

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

**January 5, 2004
Newington Town Hall
6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Chairman Board of Selectmen Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Robert Allard of AA&M, Inc., Police Chief Bradley Loomis, Police Commissioner Jack Hoyt, Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf, Board of Fire Engineers Leslie Brock and Steven Sabine, Town Treasurer George Fletcher, Planning Board Member Denis Hebert, Road Agent Leonard Thomas, and Administrative Assistant Cynthia Gillespie.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Robert Allard of AA& M, Inc. approached the Board about allowing Allard's trucks to use the entrance to Allard Park on Old Dover Road. Selectman Iocovozzi said that when speaking with the engineers, it was agreed that once the Industrial Corridor Road was open, trucks would be limited to Ten Tons on Old Dover and Avery Road. Mr. Allard said that currently there are only about ten trucks a week entering the Park. He added that the trucks coming from the Fox Run Exit Two straight across into Allard Park will not harm the entrance on Old Dover Road. The trucks would leave from the back of the Park and use Shattuck Way on exiting. Also, this will keep truck traffic off Woodbury Ave. If the trucks do not enter on Old Dover Road they have to turn left on Woodbury Ave. to Patterson Lane or right on Woodbury Ave. to Piscataqua Road at Tyco, than proceed to the entrance of Allard Park on Shattuck Way. Denis Hebert said there is no written agreement that restricts Allard from using the front entrance, only a vote by the Board of Selectmen. He added the vote can easily be reversed by the Board. The only restriction he remembers is that all trucks exiting will exit north by Shattuck Way. He reminded the Board that there was a lot of discussion about adding traffic restrictions once the Industrial Corridor Road went through to Gosling Road. However, that has not happen yet. Chairman O'Reilly said that the Board would discuss this issue with the Police Chief. Pending an O.K. from the Police Chief, a motion was made by Selectman Stuart to allow trucks entering Allard's to use the front entrance on Old Dover Road. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to accept the minutes of December 15, 2003 and December 29, 2003. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

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Budget Reviews

George Fletcher presented the Sewer Commission Budget in the amount of \$549,488 to the Board. Chairman O'Reilly asked what was included in the salary line. Mr. Fletcher stated that the Sewer Commission is a five member board that will be paid \$300 per person. Also, paid are the treasurer and the secretary. Selectmen Iocovozzi asked how insurance is handled. Mr. Fletcher stated that the Town invoices the Sewer Commission for the plant and vehicle insurance, and the Commission reimburses the Town. Selectman Stuart made the motion to recommend the Sewer Commission Budget of \$549,488 to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Mr. Fletcher addressed the Board concerning the proposed payment of Ken Stanley's insurance while he is deployed. Mr. Fletcher asked if the Board knew the cost of this insurance. Chief Greenleaf responded \$13,742.76 per year, dental is \$1,227.36 per year for the family plan. Mr. Stanley could be deployed as long as eighteen months. Mr. Fletcher said that at the late meeting Chief Greenleaf said that the military medical care at Martin's Point is not good care. Mr. Fletcher gave the Board a copy of a survey of Martin's Point that shows a rating of 95% satisfaction. Mr. Fletcher added that he called Martin's Point and found out that they have three general practitioners there and if a specialist is needed, one would be recommended. Martin's Point is open the same hours as any regular doctor's office, between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. If there is an emergency the patient can go to any hospital emergency room and the next day or the day after the patient must call Martin's Point and they will take care of the billing. Mr. Fletcher knows people that go to Martin's Point that are very satisfied. Mr. Fletcher feels that allowing the Town to pay for this insurance when the family can be covered by military insurance is not right. He pointed out there are residents in Town that can not pay for their taxes. Mr. Fletcher stated that he feels the money would be better used elsewhere. He acknowledged that other Cities like Dover and Manchester are paying for the insurance of individuals that have been deployed. However, he pointed out that these cities are receiver towns. He added who knows how they fund this. Selectman Iocovozzi asked if when reservists are activated if they receive full benefits. Mr. Fletcher responded that they do. Selectmen Stuart asked when the reservists are released how long are they covered. Mr. Fletcher said he believed it was until the end of the month. Selectman Stuart said the Board would take this under advisement.

Selectman Iocovozzi presented the Planning Board Budget of \$46,100 to the Board. AA Gillespie explained that the total Planning Board Budget will be \$113,774. The salary and benefits of the Town Planner are generated from the General Government section of

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the budget. However, on the MS-7, all expenditures relating to the Planning Department are summarized on line "4191" Selectman Stuart noted that the Master Plan line shows a 67% decrease. AA Gillespie stated that Planner Tom Morgan said that the Master Plan will be completed this year. Notes from Planner Tom Morgan were reviewed. Selectmen O'Reilly made the motion to recommend the Planning Board Budget of \$133,774 to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Road Agent Leonard Thomas presented the Highway Department Budget of \$184,131. to the Board. The grinding and paving of half of Fox Point Road was discussed, along with the water problems on Gundalow Landing (drainage and swealls). Selectman Iocovozzi stated that there will have to be Engineering work done at Gundalow Landing that is the reason for the \$90,000. on the resurfacing line. Selectman Iocovozzi asked Road Agent Thomas why there was a new line item for Road Signs. Road Agent Thomas explained that the State is requiring the change of all street signs to a 9 inch sign. The plan is to do half the Town this year and half next year. Selectman Stuart asked why road salt was over budget for the year, yet the budget is the same as last year. Selectman Iocovozzi said the road salt budget is dictated by the winter. It's impossible to know how much salt will be needed. Road Agent Thomas stated that we got a better price this year for salt and also, because of the mild winter so far, he has not used even close to what he used this time-last year. Selectman Stuart told Road Agent Thomas that he is doing an excellent job with the roads. AA Gillespie pointed out that \$12,459 on the Highway Department Budget Worksheet is an encumbrance for Bayside Paving. This amount is not part of the Highway Budget. The 2004 appropriations will be \$184,131. A motion was made by Selectman Stuart to recommend the Highway Department Budget of \$184,131 to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Police Chief Bradley Loomis presented the Police Department Budget of \$950,378 to the Board. Chief Loomis said the department's total operating budget has decreased this year. He pointed out that the department replaced some old computers and servers, as well as upgraded memories on some other computers. However, he said he wasn't going to just spend money for the sake of spending which is the reason for the return of \$79,000.

Chairman O'Reilly noticed that the part time wages were down and asked if changes have been made with part timers. Chief Loomis said that initially there were ten part time people but due to scheduling changes, there are now six part time people. Full time

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salaries are up by 3.5%, which is a combination of step raises and the Cola. Chief Loomis pointed out that the department would like to replace two cars; \$53,000 has been placed in Capital Outlay for this purpose. The two cars the department will retire will go to the Town Office and the Fire Department. He also asked the Board to approve the encumbrance to Sigarms for 2 rifles that have been purchased. There was discussion about the "Car 54" Project that the Town is involved in. A motion was made by Selectman Stuart to recommend the Police Department Budget of \$950,378 to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf presented the Fire Department Budget of \$771,078 to the Board. Chairman O'Reilly asked why salaries will increase 11%. Chief Greenleaf explained that this increase would allow the Fire Department to add 2 new people. This will drop the standard hours for the department by 20% from 53 hours to 42 hours weekly. The department will not receive a Cola, but by dropping the hours and keeping the salaries the same the men will be receiving a raise. He stated that his men are happy with this proposal. Chief Greenleaf pointed out that he has lost two men this year to other Towns because of better pay and less hours. Selectmen Stuart asked why the Chief expected to get applicants if the working conditions are so bad here in Newington. Chief Greenleaf stated that what is happening is that the State has authorized lateral transfers, making it easy for a firefighter to get into a department and into the State system and then transfer to another department without further testing. By improving the working hours and pay he hopes to retain the new recruits. Selectman Stuart asked why there is a 10% increase for the part time secretary. Chief Greenleaf answered that she is the lowest paid secretary in the Town and he feels she is worth a \$1.00 raise. She is currently making \$10.00 an hour and will be making \$11.00. In response to Mr. Fletcher's comments about Mr. Stanley's insurance, Chief Greenleaf said that Governor made a proclamation that the State would pay all of State employee's insurance, that have been deployed. Selectman Stuart mentioned that Mr. Stanley is going over seas and putting his life on the line for our country. Chief Greenleaf added that Mr. Stanley will be acting as military police in Baghdad and does not need to worry about his family being taken care of. Chief Greenleaf said that the Fire Department's insurance allows the employee to keep their doctors and is better than the military insurance. Mr. Stanley would only have the military insurance for 18 months and then go back to the Fire Department's insurance. Mr. Stanley's family would not have double insurance- Mrs. Stanley would continue with their current insurance and opt out of the military insurance. Chairman O'Reilly asked about the three Capital Reserve Funds accounts. Chief Greenleaf asked for the Ambulance fund to be \$30,000 and the Fire Truck fund to be \$80,000. The Board said that this will be tabled until all the Capital Reserve Funds can be reviewed.

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Chief Greenleaf pointed out that the Fire Department is responsible for bring in the \$91,760.00 Grant from the Federal Emergency Management, Assistance to Firefighters for the purpose of new fire equipment and construction. Also, the department was instrumental in applying for and receiving a \$23,698. grant from Homeland Security. A motion was made by Selectman Stuart to recommend the Fire Department Budget of \$771,078 to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Encumbrances

A motion to accept the encumbrance of \$10,200 for the 2003 Cemetery Maintenance by Northeast Mowers was made by Selectman Iocovozzi. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A motion to accept the encumbrance of \$3,000 for 2 rifles for the Police Department from Sigarms was made by Selectman Iocovozzi. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A motion to accept the encumbrance of \$12,459.45 for the paving of Fox Point Road by Bayside Paving made by Selectman Stuart. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

A motion to accept the encumbrance of \$10,280 for the floor removal in the Fire Station by Malthouse Construction was made by Selectman Iocovozzi. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Signatures and Approvals

A letter was read from James Katkin regarding the cost of the Town plowing for snow at the Newington Public School. A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend SAU 50 budget \$3,500 for snow removal of the Newington Public School. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A letter from Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella was read regarding the authorization file retainage and destruction was read and signed by the Chairman of the Board.

Chairman O'Reilly read a letter from Attorney Upton explaining the BTLA settlement agreement between the Town of Newington and TYCO. The Board approve and signed the agreement.

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The Board approved and signed abatements for Phyllis Pickering and Donald Delisle for qualified Veterans Credits of \$100 each.

The Board signed and approved a Supplemental Property Tax Warrant for 2003 in the amount of 2,104.44.

There being no further business before the Board the Public Session was:

Adjourn 8:35 p.m.

Non-Public in accordance with RSA 91A:3 II Personnel. No votes were taken.

Adjournment 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie
Administrative Assistant