

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2009**  
**Town Hall 6:30pm**

Selectman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Present: Selectmen O'Reilly and Jan Stuart, AA Beatrice Marconi, Charlie Brewster, DeeDee Walsh, Susan Daigle and Gail Klanchesser representing the Girl Scouts; Charlie Smart Building Inspector. *(Chr. Cosmas Iocovozzi arrived at 6:36pm)*

Minute Approval: Selectman Stuart moved to approve the non-public minutes of Feb 2. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Facilities Use Applications:

Borkland Wedding – Fox Point June 20, 2010 – Approved – No Fee with Fox Pt at this time.

Bridge Tournament – Nov 21 & 22 – Town Hall Audi & Kit – Sponsored by Rec - Approved pending submission of non profit certificate.

Bridge – Old Town Hall – every Monday – 9am-2:30 – Sponsored by Rec – Approved-fee waived

Thermo Fisher – Town Hall Audi – Feb 25 – Meeting - 9:30am-11:30 –Approved with Fee – with parking needs kept in mind

**Old Town Hall – Girl Scouts**

Gail Klanchesser, Dee Dee Walsh and Sue Daigle came before the Selectmen to discuss a letter they received regarding moving Girl Scout activities from Old Town Hall to this Town Hall. The Board explained that with the multiple e-mails with concerns using the building and the safety issues with stairs and the elevator, it would be less hard on our custodian's time to have them on one level with the kitchen adjacent to the meeting area. They responded by stating the elevator is not used and that the building is left in as good or better condition. All in all, with only 7 meetings left, ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to allowed them to finish up this year at Old Town Hall. Seconded by Selectman Stuart and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.*** Selectman O'Reilly will meet with Rick and take a walk through. There was discussion about the Scouts adopting Old Town Hall in the spirit of community giving and the earning of a badge. The rodents and mice will continue to be addressed with Rick and the Scouts now will consume the snacks in the kitchen and will remove any left overs upon departure each Monday.

**Fee Schedule Change – Building Inspector**

Charlie Smart – Building Inspector presented his fee schedule with suggested adjustments to the Board. The only change is for the Commercial/Industrial cost going from \$9.00 to \$10.00 per thousand. Portsmouth is \$10.00/\$12.00. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the increase in fees recommended by the B. Inspector. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call.***

**PSNH Request**

Selectman O'Reilly briefed the Board on the situation in Bow whereas a state law was passed to clean up the coal burning process. PSNH abided by this mandate and spent a tremendous amount of money to make their operating system comply. Shortly thereafter, a new law is proposed to actually not clean up the exhaust which could then result in a decision to ban coal burning power plants. PSNH is asking for our help in writing to Concord asking them not to pass this bill as the next thing we know, there may be a law to ban all coal burning plants. Selectman O'Reilly will work with the AA to write a letter addressing the clean exhaust efforts by PSNH.

### **Auditor**

Selectman O'Reilly wanted the Board to know of his disappointment in our auditors as the 2007 financial reports were unavailable for the Town Report. He also noted that they did not give an overview presentation to the Board which generally occurs in September, prior to the rate being set. Jack suggested it might be worth our efforts to contact SAU 50 and ask about their auditor and perhaps by us joining in with the school, we could be better off.

### **National Economy Stimulus Bill**

Selectman O'Reilly reported that he, Chief Tretter, Charlie Smart and Bea Marconi put together a list of projects submitted to the State in an effort to benefit from the National Stimulus package being signed into law. The following projects were forwarded on.

1). Replacement of Highway Garage                      2). Police Utility Impound Garage Unit  
3). Paving Projects (Coleman, Gundalow, Capt Landing)    4). Fox Point Erosion (preservation of our coastline)    5). Replacement of our 32 year old Fire Truck    6). Carriage House Preservation and Renovation    7) Mott Pond Retention Project. Chr. Iocovozzi cautions us to read terms carefully before we commit if awarded.

### **Correspondence**

A letter dated Feb 9 from Dot Noseworthy in response to Ruth Fletcher's plea at the Public Hearing for the Selectmen to consider rescinding the COLA for the 2009 budget.

To the Selectmen and Budget Committee: Before we make a symbolic gesture to cut the salaries of the handful of people who work for the Town of Newington, I would have to ask - How many people in this town did NOT get a raise in their income this year? All Federal Retirees, Military Retirees, and Social Security Recipients got a 5.8% increase. Federal GS Employees in this area got a 4.13% increase. I would venture that they comprise a lot of this town's residents

While I understand the sentiment behind the suggestion, I feel that it is unfair to our few town employees to become the symbol of Newington's fiscal responsibility, especially since the 2009 budget is down from the 2008 budget.

Does this town really want to make such an empty gesture?

Due to the economic situation we are in, NEXT year will see either an extremely small COLA or none at all. Dot Noseworthy.

The Selectmen felt this was very well written.

### **COAST**

Coast Transportation asked to meet with the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting. Chr. Iocovozzi asked the AA to give them a call to set something up.

***Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:46pm. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Respectively Submitted

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