

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2010
Town Hall 6:30pm

Chr. O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Cosmas Iocovozzi, Bldg Inspector Charlie Smart, Municipal Pest Control –Mike Morrison, and Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi

Pledge of Allegiance

Chr. O'Reilly opened the second of two public hearings on the acceptance of land from KWA under RSA 41:14-a at 6:31pm. Upon the first and second call for speakers, there were none. Chr. O'Reilly stated the public hearing will remain open for at least one hour.

Municipal Pest Control – Mike Morrison stated his costs will be held level with 2009. Includes Poisson Ivy Road Side Treatment. Treatment will be held off in Town Forest at this time. Selectmen Stuart asked about tick treatment on the trails at Fox Point. Mike said he will gladly treat as he has a sprayer with 900' of hose to get to specific areas. She also stated that she felt the sprays in 2009 were lacking in number. Mike explained that due to only being able to spray weather permitting, during June, this was true.

Nimble Hill Ditch Project - Mike tells the Selectmen that he will be writing a best management manual which will specify what permits are needed for which levels of work. Currently, he continues to work with Dori Wiggin of the DES for necessary permits we require. Regarding treatment of the traffic islands on Woodbury, Mike indicates that the Town should have them treated for growth. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that those belong to the State and that the Town will call district 6. *(FYI-THE STATE DOES NOT SPRAY ANY LONGER, HOWEVER WEEKWACK WHEN NECESSARY)*

Facility Use Request – Thermo Fischer's and the Morton Request were approved.

Letter from Will Carey – RE: Parking Permit sought for Fox Point in Winter Months. Mr. Carey asks the Board for a winter parking permit to access his oyster beds from the shoreline. Selectman Stuart questions this request because this is a commercial venture. Selectman Iocovozzi has no problems granting a temp. permit because of the benefit the bay gets from the oysters purifying the water. Selectman O'Reilly felt the ecological benefit was a good reason to approve. Selectman Stuart felt very strongly about setting a precedence. ***In the end, Selectman Iocovozzi moved to temporarily approve a permit for one vehicle, expires in March 2010, and would apply solely to those people named in his request. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. On a roll call vote, both Selectmen Iocovozzi and O'Reilly approved. Selectman Stuart voted against.***

General Government 2010 Budget Discussion – The Board and Charlie Smart went over the bldg wish list. Chr. O'Reilly noted that currently their budget showed \$192,534 less right now than last year and the employee costs were up \$7,119.

The Selectmen felt the Meeting House and Old Parsonage should have a portable ramp available for access which will be stored in the Horse Shed. Altus will be asked to do a parking study for the MH and Library. In his study, the problem with MH parking will also be addressed for flow or signage as many times Cemetery access is blocked. Board needs plan. The Board would also like to speak to the Deacons regarding other groups utilizing the Meeting House and their effect on adding to costs such as lights and heat.

Highway Garage – In speaking of the bond, a brief discussion took place regarding 5 year vs 10 yr. Selectman Stuart stated that a 10 year was more preferable. Chr. O'Reilly spoke of the interest we'd save with a 5 year. Selectman Locovozzi stated that IF the bond fails, the current garage is simply just too unsafe and plan B would be to find an area to lease.

Old Parsonage – A very costly building. As clapboards get replaced and moisture issues addressed, more rot and mildew is discovered. Two new proposals to be considered for 2010. Board did not vote to fund any new projects in 2010 but to see how funds are going as the year progresses and 2011 approaches.

Fire Station – Too costly to vinyl side, cheaper to paint. Ok 2010.

Police Station – Sheet Rock and Insulate – and heat the new garage

New Town Hall – Chr. O'Reilly would like to see an energy study done and will check with PSNH to see if they do more than analyze the power (lights, etc). This would include insulation issues, windows, and efficiency. Charlie will also look into companies that do this task. Phase I plans for a new tax office priced out at \$ 16,000 roughly. That maintenance line was increased to cover Auditorium sound as well as the new office area add \$20,000.

Chicken Coop – Will cost \$7,000 to 8,000. Selectman Stuart would like to see it kept up. Chr. O'Reilly felt maybe phase it. No vote taken to fund.

Carriage House – Continue with Haas project till complete. Regarding concrete floor in Basement and Pavers or embossed concrete at entrance on main floor, hold off.

Boat Ramp, Dock, Beach – If these items require the dedication of extreme funds, they will be analyzed and possibly removed as public access.

Lamprey Regional vs Waste Management – the AA was asked to report back as to the responsibilities and services each of these entities do for Newington.

Summary: General Government stands at \$157,000 less than last year which represents a -7.1%. ***Selectman Stuart moved to recommend a general government budget of \$1,975,402 to the Budget Committee. Motion passed 3-0.***

After hearing no further speakers Chr. O'Reilly closed the KWA land gift acceptance public hearing at 8:27pm which was followed by a motion to adjourn – passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant