it cost \$1113 to repair. This bill exhausted their maintenance & repair account for the year. They asked the Board to utilize the emergency Bldg Maintenance Capital Reserve as they were concerned about funds. S. O'Reilly suggested letting the Library pay for repair up front, and Selectmen will review the issue later on in the year if funding turns into being a problem. *J. Stuart made a motion to defer discussion at this time. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Folding Machines – Chr. O'Reilly feels that a folding machine would be useful to have, and could possibly be shared with other offices, such as the school, recreation, etc. Bea will look into pricing, and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Appointments –

HDC	Elaine D'Orto and John Lamson	2015
Deputy TC/TC	Theresa Tomlinson	2015
Conservation Comm	Justin Richardson, Doreen Stern, Nell Ann Haitt	2015
ZBA	Matt Morton	2015
	John Frink-Alternate	2015
Ballot Clerks	Vannie Brawn	2013
	Lynda Bullock	2013
	Sandra Sweeney	2013
	Mary Wahl	2013
	Margaret Lamson	2013
	Elisabeth Connors	2013
Recreation	Keith Frizzell, Brian Haberstroh, Martin Callahan, Darrell Brown, Robert Del Isola, Tom. Rossi Chris Bellmare	2013
Library Trustee	Nathan Fredette	2013

S. Stuart moved to approve all, Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Approved 2-0

S. Stern returned at 7:25pm.

Facility Use –

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| 1. | R.P. Commission | Town Hall | 4/13 | Fee/dep waived |
| 2. | Portsmouth Symphony | Town Hall | 4/16 | Fee/dep waived |
| 3. | Seacoast Wind Ensemble | Town Hall | 5/15 | Fee/dep waived |
| 4. | Newington Historical Society | Old Town Hall | 6/14 | Fee/dep waived |
| 5. | American Red Cross (Overnight for air show) | Town Hall | 6/30 | Fee waived/dep waived |

S. Stuart made a motion to approve all and waive fees and deposits. Seconded by S. Stern. Motion passed 2-0-1 on items 2 and 3 (Chr. O'Reilly abstained), and passed 3-0 on items 1, 4 and 5.

Garbage Collection – S. Stuart suggested that Road Agent L. Thomas look in to drawing up a contract for road side trash collection for Board consideration.

DRA Mosaic Project – S. Stern suggested the Board see the agreement that Portsmouth has with the DRA on this request for Newington to participate. When the DRA stated that Portsmouth was on board with Mosaics, Mr. Salzar did not mention that they had a side agreement. Rick will obtain agreement for next meeting.

Clicker Request – Martin Leighton has requested a clicker. ***S. Stuart moved to approve Mr. Leighton's request. Seconded by S. Stern. Approved 3-0.***

S. Stern added that Jane Mazeau should have a clicker. All agreed that she should be offered one. No vote required.

SB 259 – S. Stern reminded the Selectmen that they were lead to believe by our senator that the 30 year extension would be tabled, but SB 259 passed including the extension. The Selectmen would like to pursue a veto. Chr. O'Reilly and S. Stern would like to go to Concord on this issue when Chr. O'Reilly returns from vacation. S. Stern will set things up.

Fire Dept. – The fire dept. had requested to sell food and water near O.T.Hall during the air show. Chr. O'Reilly mentioned that the funds would be used to support Full and Part Time Newington Firefighters Associations. After a brief discussion, ***S. Stern made a motion to deny. S. Stuart seconded. Denied 3 – 0.***

Julie Smith Request for Town Sponsoring her for Jimmy Fund Walk – All agreed the cause is very good. The Selectmen must be careful as sponsoring individuals could lead to a multitude of requests. With the additional agencies this year and 6 students from Newington traveling with the school to Iowa, etc, this leads to the funds being strained. G. Pare questioned whether this is a place for tax payer money. Chr. suggested the Board wait til years end to see where the funds stand, however, after further discussion, ***S. Stuart made a motion to deny personal sponsorships, seconded by Chr. O'Reilly. Motion passed 2-1 with S. Stern voting against.*** A letter will be drafted and sent to Ms. Smith.

Church Invitation – Church sent an invitation to the Selectmen to a colonial style service on April 29th, to celebrate their 300th service.

Chief Maloney Memorial Fund – ***The Board voted to contribute to the Chief Michael Maloney Memorial Fund – Amount amended to \$1,000.***

Salting School – S. Stern has repeatedly asked L. Thomas for a list of names to attend salting school. All drivers should attend.

Fuel Tank Covers – Building Inspector John Stowell would like to meet with the Selectmen. S. Stuart will speak to him on Wednesday to discuss need and design.

Bucket Truck – S. Stern noted that it is listed on Craig's List for sale currently and will be sold on consignment with an arrangement from the company where we purchased the bucket truck from.

Sea Plane Request – Someone had requested to park their sea plane on the shore at Mott's Cove. The Selectmen suggested they speak to Planner Tom Morgan about that issue. Could possibly be a state issue.

At 8:00 S. Stuart moved to adjourn. Seconded by S. Stern. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi

Administrative Assistant