

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 4, 2008
Town Hall 6:30pm

Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi and Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, and Rick and Doreen Stern.

Posting of Roads

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to post a 10 ton limit on Little Bay Road from Nimble Hill Road to McIntyre Road; and to post Nimble Hill Road from the Cemetery to the gate (past the Highway Garage). Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Discussion followed regarding the purpose. Traffic control, road preservation, and safety to our residents were the reasons cited. Local delivery is not disallowed. McIntyre Road is all ready posted.

Chairman Stuart called for the vote. *Motion carried 3-0.*

Selectman Iocovozzi went on to comment how the speed limits are inconsistent with some being 30, some 35 and portions thereof. Chairman Stuart will check with the Highway Safety Committee to see if they recommend a change and to see if a public hearing is required. She will report back.

Meeting House Milling Project

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the \$10,000 proposal from Larry Haas for the Milling project at the Meeting House. He hopes to use some of the wood from the Town Forest which has been preserved by the Town. The deposit is to be prepared yet held until after Town Meeting. *Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion carried 3-0.*

ComCast Amendment Clause

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the amendment clause (and to proceed with finalization) supplied to us from Jay Somers of Comcast allowing the Town to revisit issues in the cable tv contract. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Random Drug Testing

The Selectmen asked the Administrative Assistant to contact the Insurance Company on their thoughts for the best liability protection for those that drive town vehicles.

Fox Point Dock Rules

The Selectmen met with Dock Master Rick Stern to discuss the petition warrant article which will be presented at this years' town meeting regarding the Fox Point Dock rules.

Because of misuse of the dock last summer, in August 2007, the Board adopted temporary rules to help eliminate the problem. The Board recognized the fact that the policy would have to be revisited and although several scheduling attempts to address the situation were made last fall, budget season delayed any action. At length, both the Dock Master and the Selectmen discussed the problems and came up with the following policy:

- 1) The dock is for Newington mooring owners to gain access to their moorings.
Dock usage for other Newington residents may be granted by the Board of Selectmen on an individual case basis if space allows.
- 2) Tenders must be registered annually by owner and size with the town and display a sticker.
- 3) Size limited to 14 ft tiller controlled only tenders.
- 4) The end of the dock is for loading and unloading only.
- 5) The dock is only for Newington residents.
- 6) The Dock Master and Selectmen can limit the number of tenders to avoid

- over crowding and damage to the dock.
- 7) The town is not responsible for maintaining boats at the dock. Neither the Town, Selectmen or Dock Master are responsible for any theft or damages of goods or property at Fox Point.
 - 8) Violation of these regulations shall result in the forfeiture of rights to this dock.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to modify Policy 09-08 as shown above. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Modification of 2007 Encumbrance Vote

Selectman O'Reilly moved to modify the encumbrance vote taken December 27, 2007 for the Highway Department to show an amount of \$ 60,000. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrant Articles:

The Board discussed the possibilities of placing a Warrant Article this year asking the voters if they wished to change the Treasurer's term from a one year to a three year. Because of the lateness in the submission deadlines with creation of ballots necessary, all three Selectmen felt it was not the best of timing and that perhaps next year it can be considered.

A Warrant Article regarding showing the tally vote count of the Selectmen and Budget Committee for money Warrant Article recommendations will be placed before the voters at the DRA's suggestion. Both the Budget Committee and the Selectmen voluntarily agreed to show the count this year in hopes to aid the voters.

Town Facilities Use Application:

UNH Marine Docents – March 6 – Noon til 7:00 – Meeting/Opportunity Fair- TH Audi

UNH Marine Docents – Apr 17 – 9am til 2 – Meeting – TH Audi

Wendy Sweeney – Feb 23 – 9am til 3 – Bridal Shower – OTH 2nd Fl

Thermo Fisher Business Meeting – TH Audi – Feb 15 – 10am

Girl Scouts Ceremony – OTH 2nd fl – Feb 11 – 7 til 8pm – Gail Klanchesser

Border Patrol – Town Hall Audi – 8:30 til 1:30 – March 7 and 19

Ranger Chapter DAR – April 14 – 5:30 til 9:00pm – Town Hall Audi & Kitchen

K Hislop – Bridal Shower – April 5 – 11am-5pm – Old Town Hall 2nd Fl

JO Moved to approve the above request waiving the fee for all except Hislop, Thermo, & Sweeney CI seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Misc

The Board would like to meet with the Trustees of the Trust Fund to discuss their thoughts on the funds that they over see on the Cemetery Committee's behalf.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:00pm. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant