

**Newington Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

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**February 3, 2003  
Newington Town Hall  
6:30 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Board of Selectmen Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, AA Cynthia Gillespie. Tom Morgan, Town Planner and Representative from Seacoast Land Trust, Danna Truslow and Dick Adams, George Fletcher.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order at 6:32 p.m.**

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to table the minutes of the Board of Selectman's meeting of January 6, 2003, until the Board had a chance to review them. Seconded by Jan Stuart. Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes of January 21, 2003 and January 27, 2003. Seconded by Jan Stuart. Vote 3-0.

The Town Planner, Tom Morgan along with representatives of the Seacoast Land Trust, Dick Adams and Danna Truslow presented the Board of Selectman with an easement on the Trickey's Cove Property. Tom Morgan addressed the issue of an abandoned well on the property. A letter to the Seacoast Land Trust from the Newington Board of Selectmen dated February 3<sup>rd</sup> was presented for signatures. It states:

As we discussed, the existing well on the Trickey's Cove property may be a safety hazard and should be properly abandoned. The existing well on the property will be decommissioned by the Grantor as soon as weather conditions permit, and prior to May 15, 2003. Decommissioning will be performed by a licensed New Hampshire Water Well contractor and will comply with the conditions set forth in the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Environmental Fact Sheet WD-WSEB-1-7.

Selectman Jack O'Reilly made a motion to accept the easement to the Seacoast Land Trust and the letter to decommission the well. Seconded by Jan Stuart. Vote 3-0.

All documents were signed and notarized.

George Fletcher presented the Board with a Petition Warrant Article that contains 28 signatures. It states:

To see if the Town will vote to change the present Town Employee Policy of 100% paid medical and dental insurance costs for Town employees to 90% paid by the Town and 10% paid by the employee, effective April 1, 2003. Submitted by petition.

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A letter was read from H.L. Patten Construction requesting the release of \$7,000 that is being held by the Town in escrow, pending the completion of construction at 32 Nimble Hill Road. Selectman O'Reilly said that the Conservation Commission must be satisfied that the work is done before the funds can be released. He asked AA Gillespie to speak to the Commission's Chairman Peggy Lamson about this matter.

A motion to approve a Veteran's Tax Credit for Dennis Hebert was made. Vote 3-0.

An application for the use of the Town Hall for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party on July 19<sup>th</sup> was approved.

An application from the NH DOT for the use of the Town Hall, for a Public Hearing on March 5<sup>th</sup> was approved.

An application for the use of the Town Hall for a 35<sup>th</sup> class reunion on July 26<sup>th</sup> was approved.

A letter from Donald Littlefield of United Oil Recovery, Inc. was read. The letter is a follow up to the meeting Mr. Littlefield had with the Selectmen on January 27, 2003. United Oil Recovery is willing to accept used oils, waste antifreeze, and gasoline from Newington residents. Selectman O'Reilly instructed AA Gillespie to have the letter inserted into the Town Report so that the residents will be made aware of this service.

An invitation to attend non-public Coalition meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Portsmouth City Hall was discussed. All three Selectman feel that it is important that they attend. The RSVP will be faxed in the morning.

A letter from Barbara McDonald was read. She had requested that the letter be read into the minutes of this meeting. It is as follows:

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February 2, 2003

Newington Board of Selectmen  
Cosmas Iocovozzi, Chairman  
Newington Town Hall  
205 Nimble Hill Road  
Newington, NH 03801

Dear Cos, Jack, and Jan,

We are writing to you to ask why the Newington Board of Selectmen has not responded to our application "Taxpayer's RSA 76:16 Abatement Application to Municipality" which was filed with your assistant, Sue Newcomer, on February 27, 2002 for your review. As you are well aware the noise generated from the Pease Tradeport's Airport Pam Am maintenance terminal IS and has been a continuing burden.

If we do not hear from you within the next 48 hours, you leave us no other recourse, but appeal to the "Board of Land and Tax" under RSA 76:17-a, and of course there is the Superior Court. It looks to us as if you have never reviewed our abatement, or sought the advice of your appraisers.

You are the governing body of Town and have the authority to abate taxes "For good cause shown". What we see are a lack of leadership skills along with the common courtesy of a reply.

We request that this letter be read into the record at your Board Meeting of February 3, 2003 with a sincere hope for relief.

Respectfully,

Barbara A. McDonald

John R. McDonald

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Selectman Iocovozzi said that he would talk to Mrs. Mc Donald about this. The Town appraiser has looked into the abatement and could not find a reason to approve it.

A letter from Barbara Hill, Chairman of the Historic District Commission was read. It expressed concern about hunting in the Old Town Forest. It requested that all Town owned land be posted. Selectman Iocovozzi said that he felt that the Board should table this until they can find out if any Town Residents use this area for hunting. Selectman O'Reilly suggested talking to Fish and Game.

A letter from Kenneth Ward, loss prevention representative with NHMA Property Liability Insurance was read. This letter is a follow up report of his inspection of the Old Stone School. It stated that NHMA recommended that the public not use this facility until the building meets the requirements of the NH Fire Safety Code (NFPA 101 Life Safety Code) and the State Building Code BOCA National Building Code /1999).

Leonard Thomas requested approval from the Board to attend a NHMTA workshop on Air Brakes to be held March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Board approved 3-0.

Planner Tom Morgan spoke to the Board about NEDES II. He said that the Town is under EPA mandate to monitor and analyze Storm Water discharge. The first step in the process is to send out an application to the EPA, by March 10<sup>th</sup>. He said that he took the initiative of soliciting proposals from some engineering firms. Two of which have come in, one from Environmental Engineering Remediation out of Portland and one from EarthTech. He chose EarthTech because they operate a sewer plant and he thought that they probably have a lot of the information digitized and mapped, that the Town needs. EarthTech's proposal was \$10,500, EER 's proposal is \$5,800 for Phase One. The map that he received from the EPA was quite a surprise. The EPA gets their information from the Census Bureau and they forgot to include the Malls and all the Industry. They also mapped Airport Road as part of the Pease Trade Port. The issue is that the EPA thinks that Air Port Road is polluting Great Bay with Storm Water run off. There was a new price from EER of \$1,400. Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the proposal from EER not to exceed \$1,400. Seconded by Jan Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Tom Morgan told the Selectman that currently the Town has two contracts with Conversent Communications, one for the telephone system and one for the internet connection. The telephone contract expires this month and the internet contract expires in two years. He said that with the Boards Approval he would like to contact Conversent

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and tell them that the Town is unhappy with the internet service because it is too slow. However, the Town is willing to say with Conversent for the telephone system if they will let the Town out of the contract for the Internet. He expressed concern for the security of the Internet Service the Town currently has. He said that Microsoft has many security patches that can be downloaded. However, the Town's system is so slow we are unable to download them. Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to allow Tom Morgan to contact Conversent Communications and change the Internet service if possible as long as it doesn't cost more than the system the Town currently has. Seconded by Jan Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Tom Morgan updated the Board on the Master Plan. He told the Board that the Planning Board had hired an intern to digitize the Master Plan. The reason the Planning Board hired Gail Klanchester is because she is in a program at UNH that requires that she does an internship. She types about 70 words per minute and she has experience with the development of Websites. She offered to design a data base for the survey. Tom Morgan stated that this service alone would cost the Town big money. He talked to Sandy Hislop of the Planning Board about her. Sandy told Tom that he could offer her \$9.00 per hour. Then Tom called Selectman Iocovozzi about hiring Gail. Selectmen Iocovozzi agreed with the idea. Gail was introduced to the Planning Board at their next meeting. Gail was also able to get a scanner to help with the process. Tom feels that hiring Gail Klanchester is the most cost and time effective way to get this work done. Selectmen Stuart said that she had no problem with the Planning Board hiring someone to do the work when they were talking minimum wage. However, when the amount went to \$9.00 per hour she felt that the position should have been posted. Selectmen O'Reilly said that anyone that is hired to work for the Town must be hired by the Board of Selectmen. Tom Morgan said that State Law places all responsibility for the Master Plan with the Planning Board. He also pointed out that this position is not a permanent position with the Town. He said that Gail will be working as an independent contractor and will receive a 1099 at the end of the year.

There being no further business before the Board, Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0

Adjournment: 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Gillespie  
Administrative Assistant

