

**Board of Selectmen's Minutes  
Budget Workshop January 8, 2007  
Town Hall**

Preliminary

Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the workshop to order at 6:04pm.

Present: Chairman O'Reilly, Vice Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, and Cyndi Gillespie and Barbara McDonald for portions of the meeting.

**Coleman Drainage Issue**

Discussion began with the Coleman drainage issue. Jack stated that the Klanchesser property and the Wahl property and vicinity would be effected. Cos indicated that we need to back hoe and to swale the site. Cos stated that the Klanchesser problem will be covered under the culvert project we approved for Shapleigh to do, however the DES specified work could only be done during the dry season. Altus will be contacted to speak to the DES regarding work done when water flow is lessened by being frozen like in late January or February. Cos continued on by saying that Len & John can do the swale work and back hoeing.

**YMCA**

Chairman O'Reilly asked the Board for their thoughts on contacting the YMCA to discuss the possibility of bringing back to programs into Newington and using Old Town Hall. The Board encouraged him to go forward gathering information.

**Fire Truck Advertising**

Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi informed the Board of the areas the Fire Truck is being advertised in. NHMA Web page now (free) – Will be in March's Town & City publication (free), Maine Municipal Web page now (free) – will be in their next publication (free), E-Bay didn't seem to be an outlet as Tom Morgan contacted an individual that had experience on E-Bay and said it would probably go for only \$3,000 to \$5,000. Uncle Henry's costs were relayed to the Board, and it was presently advertised on Craig's list (free).

**Acceptance of Gift in memory of David Bourassa**

*Selectman Stuart moved to accept the \$ 300 gift in memory of David Bourassa of Greenland. The Board decided to donate it to the Newington scholarship fund. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded with the motion passing 3-0.*

**Old Town Hall Unspent Bond Funds**

The Board wanted to clarify for the Treasurer that it was their intent from action January 3, 2007 to dedicate the interest earned on the bond back to the bank in addition to the unspent funds to lower the payment and interest.

**General Town Government Budget**

The Board of Selectmen basically went line on line and discussed what they felt would be necessary to run the town for 2007.

Highlights: Stipends – no change

Wages: 2.8% C.O.L.A.

Out of commission cruisers, when new ones arrive: 1 for ACO and 1 for Town primarily for Bldg Inspector use.

Vitals: New line added for 2007 under elections, registrations, vitals - \$200

Tax Collector: 2.5% increase Town Clerk: 2.5% increase

Legal: Remained the same as we just can't predict the future

Building Admin: Selectman Iocovozzi suggested that over the summer the Board take a look at the whole picture from custodian, to grounds keeping, highway personnel and transfer station attendant. Perhaps look at the Newcastle Plan.

Building Maintenance: This will be an item taken up with Building Inspector present.

Regional Associations: Selectman Stuart felt we should consider making some funds available for a group of the High School choir who have been chosen to appear at special events that has Newington children as members. Chairman O'Reilly will get name.

Porta Potti: Do not replace the Old Town Hall facility

Beatrice to get solar blinking light prices for Shattuck and Avery areas

Fox Point: Selectman Stuart urged the Board to have a caretaker living at Fox Point.

Fox Point : Not settled yet however, because of it's project magnitude, should be a cap outlay

Old Town Hall paving may eventually come out of the W.A. for paving if passed

Mott Pond Drainage Engineering: Will eventually come out of BOS engineering

Fox Point deed discussion occurred regarding a Conservation Easement, however the Board thought there was a vote in 1979 restricting Fox Point from being developed. There is a Mareno Plan on Fox Point.

Draft of Proposed Warrant Articles were discussed.

Finalization of WA and General Town Budget is scheduled for Jan 22, 2007 meeting.

Jan Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:39pm. Cosmas Iocovozzi seconded with motion passing 3-0.