

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 26, 2012
Town Hall 1:00pm

After a brief non meeting with counsel, ***Chr. Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 1:00pm***

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Rick Stern and Jan Stuart. Also present were Terry Demeris of the City of Portsmouth Water Division, Rick Davee of Wright Pierce Engineering, Sam Donovan of Coleman Paving, and Jim Hershy of DOT. Also present were Planner Tom Morgan, Building Inspector John Stowell and AA Beatrice Marconi.

Spaulding Project: Discussion regarding the water line placement on Shattuck began with discussion of possibly laying it on the opposite side of Shattuck. Portsmouth is fine with original plan (under sidewalks). Sidewalk replacement is also in original plan. Blasting will be necessary for either side. Test Bores yet to come to determine feasibility of moving line on other side. Arborvitaes will be at risk with the water line original plan. Portsmouth will be paying for the waterline but Newington water consumers will be charged for the costs. There may be a possibility of savings if line was placed on other side. R Davee said that no provisions for hook ups in plans right now. Hydrants, yes. Water main portion falling under bridge will be in the middle of the road. Jim Hershey of DOT said that the State is looking for assurances that if the line had to be moved, would Newington have objections. If damage to homes occur from blasting, the have blast insurance. S. Stern asked if this possible change should go to Planning Board. State felt too late to wait til after Oct 15. If, from the tests the line must be moved to other side, then PB will call a special meeting for Oct 1. Report to come within a week. S. Stuart was hesitant in making a motion til the feasibility report comes in. Chr. O'Reilly suggested a motion indicating the town had no objections to the other side if proven feasible. ***S. Stuart moved to table til October 1 after study comes in showing the move is recommended. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0-1 with S. Stern abstaining.***

Newington Energy Bond Release: In a memo dated September 19, 2012, Planner Tom Morgan recommended that the Board release \$ 61,585 plus interest from the escrow account set up in the late 90's and close out the account. ***S. Stuart moved to refund Newington Energy the balance of \$61,545.95 plus interest. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Report from Budget Committee Rep Jack O'Reilly on mid year review held Sept 19: Chr. O'Reilly reports that at the mid year review of the budget for the town and school, the school was turning in less than usual for their fund balance. Police budget salaries for part and full were discussed along with HW heating and vehicle fuel costs, Town Forest under conservation commission, under land mgmt the budget committee wondered about the encumbered funds for the erosion project, legal fund and suggestion from one of the members asking the BOS to direct town legal fees to the library's legal costs, election wages, ambulance billing and a discussion on creating a warrant article to establish a special revenue fund once again, and Mott pond project. The Selectmen then discussed the potential costs involved with dredging Mott Pond. They also discussed the health reimbursement costs to date.

1713 Committee Update: AA Beatrice Marconi told the Board that the latest newsletter yielded no one calling to help with the celebration other than a person teaming with Gail Pare to organize the Native American Indian encampment. After a discussion, the Selectmen felt that since ample appeal to the residents produced no interest, then the only thing left to do was to reduce the 4 day event down to 2 but to schedule passive, less extravagant activities that were doable. The Board mentioned a pancake breakfast and getting departments perhaps interested. People will still be encouraged to come in period dress. They encouraged the committee to continue scheduling events such as the Wind Ensemble, the Gundalow, cookout, breakfast, boat rides, bag pipes, hopefully fireworks as an embellished SeptemberFest and to ask the Rec to be involved.

Gundalow Landing Paving Contract: Bourassa was awarded the bid. There was discussion about a paving project overseer as suggested by Denis Hebert. It was agreed upon that Road Agent Len Thomas be available to ensure that when the paving was done that the conditions and material was right.

Shred Program: The AA notified the Selectmen that there is a program offered by Shred It to come into the town's transfer station or place of choice whereas the shredding truck could be hired for a period of time that allows the residents to bring in their personal documents to shred. \$250 per hour. S. Stern felt that since we have free trash pickup weekly, that this service was not needed at this time. The Board took no action to proceed.

Natural Gas Line Expansion: Chr. O'Reilly updated the Board on the expansion of the Natural Gas Line past the H/W Garage.

Fox Point Dock Rule Review: This item was postponed til the Oct 1 meeting

Road Weight Waiver Request – Airport Road – Rick Jack: This request was granted by vote taken this evening. A conditional letter was issued to permit the crane to travel to Mr. Jack's resident for needed work. *S. Stuart moved to waive, S. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

UNUM Short and Long Term Disability: In a memo from Davis and Towle comes information about Standard's projected cost increases and info on UNUM's projected costs savings. *S. Stern moved to go with UNUM at our earliest convenience. S. Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Facility Use Requests:

Piscataqua River Brass – TH – Oct 12 - 7pm-9 *S. Stern moved to approve. S. Stuart seconded. Motion passed 2-0-1 with Chr. O'Reilly abstaining. Fee waived. Deposit waived.*

Old Business – Safety Zone: S. Stuart spoke of the non-residents sneaking in – out of state plates. S. Stern felt perhaps Fish and Game Officer Towne should be made aware that hunters are being dropped off. S. Stuart said that they drop-offs were a real problem last year too. Regarding the Town Forest, Chr. O'Reilly noted that the Town Forest is not posted currently as the PDA used to post. Chr. O'Reilly wondered if Newington Residents only could be enforced in that area. No action taken. S. Stern will get in touch with Chief Tretter.

Chr. O'Reilly moved to go into non public under RSA 91:A-3, II personnel matters. S. Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 as a roll call vote.

Present: Chr. O'Reilly, Selectman Stern, and Selectman Stuart.

At 2:30, the Board came out of non public on a roll call vote on a motion from S. Stuart. Seconded by S. Stern, the motion passed 3-0.

A motion came from S. Stuart to seal the non public minutes. Seconded by S. Stern. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.

A motion to adjourn at 2:31 came from S. Stuart and hearing no objections, the meeting was called to a close.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi

Admin Asst.