

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday May 21, 2012
6:30 pm Town Hall

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

Present - Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Rick Stern, Jane Mazeau, Gail Pare, Peter Rice, Darren Lary, Rick Davy, Tom Morgan, Dennis Hebert and Leila Richardson.

Minute Approval – *S. Stuart made a motion to approve the minutes for April 30th and May 7th. S. Stern seconded the motion. Approved 3 – 0.*

Manifest Approval – *S. Stern made a motion to accept the May 15th manifest, in the amount of \$76,138.45. S. Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3 – 0.*

Exit 4 Water Main – Darrin Lary, of Wright-Pierce, presented the plans for the new water main, to replace the current main, located near Exit 4. The existing water main crosses Route 16. DOT is lowering the road, therefore, the water main needs to be relocated. The best approach, as explained, will be to eliminate the main under Route 16, and to, instead, run it along Shattuck Way.

The new main will be a 12" pipe running along the sidewalk, with a heavy duty pipe used under the overpass, so that no sleeve will be required.

This work will be incorporated into, and coordinated with, the other construction being done.

Two fire hydrants will be added, one at the end of the sidewalk, and one next to S. Stern's home.

S. Stuart discussed concerns with a potential dip in the road, where the main will cross Shattuck Way, as this has been an issue on Fox Point and Nimble Hill Road. D. Lary explained that the normal procedure, given that this road is frequently travelled by heavy trucks, would be to compact the soil, put down temporary pavement, and let it settle. They would then grind the pavement back up, and re-pave. It was mentioned that they would use Flow Fill, as was used in Portsmouth.

Any complaints about the road work will fall back on the contractor doing the work. However, Peter Rice, Portsmouth's city engineer, assures us that Portsmouth will be held responsible, since it will be their water lines.

The water mains are anticipated to be one of the first portions of the DOT project.

S. Stuart made a motion to approve the water main project. Chr. O'Reilly seconded, with S. Stern recusing himself. Motion passed 2-0.

Town Clerk – Jane Mazeau would like to have Emily Mazeau work with her part time over the summer in the town clerk's office. She anticipates that Emily will work 15 hours or fewer per week. The Selectmen had no objection to this, since it will come out of the town clerk's deputy budget, as long as she is not alone in the office.

Woodbury Ave. – Dennis Hebert came into the meeting briefly, to express his view on whether or not to install a sidewalk on Woodbury Ave., once it is turned over from the state to the town. He does not feel that we should do so, given the cost of maintenance.

S. Stern and Tom Morgan spoke in favor of installing sidewalks, for pedestrian safety and to keep automobile speeds down.

There was much discussion on the subject. It was also suggested that, in lieu of sidewalks, the road be widened for a bike path, and rumble strips added.

The Selectmen will meet with an attorney, and discuss the sidewalk issue further, before voting on the issue. They will make an effort to include Dennis Hebert in this discussion.

There was some discussion on ensuring that Woodbury Ave. is upgraded to proper standards, before being turned over to Newington. This would include MS4 storm drainage being met and mapped.

Police Dept. – There have been questions regarding the changes to the insurance policy. Chr. O'Reilly suggested bringing in a representative from the insurance company to answer questions from employees.

Sustainable Communities Initiative – The Rockingham Planning Commission is asking towns to participate in New Hampshire's Sustainable Communities Initiative. This will cost the town nothing. ***S. Stuart made a motion to send a letter from Newington expressing willingness to sign a partnership agreement. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3 – 0.***

Cloud Computing – Tom Morgan suggested that we use this provider as a server backup. Currently, the server is backed up on a tape, which is removed from the building with Tom each evening. There was some discussion about purchasing a fire proof safe, for storing the tape on location.

S. Stern suggested bringing in Portsmouth Computer to give us an evaluation.

Ford Explorer – S. Stern indicated that the vehicle would be put out at auction with a minimum bid of \$1800. Therefore, we will advertise it for sale at a minimum of \$1800.

NH Mosaic Project – There does not appear to be any benefit to the town in participating in this project. ***S. Stern made a motion against participating at this time. S. Stuart seconded. Denied 3 - 0.***

Purchase Order Policy – Maximum PO without Selectmen approval will remain at \$250.

Trail – Len Thomas and John Frink have been asked to clear a narrow walking strip between Mott's Cove and Dutchess point.

CLE Grant – This is for part 2 of the Goat Island research project. ***S. Stern made a motion to accept the GLE Grant for part 2 of this project. S. Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3 – 0.***

Other Business – On Thursday, Chr. O'Reilly will be attending a briefing on the new gas lines. He will also attend a meet and greet for the new person taking over management of Great Bay Services.

Facility Use -

Anne Hebert	Baby Shower	Old Town Hall	June 10, 2012
Laura Anderson	Birthday	Town Grove	June 24, 2012

S. Stuart moved to approve all facility requests. S. Stern seconded. Approved 3 - 0.

At 8:07pm, the meeting was adjourned on a motion from S. Stuart – seconded by S. Stern, which passed 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Leila Richardson