Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Monday, November 26, 2012 6:30pm Town Hall

<u>Present:</u> Chr. Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, AA Beatrice Marconi, Conservation Commission Chairman Justin Richardson and his two girls. (absent: Selectman Rick Stern)

<u>2013 Budget Presentation – Conservation Comm</u> – Justin Richardson was there to present the budget. With a \$500 increase placed under beautification, Selectman Stuart moved to recommend \$ 10,904. Seconded by Chr. O'Reilly. Motion passed 2-0.

Mark West continues to work on the forest management plan. Justin plans on utilizing some of that line before years end. He also hopes to be able to offer a forestry project for enjoyment and education for the 1713 festivities.

The Conservation Commission initially voted on a \$12,904 which included encumbrances.

The group spoke of adding \$30,000 to the existing Conservation Fund. Discussion went on about its original purpose and if there may be restrictive wording in it. Justin will review. May consider clarifying or altering its original purpose.

Selectman Stuart spoke of the Beane property abutting the Police Station/Town Hall land and felt if there may be a need to expand in the future, now is the time to secure an additional 10 acres. Justin stated that if the Conservation Fund were to be utilized for purchase, there would be land restrictions.

- S. Stuart moved to amend the recommended amount of the Rec budget from last meeting to be \$51,550 (addition error). Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.
- S. Stuart will work with the Road agent in getting a Christmas Tree for the front of Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.