

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

**February 19, 2003
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Resident Lulu Pickering, Board of Selectmen Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectperson Jan Stuart and AA Cynthia Gillespie.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of February 5th and January 6th
2. Miscellaneous
 - o Stone School – Lulu Pickering
3. Building Inspector Communications
4. Conferences and Workshops
5. Town Hall Use
 - o March 20, 2003 – Douglas Reed
 - o March 27, 2003 – State of NH Plumbing Board

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to Order at 6:35 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Jack O'Reilly made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of February 5th and January 6th. Second by Jan Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Miscellaneous

There was a pole licensing agreement from Verizon to be signed. A motion was made to sign it. Vote 3-0.

A letter was read from Margaret Lamson, Conservation Commission Chairperson regarding the Frink Family Trust. She would like the Selectmen to back a newsletter that will be going out to residents so they can understand the petition before voting at Town Meeting.

There was discussion on the Coin Operated Game Permits. A Town business had called regarding their permit expiring and needing a renewal. AA Gillespie asked if we still require permits. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that we did require them and we needed to update the permits for the businesses in Town.

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There was discussion on the percentage the School District Budget affected the Town Tax Rate.

Lulu Pickering was addressed. She discussed the Newington Neighbor's meeting. She mentioned that the older ladies don't feel comfortable climbing the stairs in the Old Town Hall to work on the Neighbor. In addition the equipment they use like a computer, printer, scanner, etc. has to be brought up and down every time because of heating concerns. She explained that based on those things they just don't feel that the Old Town Hall is the best place to do the Neighbor. She mentioned that speaking to the Building Inspector he feels that the Insurance Company will not have a problem letting people in the building if they take care of the eight issues on his list. Lulu Pickering noted that she was there 6 weeks ago regarding this eight point list and that the Selectmen said that they wanted to progress with it. She asked why nothing had been done. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that they were waiting for Town Meeting to make sure that they have the funds appropriated. Selectman Jack O'Reilly said that they wanted to get an engineer in there to look at the building because he doesn't just want to band aid the problem, he wants to make sure that the building will be safe structurally. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that he did not feel that completing the Building Inspector's list would make the Insurance carrier any happier with letting people use the building. Lulu Pickering noted that the SHPO grant has already been sent and Barbara Hill said that the same people that she has been working with for her other grants have helped her with this one and she is very optimistic that instead of being a hindrance that the SHPO people are actually willing to take a strong interest in helping restoring the building. Lulu Pickering noted that there is someone coming from SHPO who is familiar with the new codes and regulations with historic buildings and he will walk through the building and make a list of what he feels needs to be done. The charge for his services will be \$500 but this will be taken from the \$1200 SHPO grant. Chairman Iocovozzi asked if she meant that the list he made would be incorporated into the engineering report. She said, yes, that is correct. There was discussion on the amount it would cost to complete the 8 point list. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that the first step should be to take the list and send it to the Insurance carrier and verify that that would satisfy them and let them allow adults into the building. In the mean time SHPO should have a list made up of their requirements. Lulu Pickering noted that the Newington Neighbor does not want the money normally appropriated for them in the Town Budget. They decided that the only people to receive a Town Meeting issue will be people with subscriptions already. Selectman O'Reilly asked if the Newington Neighbor is a non-profit business or not.

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Lulu Pickering noted that the business has always been a non-profit and every five years they have to file with the State. They did that in June of 2000 so they remain in good standing until 2005. Selectperson Jan Stuart asked why it was changed in the Budget to a line item then instead of a donation. Lulu Pickering said that there is a difference with businesses that are a non-profit in the State of New Hampshire and businesses that are a charitable business in the State of New Hampshire. She thinks that it relates more to corporate industry. Selectman O'Reilly asked if they had insurance for the business. Lulu Pickering said that they do not have insurance, if someone does sue them then they use the money they have on hand.

Lulu Pickering wanted to mention that in regards to the docks at Fox Point being ADA compliant that the Town is not grandfathered. In fact there is no such thing as being grandfathered under ADA regulations. It is a Federal Law not a State Law. The ADA point person said that every town is supposed to have an ADA compliancy officer and it is up to them to ensure that the buildings and structures are ADA compliant. She also mentioned that she has been asked if she would like to file an official complaint. She mentioned that she has not filed a complaint but says to the Selectmen that the ADA can come at any point and inspect the buildings in the Town. Selectperson Jan Stuart noted that if that does come about it will cost a lot of money to fulfill the Town's obligations with regards to the Old Town Hall and the Stone School and she did not think it would be worth it. Chairman Iocovozzi agreed and said that with the newer buildings he is not as concerned as with the older ones like the Library, Meeting House and Old Stone School. There was discussion on installing a wheelchair ramp at some point but the HDC didn't like it.

Tom Morgan was addressed in regards to a letter written from the Conservation Commission that will be distributed to the Town regarding the Warrant on the Frink Farm property. There was discussion on changes to the letter to the Town's people. Part of the letter was reworded and was to be signed by the Board of Selectmen when corrections are made.

Tom Morgan spoke regarding Conversent Communications and the internet contract of three years. To get out of the contract they want us to pay a \$2000 fee. In regards to the telephone contract it expires in one week. Tom Morgan mentioned that either we do nothing and they renew us another year or we find another company.

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A letter from Dennis Hebert Planning Board Chairman was read regarding the opening of the ICR. Tom Morgan noted that there is a special Public Hearing meeting on March 24th with Newington Energy regarding the ICR.

There was discussion on Nimble Hill Road being turned over to the Town. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that it will be done in stages and he thought it would take 3-4 years.

There was a discussion on the Chamber of Commerce Report. The Selectmen would like the information updated.

Town Hall Use

A Town Hall Use form was reviewed and denied.

A Town Hall Use form for Doug Reed was reviewed and approved.

A Town Hall Use form from the State Plumbing Board. The BI will sponsor the application.

Chairman Iocovozzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Selectperson Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nadeau