

**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
February 20, 2001 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS) Chairman John O'Reilly (R) and Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi (I). Absent: Selectman Christopher Cross (C). Others present: Executive Assistant (EA) Robert M. Belmore.

Chairman O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by I, second by C to approve the meeting minutes of 2/07/2001 as presented; motion passed, 3-0 vote.

Public Hearing

Attorney John Ratigan presented information & background regarding the *Petition for Conditional Layout of a Highway pursuant to RSA 231:23* – the Industrial Corridor Roadway (ICR). He explained the rationale for the layout's consideration to include traffic concerns and police/fire access.

Chairman O'Reilly opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Newington Planning Board Vice Chairman Dennis Hebert explained his role as a planning board member and member of the town's ICR Committee. Hebert pointed out the boundaries of the roadway on a map and he gave some historical background regarding the discussion of such a proposed road in the town's Master Plan. He said the various town departments, boards and committees had reviewed and commented on the ICR plan.

PSNH was represented by Senior Counsel Christopher J. Allwarden and Property Development Project Manager Lynn M. Crowell. Attorney Allwarden commented that PSNH was not opposed to the layout. He said the company was working on the issue with Newington Energy and they would report back any results to the Selectmen. Ms. Crowell said she had been attending the Town's Planning Board meetings and she was aware of the re-zoning issues being discussed.

Hebert presented a letter of support for the layout on behalf of the planning board. Attorney John Ratigan presented copies to the Selectmen of documents marked exhibits numbered 1 through 16 that according to him laid a foundation of support for the layout petition. Selectman I read the layout petition. Chairman O'Reilly read the warrant article to be placed on the annual town meeting warrant.

Chairman O'Reilly closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Selectman I to sign the *Return of Highway Layout*, second by O'Reilly. Unanimous vote of 2-0 to approve & sign the Return.

Motion by Selectman I, second by O'Reilly to approve for inclusion in the warrant the article pertaining to the Petition and ICR (Article 11 on the Warrant); approved 2-0.

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Other Business

- Selectmen reviewed and signed the manifest and use of town hall facility applications. The Board approved the revised application form for use of the town hall facility.
- Selectman I gave a briefing on the meeting held in Concord between the NHMA Executive Committee and members from the Coalition regarding the Association's role and position in the state wide property tax litigation and debate.
- The Board accepted with regret the resignation (letter) of Mary Spinney as Deputy Tax Collector, effective March 1, 2001. The letter was forwarded to Tax Collector Jane Mazeau.
- The Selectmen discussed some of the recommendations received from CPA Dennis Stone. Copies were given to each Board member.
- The Board reviewed material received from the Conservation Commission and approved an informational letter that they had drafted.
- The Board discussed a schedule for the transfer station for the coming year. They decided to meet with the new attendant at their next regular meeting to discuss it.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Belmore