

Newington Board of Selectmen's Minutes
Wednesday, Sept 5, 2012
Town Hall 6:30pm

Chr. J. O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Rick Stern and Jan Stuart; Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi and Richard Sullivan and John Klanchesser-Fire Engineer.

Minute Approval: August 13 (sealed portion) ***S. Stuart moved to accept the minutes of Aug 13. Seconded by S. Stern. Motion passed 3-0.*** Minutes of August 20, 2012. ***S. Stuart moved to accept the minutes of August 20. Seconded by Chr. O'Reilly. Motion passed 2-0-1 with S. Stern abstaining.***

Manifest Approval: ***R. Stern moved to approve the manifest dated Aug 28 in the amount of \$30,764.79. S. Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Town Seal: After discussion with the Board having no objections to painting the Town Seal as décor at Trader Joes, ***S. Stuart moved to designate S. Stern to check the quality of the seal reproduction at Trader Joes and its proposed location. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0-1 with S. Stern abstaining.***

Bike Path – Conceptional Design – Altus Engineering: Task I \$ 11,500. Task II billed hourly. Altus proposed the scope of action for this phase of the bike path design from Fox Point Road (southerly end) to Nimble Hill Road towards the General Sullivan Bridge (which will eventually all be tied to the round a bout on Arboredum). Chr. O'Reilly asked that the Selectmen authorize use of the Air Mitigation Fund. S. Stern asked about sidewalks and concrete vs asphalt and offered his thoughts on preferring to have the future sidewalks connecting and leading to somewhere. He also spoke of the existing sidewalk funds. ***S. Stuart moved to approve task I from Altus Engineering not to exceed \$ 11,500 to begin the conceptional design of the bike path which will be funded from the Air Mitigation Fund. S. Stern seconded. Passed 3-0.***

Shattuck Way Amended Proposal – Bell & Flynn: S. Stern noted he met with Bell, Locovozzi, Road Agent Thomas about the 500' past Patterson Lane intersection. Also got a price extending to the seam at Mama D's. Two options were expressed in the contract. 1) River Road 2) Patterson. Original base price was \$82,000 which did not include flaggers. We will be billing sewer for sewer man hole covers unless Bell bills them direct – as he has been communicating with Dennis Messier of Sewer. Regarding flaggers, after a lengthy discussion regarding the use of our officers vs. flaggers provided via Bell, it was decided that S. Stern will speak to Chief Tretter on having our officers flag. Chr. O'Reilly stated that an additional \$21,000 will take care of both options and manhole issues. ***S. Stern moved to approve the latest Bell contract proposal not to exceed \$ 104,000. S. Stuart seconded. The \$104,000 did not include traffic control costs. Motion passed 3-0.*** On an additional note, Richard Sullivan suggested the Board look at Hodgdon Farm Road for paving consideration as it has been 16 years.

Gundalow Landing: The Board received two bids on Gundalow Landing paving. Bourassa \$47,575 and Bell \$49,150. ***S. Stuart moved to approve the Bourassa proposal of \$ 47,575. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Fox Point – Establishing a Safety Zone: S. Stuart was concerned about Fox Point trails at the head of Fox Point near the frogging pond. You need to be 300' from a residence for bow/gun. She was concerned about arrows coming on to the trails in that area with children frogging, etc. She strongly urged the Selectmen to consider establishing a safety zone – which should have minimal effect on bow hunters yet offer the protection to those who frequent that popular area. She went on to state that the zone should prohibit the following: Bow Hunting, BB guns, Cross Bows and Bolts, Bow and Arrows, Air Rifles and Pistols, Sling Shots, Paint Balls basically covering all activities where object are propelled. Chr. O'Reilly

suggested we draft out a diagram of this safety zone and include that map on the Bow Hunters form requesting permission to hunt at Fox Point memorandum of understanding. The Board said that this safety zone should be designated by signs and should say 'no hunting-safety zone'. The Board went on to talk about xxx amount of feet along Fox Point, etc and ultimately agreed that between the map and making it triangular in shape and putting signs up along its parameter that details would suffice. ***S. Stern moved to establish a safety zone - measurements to be determined – bow hunting permissions to have map attached. S. Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Shattuck Way Beaver Dam: A problematic beaver dam off Shattuck Way, near the office condos and also in the culvert needs to be addressed as the road and shoulders will be threatened. The land owner will be identified with Planner Morgan's help and a letter to be sent to owner indicating that the town will have a trapper come in and remove the beaver. Regarding the dam itself, no machinery can go into the wet land. The letter will also address removal of the dam with the owner to let them know the town's intention and why.

Mott Pond Restoration Update: Chr. O'Reilly spoke to Altus and because it is now classified as a dam by the DES, the process has slowed.

Hannah Lane: Chr. O'Reilly met with Jim Kerrivan of Altus. We could put a catch basin on the other side – however digging may be impossible because of obstructions. We could bore under the road and would then appear on the Town's side. Mr. Kerrivan will continue to look into the situation and try to come up with a reasonable proposal. We may consider budgeting for it next year.

Election Day Coverage: Due to the NH Constitution, Selectmen to be on site. However Moderator Fletcher indicated not all Selectmen needed to be here at once. (She only needed one Selectman at a time to check IDs) so a new schedule was set by the Board. Selectmen Stern will be here 8:00am – 11. Selectman Stuart from 10am til 7:00pm. Chr. O'Reilly 10am-1:30ish. Chr. O'Reilly cannot count at nights end. AA to post a 10:00am Selectmen's meeting for lobby.

Town Hall – Friday Closing: The Selectmen have not received any complaints regarding closing the building at 1:00pm on Fridays. ***S. Stern moved to continue the trial period through the end of Sept. S. Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Folding Machine: The staff will continue to look for other models out in the market.

Blinds for Selectman's Office: S. Stuart urged the Board to seek out a second proposal. Next meeting.

Clicker Requests:

Bellmare – ***approved 3-0***

Callahan – ***approved 3-0***

Christopher – hold til he is notified that the policy is now 1 per household - ***table 3-0***

Facility Use Requests: Bridge Club – Charlie Brewster – April 20/21 Town Hall Tournament fee=\$150 per day plus dep. Approved 3-0.

Special Events Requests: Approved of tagging at WalMart for the Veteran's Organization Sept 13 & 14. Fee Waived.

Highway Fuel Tank Roof: Wyman proposal to extend the roof. The Board agreed to table this item and see how it goes over the winter. May revisit in spring. Will get a second proposal.

John Klanchesser: He asks that the Board's meetings get posted on the Town's Web Page and also feels notice that the bldg closes on Fridays at noon should be on web as well. The Selectmen noted that the regularly scheduled meetings are posted on the calendar and asked the AA to make sure the closing of TH is still noted on the Web as well. S. Stuart felt it was time to take a good look at our web site as it could stand modernization. John also wanted to ask the Board if he could still snow plow for the Town now that he is an engineer. The Board did not feel that presented any conflict.

Compassion for our Pets: Richard Sullivan of Hodgdon Farm Lane met with the Board regarding circumstances when we lose our pets to tragedy ie: getting hit in the road. All agreed that losing our beloved animals is traumatic. S. Stuart will speak to Chief Tretter regarding officer involvement when our pets get hit - both dogs and cats alike - and will get back with Mr. Sullivan.

Town Hall Computer Tech: Chr. O'Reilly spoke to a municipal reference. They were happy with Portsmouth Computer – responded quickly to their needs. S. Stern would like to negotiate a least monitoring server costs – Will do upgrades and work with vendors. S. Stern will get a more detailed proposal and bring it back to the Board.

Next meeting Sept 11 – Election day – 10:00am

NonPublic RSA 91:A-3, II Reputation and Employee Matters - S. Stuart moved to go into non public at 8:40pm under RSA 91:A-3, II Reputation and Employee Matters - Seconded by S. Stern. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.

At 9:13pm, S. Stuart made the motion to come out of nonpublic. Seconded by S. Stern. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote. S. Stuart then moved to seal the minutes. Seconded by S. Stern. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion to adjourn came at 9:14pm and with no objections, the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant