

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Town of Newington Town Hall
January 3, 2006

Preliminary

Present: Chairman Iocovozzi, Selectman Stuart, Selectman O'Reilly, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Gail Pare, Mike Goot of Fosters, Vincent Frank, Barbara McDonald, Jack Pare, Dennis Herbert, Laura Coleman, Dennis Cote (6:15 pm), Ruth Fletcher, George Fletcher, Rick Stern, Ed Bober & guest.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Iocovozzi opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

Cemetery Budget Review

Selectman Stuart spoke on behalf of Cliff Abbott who was unable to attend. Mr. Abbott is requesting the assistance of Lenny and John of the Highway department to perform work at the cemetery. He also is requesting \$3,000.00 to be added to the budget to aid in the completion of three separate cemetery projects. Project A: stone wall, B: remove rocks and put the remaining posts in and C: fix two faucets. **Selectman O'Reilly moved** to accept the cemetery request of \$ 18,850 and send it to the Budget Committee. **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Historical District Budget Review

Gale Pare and Laura Coleman spoke on behalf on the Historic District. The Historic District is requesting \$500.00 to finish the restoration of the remaining projects and \$100.00 for a membership fee. **Selectman O'Reilly moved** to accept and send the request to the Budget Committee. **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

W.A for Heritage Committee

Gail Pare spoke on this matter. The Historic District Commission is requesting to assume the duties of the Heritage Commission. The Heritage Commission over sees historical artifacts and documents. By doing this it is folding the powers of the Heritage Commission on the table of the Historic District Commission. After much discussion on what exactly this commission is and how the Town of Newington would utilize it, the Selectmen would like for the Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi to see how the money for the Heritage Fund would be appropriated and if the town would vote to fund it. Ms. Marconi will get this information and present it to the Board.

Planning Board Budget

Dennis Hebert and Jack Pare spoke on behalf of the Planning Board. Their presentation began by speaking to the GIS mapping to solve the Fema problem. They explained that there is no cost to join the Flood Plain Mapping. However, the cost to do the maps could become expensive. Approximately 1/3 of residents are or could be affected. Vincent Frank stated that over 40 people received a bank letter to increase insurance or lose their mortgage until the town joins Fema to eliminate the problem. Mr. Frank also stated that there should be a petition and Board of Selectmen had no objection. Mr. Hebert also feels as if their legal budget should be \$20,000.00 vs. \$12,000.00. They are also requesting that the computer budget go up as well to cover projectors they need. **Select O'Reilly moved** to recommend that the Planning go before

the Budget Committee to request \$152,855.00. **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Sewer Board Budget

George Fletcher spoke on behalf of the Sewer Commission. Mr. Fletcher stated that the new way of processing sludge would be enacted in 2006. The transportation and processing costs are less. Contract has not been awarded. George feels his current employees can install this and by letting the current employees install it this will save quite a bit of money. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to recommend that the Sewer Commission go before the Budget Commission with a request of \$720,614.00. **Selectman Stuart seconded motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Minute Approval

The Board decided to table the acceptance of December 19th meeting due to the fact that the minutes were not ready in final form.

Bay Auto-Request for Dealer Plates

The Board decided to table this discussion due to the fact that they feel as if a legal representative, specifically Peter Loughlin, should review the issue. The Board would like the Town Planner Tom Morgan to persue the issue with Mr. Loughlin.

Pole License –Piscataqua Dr.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to sign this request. **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.** – Shattuck Way

Letter from Attorney General-Trickey Cove

Selectman O'Reilly read the letter aloud. The letter basically stated that the Board of Selectmen did nothing wrong and the charges against them were dropped.

Town Hall Use

Seacoast MPO January 26 7pm for the use of half of the auditorium. The Board of Selectmen were confused about what MPO and what company the requesting party was affiliated with. Ms. Marconi is to contact this person and get more information. Leslie Brock's request to use the Auditorium and Kitchen June 23 & 34 for a Wedding Reception was considered and **Selectman O'Reilly moved** to approve this request and the MPO request pending further research by the AA. **Selectman Stuart seconded.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Letter from Building Inspector Charlie Smart-RE: Waterline

Chairman Iocovozzi read the letter aloud which was basically stating that Mr. Smart needs an answer on what the Board wants to do in regards to the waterline problem that is, the pipe size being inadequate. Mr. Smart stated that now is the time to take care of this matter due to the fact that the equipment is available. He feels a new line should be ran to the Old Town Hall and eventually up grade the Library, the Meeting House and Cemetery in the future. It was stated the amount comes to around 8,000.00. Laura Coleman asked where the loop would go. Chairman Iocovozzi answered by stating that the loop would hook right into the dead end fire hydrant with an 8 to 10" line. Chairman Iocovozzi said that this matter will be further discussed and they will get back to Charlie Smart.

Police Department Budget

Selectman O'Reilly asked that the Board consider meeting Monday, Jan 9 to hear the PD budget & emergency Mgmt.

Fire Department Release of Funds

The Newington Fire Department is requesting to have funds from the Capital Reserve released for a utility truck for \$ 37,000. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that this issue should be further discussed at the upcoming workshop. Laura Coleman made a statement that maybe this should be done through a private company.

Letter from Lulu Pickering-Cemetery and Trustee of Trust Fund

Chairman Iocovozzi stated that he would like to table this subject until next weeks meeting so that both the Trustees of the Trust Fund and the Cemetery Committee can be present. The letter will also be forwarded to the Auditor to see his opinion on this matter.

Yield Tax-Warrant

Board of Selectmen needed to sign this certification of Yield Tax Assessed. The Board signed and instructed Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi to forward it over to Susan.

Public Comment Session

Barbara McDonald spoke of the minute request of Dec 19th meeting and stated that although they were not in final form to please share the draft notes made by the AA as she was lead to believe there was nothing existing at the present time. Mrs. McDonald also wanted to know about the 2005 salaries and when they would be made available or in the Town report. Beatrice Marconi stated that they had to be careful with the publishing of the benefits due to the HIPPA privacy act and that a report would be ready by the end of January. Ruth Fletcher asked the Board what they thought the Town's people would rather see - school children's 10-year plan and drawings or Town employee salary and benefits. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that he would like to have the cost of this for the town and represent this issue at next weeks meeting. George Fletcher stated that he agreed with Ruth Fletcher in seeing the employee salaries in the Town Report.

Selectman Stuart made a comment that perhaps yes, it may prove interesting if even the stipends were printed.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Being that there was no further discussion before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant