

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

**January 21, 2003
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf, Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Cote, Fire Department Secretary Danielle Paradis, Board of Fire Engineers member Bill White, Board of Fire Engineers member Leslie Brock, Board of Fire Engineers member Richard Sullivan, Board of Selectmen Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectperson Janice Stuart, AA Cynthia Gillespie.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Fire Department Budget

Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf went through his budget package explaining what he included in the package. He explained that the retirement itself increased by \$30,609. There was discussion on the individual line item for Health Insurance. Fire Chief Greenleaf mentioned how he tried to keep the budget low by taking off a lot of new equipment. There are two things he did include, a scoop stretcher to replace one in really bad shape for \$500 and a stair chair to replace one that's over 30 years old to protect their backs going down the stairs which is \$2000. Selectmen Jack O'Reilly asked how the Fire Department acquired the donations. Chief Greenleaf noted that he knew the Town could not afford some of the things he needed this year so he talked to companies and said to them if they could help that would be fine. Chairmen Iocovozzi mentioned to Chief Greenleaf to speak to the Budget Committee regarding the Selectmen voting on the Insurance coverage being 100% and an additional person. The line item Full Time Salaries was discussed. The line item for the Secretary Danielle Paradis was discussed and how it increased. Chief Roy Greenleaf explained that they are trying to bring her up to be equal with similar position in the area. A line item regarding call personnel was discussed.

The Newington Fire Department Budget was formally approved by the Selectmen to go on to the Budget Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nadeau