

**Newington Board of Selectmen  
Meeting**

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**January 26, 2004  
Newington Town Hall  
6:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Chairman Board of Selectmen Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozi, Selectman Jan Stuart and AA Cynthia Gillespie.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Miscellaneous**

Selectman Stuart made the motion to accept the minutes of January 5, 2004 and January 12, 2004. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozi. Vote 3-0.

Chairman O'Reilly stated that there is a Senate Bill number 324 being introduced because there are eight other towns that are also being overcharged for state wide property tax. The DRA Commissioner, Barbara Reed will testify Wednesday in Concord. The delegation will be there to support the bill.

AA Gillespie read the State perimeters for hardship deferment, as per Wil Corcoran. To be approved for the hardship deferment, the applicant must be close to bankruptcy. The State also dictates that the applicant can not have sub dividable land. Selectman Iocovozi asked why the applicant can't have sub dividable land. AA Gillespie answered that if the applicant has sub dividable land, the land could be sold. Susan Henderson will be handling the intake of information and the qualifying process for anyone applying for the hardship deferment. She will then forward this information on to the Board of Selectmen for their review and decision.

A letter dated 12/19/2003 from Wil Corcoran was read rebutting the 12-15-04 letter from Marlon Frink. (See attached Letter)

A purchase Order for \$165.00 was signed to the Massachusetts Building Commissioner. Building Inspector Smart will be attending a two day conference March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> on International Residential Code Plan Review and Inspections.

The Selectmen discussed the stripping, sealing and waxing of the Fire Department floors once a year. The Selectmen did not approve the bid from Cocheco Falls Janitorial Services in the amount of \$795.00. The Board agrees that the department should be able to maintain the floors.

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Chairman O'Reilly said that he received a call from Maggie Cook who asked that the Fire Department be allowed to flood Kent's Pond for ice skating. The Board approved this request. AA Gillespie was instructed to notify the Fire Department. The Board also wished to notify the Recreation Committee.

A memo was read from BI Smart regarding the problems with the emergency generator in the Town Hall. The generator is vital as the Town Hall is the designated emergency shelter for the Town. The generator is approximately thirty years old, but only has about 600 hours on it, which makes it well worth repairing.

A letter was read from John Frink regarding cutting dead trees at Fox Point to use as firewood. These trees and brush are located on the trail across from Selectman Stuart's house and runs parallel to Fox Point Road as well as along the ravine that lies between Scarponi's cider mill and hay field on the Town side. The Board approved this request.

Road Agent Leonard Thomas asked to take down two dead pine trees that are on Town property by John Frink's property on Old Post Road. The Board approved this request.

Selectman Iocovozzi stated that an invoice was sent to Richard Staines of Newington Energy for half the costs to repair paving at the entrance of Piscataqua Drive. Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to sign the release of escrow funds agreement with Newington Energy when the invoice is paid. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

AA Gillespie asked the Board to discuss the need of cell phones for the custodian and reimbursement for BI Smart's cell phone. Selectman Stuart made the point that the custodian, Rick St. Laurent is all over the Town and it is hard to get a hold of him when AA Gillespie needs him, since he has no cell phone. The Road Agent has a cell phone paid for by the Town. BI Smart should also have a Town paid cell phone since he is a part of Emergency Management. BI Smart already owns a cell phone and pays for Town calls out of his own pocket. BI Smart receives over 300 calls a month. AA Gillespie recommended giving BI Smart the same stipend that the SERT Team gets, of \$50.00 a month toward his cell phone bills. Selectman Iocovozzi asked that first, the Town review BI Smart's current contract with the cell phone company before offering a stipend.

AA Gillespie mentioned that when the new vacuum cleaner was purchased for the Town Hall, the old one was given to the Police Department, which no longer works. Selectman

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Iocovozzi asked that the vacuum cleaner issue be put on hold until after Town meeting in March unless one can be found for a reasonable price.

A letter from the Newington School Supporters requesting permission to hold their annual road race on September 19, 2004 was reviewed by the Board. The Board approved this requested as long as the race is the same route as last year.

Selectman Stuart suggested that the Town purchase a bulletin board for the lobby that showcases pictures of the public safety workers and what the Police and Fire Departments are doing. This will allow residents to get to know their public safety workers. Selectman Iocovozzi asked where this would go. Selectman Stuart recommended the Lobby of Town Hall. After further discussion it was decided that after Town Meeting Secretary Brenda Foster would be asked to work on this project.

**Town Hall Use**

A Town Hall Use form for Chris Cross for an April 28, 2004 NH-DOT meeting was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for Seacoast Wind Ensemble Rehearsals on Tuesdays starting June 8<sup>th</sup> and ending August 17<sup>th</sup> was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for the September 19<sup>th</sup> Fox Point Road Race was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for Richard Rines for February 13<sup>th</sup> was approved and signed

**General Government Budget**

A motion was made by Selectman Stuart to recommend the General Government Budget of \$1,107,009 to the Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

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**2004 Warrant Articles:**

**ARTICLE 4.** Shall the Town raise \$9,176.00 and appropriate \$91,760.00 to fund the Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety program? The Federal Emergency Management Agency will contribute \$82,584.00 as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for a total program cost of \$91,760.00. The grant targets two areas of Firefighters Assistance: Equipment \$47,660.00 and Construction \$44,100.00. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 4; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

**ARTICLE 5.** Shall the Town appropriate \$23,698.00 to fund Firefighter's Personal Protective and Detection Equipment? The Federal Emergency Management Agency will contribute \$1,818.00 from 2003 Homeland I Grant; \$1,880.00 from 2003 Homeland II Grant; \$20,000.00 from 2003 Competitive Award. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 5; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 50,000) to be placed in the existing Conservation Fund established in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 to be used for expenses associated with the purchase of conservation land and open space, easements, wetlands, and other land management acquisitions.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 6; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

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**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town of Newington will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of major Municipal Building Renovations and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund..

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 7; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the Revaluation of the Town.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 7; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repair of vehicles operated by the Fire Department.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 7; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement of the Town Ambulance and any major medical equipment.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 7; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

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**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the Fox Point Pavilion.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 7; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town of Newington will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town Employee's Accumulated Leave Fund, for the purpose of payments of Severance to Town Employees in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 7; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Communications.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 7; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the compensation for the Town Clerk from \$14,000 to \$15,400 annually and to raise One Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400) to fund this purpose for year 2004. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 7; Selectman Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

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**ARTICLE 16.** Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from Newington Ambulance and EMS calls to expenditures for the purpose of providing ambulance and emergency medical services? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund to be known as the Newington Emergency Medical Services Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund source of revenue.

**THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 17.** If the voters of the Town of Newington approve Article 16 shall the town appropriate up to the sum of \$400,000 from revenues generated from ambulance and emergency medical services calls for providing, improving, and/or enhancing ambulance and emergency medical services? Adoption of this article will have no effect on the town's tax rate.

**THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi not to recommend Articles 16 and 17;  
Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

**ARTICLE 18.** Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from Fire Alarm Maintenance Fees to expenditures for the purpose of maintaining, replacing, upgrading, and/or operating Fire Alarm System? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund to be known as the Fire Alarm Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund source of revenue.

**THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 19.** If the voters of the Town of Newington approve Article 18 shall the town appropriate up to the sum of \$200,000 from revenues generated from fire alarm fees and /or fines to operate, maintain, and upgrade the Fire Alarm System in Town of Newington? Adoption of this article will have no effect on the town's tax rate.

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A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi not to recommend Articles 18 and 19;  
Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

**THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 20.** Shall the Town vote to modify the Veteran's Property Tax Credit under the provisions of RSA 72:27a as follows: the Credit subtracted from the total tax due for qualified taxpayers shall be increased from \$100.00 to \$300.00. (Majority vote required)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN**

A motion was made by Selectman Iocovozzi to recommend Article 20; Seconded by  
Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was:

Adjourn 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie  
Administrative Assistant