

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Town of Newington Town Hall

January 4, 2006 7:00pm-revised*

Present: Chairman Alfred Smith, Selectmen Rep. Jack O'Reilly, Town Admin. Assistant Beatrice Marconi, members Russ Cook, Dick Spinney, Leslie Brock, Candice Cantelupo, Larry Wahl, Rick Stern, Dennis Acton, Gail Klanchesser, Helen Maldini, Jack Anderson-School Board Rep, Peggy Lamson- Justin Richardson-Barbara McDonald-Conservation Commission; Dot Noseworthy-Library Trustee; Vincent Frank-Planning Board; Keith Frizzel, Brian Haberstrah, Peter MacDonald, and Chris Bellmare-Recreation Committee; Lenny Thomas of the Highway, and Gail Pare.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Larry Wahl moved to accept the meeting minutes of November 2. **Motion was seconded** by Gail Klanchesser. **Chairman Smith called for the vote. Motion passed.**

Library Budget

Larry Wahl made a motion to accept the Library budget request in the amount of \$59,436.00 for the 2006 year. **Jack O'Reilly seconded** the motion. The Board went over the figures and after discussion **the Chairman asked for a vote to accept - motion was passed.**

There was a recommendation made by the Chairman that at this particular meeting the Budget Committee just accept the budget request and make recommendations at a later date.

Recreation Committee Budget

Dennis Acton moved to accept the Recreation Committee budget request of \$33,550.00. **Gail Klanchesser seconded motion.** Keith Frizzell gave a brief overview on participation, the YMCA youth program and the voucher program. There was also a brief overview on how the money will be spent. Basically on new playground equipment, ladders at docks, back boards for tennis courts and trail maintenance. Dennis Acton made a comment on the growth and progress and stated the recreation committee should encourage people to utilize what's available to them in Newington. **Chairman Smith made a motion to accept** the request a vote was taken and the **motion was passed.**

Conservation Commission

Leslie Brock made a motion to accept the Conservation Committee budget request in the amount of \$15,555.00. **Motion seconded by Helen Maldini.** Larry Wahl asked why there was such a difference in the legal budget between what was asked by the Commission and the Selectmen. Jack O'Reilly stated that the Board felt as if \$10,000.00 was too high and that \$5,000.00 was mid-way. Mr. O'Reilly also stated that even \$5,000.00 was too high due to the fact that their legal budget could fall under the Board of Selectmen. Conservation Commission Chairman, Peggy Lamson addressed this issue. She stated that this was an estimate voted on in November. Mrs. Lamson spoke of getting an estimate at Fox Point to protect. Jack O'Reilly spoke of how NHMA and how they advise and help towns. There was much discussion about the legal budget and the other ways that the money would be spent. **Chairman Smith asked for a vote, all were in favor of acceptance. Motion passed.**

Highway Department Budget *

Chairman Smith wondered why there was such a big change in the salary line. Jack O'Reilly spoke. He stated that the Board felt that \$16.00 was too low for Len and the amount should be \$20.00. He also spoke of the CDL license holders vs those who didn't possess one and how their rate should go up as well. Resurfacing and road striping was discussed at length.

Highway Encumbrances voted on Dec 28 by the Selectmen are as follows: \$50,000 Highway resurfacing-dedicated to: completion of Little Bay Road \$ 12,340.55, Brickyard Way \$ 14,216.00, Shattuck (State Job) \$ 13,306.86, and \$ 10, 136.59 dedicated to off setting costs for Fox Pt, Gundalow or Coleman. Also, out of Road Striping the Board voted to encumber \$ 6,657 for L& D Road Finishers. Jack O'Reilly and Board of Selectmen Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi explained the delays and the costs. Little Bay Road should be striped and staked to depict edging and center. The Budget Committee was concerned for projects that were delayed. Mr. Iocovozzi stated the Shattuck Way would be taken care of by the State and bill the Town later. Unfortunately the state is behind. There was more discussion on culvert repair. After all the discussion **Chairman Smith asked for a vote on the Highway budget request of \$231,750.00. Chairman gave a no vote, all others were in favor. Motion passed.**

There was a question in regards to who is in charge of turning off the blinking lights on Nimble Hill depicting the school.

Jack O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn. Leslie Brock seconded motion. Chairman Smith asked for a vote, motion passed.

Being that there was no further discussion before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant

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