

**Newington Board of Selectmen  
Meeting**

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**February 2, 2004  
Newington Town Hall  
6:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Chairman Board of Selectmen Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Building Inspector Charles Smart and AA Cynthia Gillespie, Treasurer George Fletcher, Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Miscellaneous**

Selectman Stuart made the motion to accept the minutes of January 26, 2004. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Non-Public in accordance with RSA 91A:3 II Legal. No votes were taken.

Public Session called to order 6:15 p.m.

Treasurer, George Fletcher spoke to the Board of Selectmen about the life and disability insurance of deployed firefighter, Ken Stanley. Mr. Fletcher informed the Selectmen that the Town has been carrying FF Stanley's life and disability insurance. He stated that he had called the insurance company and found out that no benefits would be paid on Stanley if he is disabled or dies while he is overseas. The life and disability benefits are only for active employees. AA Gillespie stated that she had already canceled and asked for a credit on the life and disability last week when Mr. Fletcher told her about it. Mr. Fletcher asked if the Selectmen want to cover FF Stanley, when he already has insurance through the military or just his family. Selectmen Iocovozzi stated that it was his understanding that the Town can not just cover certain members of a family and not other members. AA Gillespie said that she talked with the Health Trust and was told that FF Stanley could be suspended from the insurance policy and the family can be brought back on the policy through the COBRA plan. The Town can elect to pick up the cost of the coverage for the family. The rate would be \$935.46 as opposed to \$1,262.87. Over eighteen months the savings would be \$5,893.38. COBRA is only good for 18 months. At the end of the 18 months if Ken has not returned to work, the Town will have to bring him back onto the policy so that his family does not loss their insurance. Selectman O'Reilly said that the savings to the Town for 12 months would be \$3,928.92. Mr. Fletcher said that he feels that amount should be taken out of the Fire Departments budget.

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Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf addressed the Board of Selectmen about accumulated vacation leave. He said that currently the personnel plan allows employees to keep 30 days on the books of accumulated vacation leave. He added that it is sometimes impossible to get time off as a salaried person. He asked if the Board would allow salaried employees to keep 60 accumulated days of leave instead of 30. He explained that salary employees do not receive holiday pay, overtime, or comp time and there are only about 5 or 6 people that are salaried in the Town. Selectmen O'Reilly stated that the Selectmen need to revise the personnel plan and this is an issue that will be addressed at that time. Selectmen Iocovozzi said that the Board of Selectmen should sit down with the Department Heads and revise the personnel plan together.

There was discussion on Warrant Article 12. The Board of Selectmen recommended that \$30,000 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repair of vehicles operated by the Fire Department. After discussion with the Budget Committee, Chairman O'Reilly recommended that the Board of Selectmen revise Warrant Article 12 by increasing the amount to \$50,000. Selectman Stuart made the motion to raise Warrant Article #12 from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

A letter was read from Great Bay Services regarding their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ribbon cutting ceremony for the new "History Room". It was decided that Selectman Iocovozzi and Selectman Stuart would attend as ribbon cutters. This event is Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

A letter was read from Maranatha Indonesian Fellowship asking permission from the Newington Church to hold worship services at the Meeting House. The Board of Selectmen gave permission to Ruth Fletcher to allow the Fellowship to use the Meeting House.

A letter was read from Newington Energy regarding the release of escrow funds. Newington Energy was invoiced for one half of the cost to repair Piscataqua Drive. The release of the funds was pending on the receipt of the payment for this invoice. AA Gillespie reported that she had received the payment from Newington Energy today. Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to release the escrow funds to Newington Energy. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A letter from Michael Weldon regarding the "Slow, Children Playing" sign on Little Bay Road Extension was read. The letter claims that there was a sign on the Road and it had previously been removed. Mr. Weldon is asking that the sign be replaced. The Board tabled this request at this time.

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A proposal was read from Route One Carpet, for the reflooring of the main hall, kitchen and stage area in the Town Hall in the amount of \$21,748.16. Building Inspector Smart pointed out that \$11,000 of the price is to abate the existing asbestos tile. BI Smart also reminded the Board that the Panel Doors on the closets in the Hall will have to be repaired. Selectman Iocovozzi asked if the price included leveling the floor. BI Smart confirmed. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the floor will have to go out to bid after Town Meeting in March. Chairman O'Reilly asked how long the job will take. BI Smart answered that it will probably take a week. The hardest part of the job will be moving the large appliances out of the kitchen.

Selectman Iocovozzi addressed the Board about Linda Khalsa's subdivision. The Planning Board recommended that if the Town is interested in any of the land that Ms. Khalsa will be selling, contact should be made with her soon. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested that a letter be written to Ms. Khalsa, asking her to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

**Building Inspectors Communication**

A letter regarding the Town Junkyard Ordinance was read and approved. This is a second letter that will be sent to six residents that have not yet complied with the Junkyard Ordinance. This letter will be mailed by certified mail. BI Smart stated that after this letter, these residents should be served and the Town Attorney should be contacted. BI Smart said that these standards were established through NHMA and the local Zoning Board. BI Smart recommended that the Board wait until the 30 day time limit is over and personally contact the residents before taking the third step (meeting with the Attorney).

Chief Greenleaf asked the Board of Selectmen to allow Mike Gerry of the State's 911 office, to come map the Town for 911. The mapping is completely free. The Board gave Chief Greenleaf permission to set up a meeting with Mike Gerry on February 17<sup>th</sup> for a presentation.

The changing of the name River Road to Shattuck Way was discussed. Chief Greenleaf stated that the Board needs to send out letters to all the business letting them know what their new address is. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that Clifford Spinney has to be contacted because he is the one that assigns the numbers. This also needs to be discussed with the Planning Board. Chairman O'Reilly stated that Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> is a good date to make the changes.

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BI Smart updated the Board on the Fox Point house that the Town rents to Paul Bisque. The septic system is frozen. BI Smart is handling the situation. He said that he has Morgridge coming over to pump the system. That way we can tell if the system is frozen going into the septic tank or from the tank to the sump or from the sump to the leach bed. He said that he will fax Morgridge the septic design and blueprints, so they can see what needs to be done.

BI Smart reported on the problems with the Generator in the Town Hall. He stated that because this building is the designated emergency shelter for the Town the system should be self contained. He said that he has asked Powers Equipment to give the Town a proposal for a remote radiator for the existing unit and a service contract for service twice a year. BI Smart told the Board that they will probably have to replace the unit within a couple of years.

**Signatures and Approvals**

A memo from Tom Morgan requesting vacation days from February 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> was read and approved.

**Town Hall Use**

A Town Hall Use form for Luanne O'Reilly for a March 20<sup>th</sup> wedding was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for Chris Cross for a March 31<sup>st</sup> NH-DOT meeting was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for Thermo Electron for an April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for the NH Aquarium Society for an October 17<sup>th</sup> event was approved and signed.

There being no further business before the Board:

Adjourn 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie  
Administrative Assistant