

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2009
6:30 PM Town Hall Newington NH

At 6:30pm, Chr. Iocovozzi called the meeting to order which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chr. Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Altus Engineer Eric Weintraub, Architect Tony Fallon and Dennis Purinton of NE Concrete Supply; Building Inspector Charlie Smart and Road Agent Len Thomas.

Town Garage

A presentation from Dennis Purinton on insulated concrete material was given to the Board. This fairly new wall system is oreo cookie-like with insulation sandwiched between multiple inches of concrete. It is designed to be much more efficient in handling temperature. Dennis has used it on several structures and has had no complaints. Although roughly 25% more costly than straight concrete walls, recouping the costs would only take 5 to 6 years, and there are varied configurations to consider. Tony suggests a metal framed bldg vs. wood, but should have a metal roof. Rough draft sketches were handed out with the buildings having a barn like theme. 18' high doors/32' wide salt shed opening. The garage bldg to be 65'x 100 and the shed to be 65' x 60' with front door only. Required turn around area was discussed. Paving on site work would not be done until old highway bldg demolished. Parking will be striped. Approx 4 months to construct and about 6 weeks to get bond once process is started. The Selectmen liked the # 02 plan best and Chr. Iocovozzi told Eric to be sure septic is placed where it will be protected. The public hearing date for bond issue was set for January 26 at 6:30pm-town hall.

Mower Price

Road Agent Len Thomas stated he felt Kubota was a better deal for the money as it had the components we needed for \$26,870. Len will speak to the dealer and let him know that the sale is contingent on the budget passing in March and he will forward a formal proposal listing pieces we want it rigged out with.

Facilities Use Application

Feb 7 - 5 til 11:00pm – Boys of Summer Dance – TH Auditorium – Maggie Cooke

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve their request with fee waived, seconded by Selectman Stuart – motion passed 3-0.

2009 Holiday Schedule

Selectman O'Reilly asked the Board if they wanted to again offer Columbus Day as a floating holiday. With little response on the suggestion, he then moved to approve the holiday schedule as written. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 with the thoughts that this issue could be revisited at a later time.

2009 Budget Discussion – General Government

Bonding for Highway Garage/Salt Shed and Affiliated Costs

Discussion went on about whether to bond for 5 vs 10 years. It was decided to go for 10 and pay off early if possible. Selectman O'Reilly spoke of the high interest over time and Selectman Stuart spoke of spreading out the burden. Jack also added that it the Selectmen could get a better idea by taking straw votes at the public hearing or Town Meeting by taking a show of hands.

Highway

Selectman O'Reilly informed the Board that at the Public Hearing we should ask for \$50,000 more in Highway to cover Engineering on Coleman, Captn's and Gundalow and other planned but not budgeted 2009 work.

Emergency Management

Selectman Stuart asked about the history of why there are two Emergency Mgmt Directors. The Board will find out the history and meet later on with the directors.

Welfare

With today's climate and national crisis, Chr. Iocovozzi suggested we go to \$10,000 In anticipation of a difficult year.

Fox Point Erosion

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve up to \$25,000 for the final phases of the Fox Point Project with RiverBend. Selectman Stuart seconded and the motion passed 3-0. It is due to be funded in Land Mgmt, Fox Point.

The Board continued to work with the building wish list to see what could be budgeted for that would keep the 2009 budget request below 2008's numbers.

At 9:30pm, Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0. They hope to complete the Town Government side at their meeting on the 20th and to finalize warrant articles.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant