

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday July 2, 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 Jan Stuart and Rick Stern, Gail Pare, Lee Lamson, Steve Bush, Melissa Prefontaine, Granville Knox, and Leila Richardson.

**Minute Approval** – *S. Stuart made a motion to approve the minutes for June 25th. S. Stern seconded the motion. Approved 3 – 0.*

**Manifest Approval** – *S. Stuart made a motion to approve the manifests of June 5 in the amount of \$69,622.56, June 12 in the amount of \$73,857, and June 19 in the amount of \$8,031.75.*

**Library Trustees** – The Library Trustees requested that the town change the current procedure of handling library expenditures. Currently, the trustees are required to complete a purchase order and submit it to the town offices for payment. Approximately one quarter of the library budget is done by purchase order. The Library Trustees would like to be paid up front, perhaps quarterly, and pay the bills themselves.

This is the system recommended by State statute. Any money left over at the end of the year would be returned to the town. By being paid up front, bills would be paid more promptly, and paperwork and labor would be reduced both at the library and the town hall.

Chr. O'Reilly would like to discuss this option with the auditors and town treasurer. He feels that this may work, if regular reports are sent from the library to the town. The second, and more serious issue, that the Library Trustees wanted to address was that of the Library Trust Fund. Trust fund money, such as money bequeathed to the Library in trust, must be invested and only the interest spent. All interest should be taken yearly, according to RSA 32-3. Currently, Library trust fund money is comingled with other funds, and managed by the Trustees of the Trust Fund. The Trustees of the Trust Fund have been dispersing interest to the Library yearly. However, these dispersments appear to be somewhat arbitrary, and are not in the full amounts that the Library is entitled to receive. Therefore, the interest not dispersed becomes part of the principle, which the Library is unable to use. It appears that over \$100,000 over the past decade went back into the trust as principle, instead of being used.

The Library Trustees do not know how to separate Library Trust money from the rest of the money held by the Trustees of the Trust Fund, and perhaps petition the State for the right to use money that should have previously been dispersed. The Library Trustees would like the support of the Selectmen in seeking legal advice on the issue of the trust funds. Chr. O'Reilly mentioned that LGC may offer a free legal service. The trustees will look into this, and follow up with the Selectmen. In addition to the above issue with the Library trust funds, none of the trusts appear to be filed as

such with the state, as they are required. **\*NOTE: At the August 6 Selectmen's meeting, it was moved to amend this portion of the minutes. Please see Aug 6 minutes for revisions.**

**Parking Passes** – S. Stuart made a motion to give Independent Archaeological Consulting LLC parking passes for use during the Goat Island project, the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>. S. Stern seconded the motion. Approved 3 - 0.

**Salvation Army** – S. Stern made a motion to deny the Salvation Army request to put a donation collection bin on town property. S. Stuart seconded the motion. Denied 3 – 0.

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**Olive Garden Escrow** – There are funds in an escrow account, which were intended to be used for a foot bridge near the Olive Garden. The foot bridge plans have been abandoned. However, the money has remained in escrow, and an attorney is being paid \$200 per year to oversee this account. The Selectmen would like to close this account, and return the funds to the appropriate owner.

**Stone School** – Roof repair discussion was tabled until next week, at which time the purchase order will be present for review.

**Clicker Request** – S. Stuart made a motion to approve Matt Morton's request for a clicker. S. Stern seconded the motion. Approved 3 – 0.

**Bucket Truck** – S. Stern made a motion to accept the offer of \$13,000 from Heavy Trucks of New England for the bucket truck. S. Stuart seconded the motion. Approved 3 – 0.

**Cliff Abbott** – S. Stuart made a motion to reinstate Cliff Abbott to the Cemetery Committee for one or 3 years, depending on the term. S. Stern seconded the motion. Approved 3 – 0.

**Revenue and Building Permit Reports** – John Stowell submitted the revenue and building permit reports for the Selectmen to review. All approved of the reports, and were highly complementary of John's professionalism.

**Water on Bridge** – S. Stern has noticed water pooling on the foot bridge over the bay, and feels it is of concern due to mosquitos. He will contact Kota.

**Recreation** – There has been a complaint that the new swings in South Newington have not yet been installed. According to the Recreation Committee drainage has been an issue, which they are working to resolve. The Recreation Committee would like to make Kent's Pond into a skating rink.

**Mott Pond** – We are expecting an engineering plan on the Mott Pond drainage project.

**Dog Doo** – Doggie business has become an issue at Fox Point. The selectmen would like to post a sign asking owners to please clean up after pets.

**Facility Use** –

Robin Olsen Town Hall Auditorium Outdoor Wedding Backup August 11, 2012  
Barbara Pickering Fox Point and Town Hall Wedding October 6, 2012  
NH LGC Municipal Law Lecture Series Town Hall Auditorium October 10, 17 and 24  
2012  
NH Bridge Assoc. Tournament Town Hall Auditorium November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

***S. Stuart moved to approve the above facility requests, waiving the fee for NH LGC. S. Stern seconded. Approved 3 - 0.***

***At 7:40 pm, the meeting was adjourned on a motion from S. Stuart, seconded by S. Stern. Passed 3 -0.***

Respectfully Submitted, Leila Richardson