

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing
Special Revenue Funds**

**February 17, 2004
Newington Town Hall
6:00 p.m.**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing- Warrant Articles 4 & 6

Chairman O'Reilly opened the Public Hearing regarding the establishment of two Fire Department Special Revenue Finds in compliance with RSA 31:95d at 6:00 p.m. The Articles read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. 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 purchasing ambulance vehicles and providing ambulance supplies 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.

ARTICLE 5. If the voters of the Town of Newington approve Article 4 shall the Town appropriate up to the sum of \$200,000 from revenues generated from ambulance and emergency medical service calls for purchasing ambulance vehicles and providing, improving, and/or enhancing ambulance and emergency medical services? Adoption of this article will have no effect on the Town's tax rate.

ARTICLE 6. 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

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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.

ARTICLE 7. If the voters of the Town of Newington approve Article 6 shall the Town appropriate up to the sum of \$100,000 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.

Gail Pare said that she is in support of Warrant Article #4 but feels that Article #6 should wait until next year. Fire Chief Greenleaf said that it will take years to reach \$100,000. During this time the other firefighters will be training and going to school for Fire Alarms. Selectman Iocovozzi said that he feels the special funds will take away from Town revenue and the Town has a large operating budget. Selectman Iocovozzi asked Chief Greenleaf if wireless technology on fire alarm systems is a future prospect. Chief Greenleaf answered that it is happening now but it's hard to talk businesses into using the wireless technology. Gail Pare added that she is now in support of Warrant Article #6.

Chairman O'Reilly closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

911 Mapping

Bruce Cheney, Executive Director of the State of New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Communications and Michael Kelleher, E-911 Field Representative, presented the prospect of 911 mapping for the Town of Newington. Mr. Cheney said that this mapping includes driving all the roads in the Town and listing all the road names. An accurate map is made with access points for all addresses. During the course of this, the Bureau will list situations that might cause confusion and the possible outcomes. The map will be accessible at the Town Hall and on the 911 computer system.

Selectmen Stuart asked what would happen if there is a change in name or street number. Mr. Cheney responded that generally, a map is given to the Town and people from the Bureau come in and take GPS readings. The computer recommends address changes

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(usually every 50 feet represents a house number). House numbers are spread out using the 50 foot rule, if 50 years from now the Town adjust zoning and build other houses, this address system allows for future changes. This service is free to the Town.

In 1993, when the Bureau was founded, only 20% of New Hampshire had addresses. Now that number has increased to 50%. Selectman Stuart asked what the time frame for completion of the mapping of Newington would be. Mr. Kelleher said that it would take about six months once they get started. They will not be able to start until fall. Chairman O'Reilly asked if the mapping had an affect on insurance rates. Mr. Cheney replied that usually it does not. Mr. Cheney added that before any changes to road names or street addresses are made, the map will be made with the current names and addresses.

It is up to the Town to change things, the Bureau only gives recommendations. The 911 maps will correspond with our tax maps. Mr. Cheney said that he needs a letter from the Board of Selectmen that gives the Bureau permission to map the Town. AA Gillespie was instructed to write that letter.

Miscellaneous

Selectman Stuart made the motion to accept the minutes of February 2, 2004. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Gail Pare and Suzie Carmichael from the Historic District Commission addressed the Board of Selectmen regarding the Stone Wall Project. Wal-Mart donated \$500 for this project and Town equipment will be used to move the stones around. Ms. Carmichael said that she feels a contractor should be used. The HDC feels that someone should definitely oversee this project. The stones will not be cut, but placed correctly. AA Gillespie said that any volunteers for this project would be covered under the Town's liability insurance with NHMA. Ms. Pare said that volunteers would be moving smaller stones for the wall and contractors will have to place the large rocks. The contractor would be overseeing the crew that is moving the larger rocks. Selectman Iocovozzi proposed that the Town places the rocks where they should be. The rock pile needs to be looked at to figure out which ones can be moved. The basic line should be formed and then a list can be made of what needs to be done.

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A letter was read from Lorna Watson regarding the junk yard letter that was sent to Dorothy Watson. Selectman Stuart made the motion to give Ms. Watson an extension of time to remove the vehicles from their yard, making the new time limit October 1, 2004. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

A letter was read from Jim Kaddy regarding the junk yard letter that was sent to him. Selectman Stuart made the motion to give Mr. Kaddy an extension to of time to remove the vehicles from his yard, making the new time limit October 1, 2004. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

A letter was read from the Portsmouth Legislative Delegation inviting the Selectmen to a meeting on March 2, 2004. This meeting will be a Round Table discussion regarding the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

A letter from Ken Pickering regarding his property taxes was read.

Signatures and Approvals

Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to approve and sign the Property Tax Abatement for Jane Moore. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Selectman Stuart made the motion to approve and sign the Property Tax Abatement for Westinghouse. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Selectman Stuart made the motion to approve and sign the Property Tax Abatement for Tyco Integrated Cable Systems, Inc. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

A supplemental Tax Collectors Warrant in the amount of \$11,168.35 for Tyco Integrated Cable was approved and signed.

Town Hall Use

A Town Hall Use form for Richard Rines for a March 19th event was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for Newington School Supporters for an April 17th NH-DOT meeting was approved and signed.

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A Town Hall Use form for Barbara Spinney for an April 18th event was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for Charlie Smart for a February 18th event was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for the U.S. Coast Guard for a March 3rd event was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for Nancy Cauvet for a June 2nd event was signed and approved.

There being no further business before the Board:

Adjourn 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie
Administrative Assistant