

**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
February 20, 2002 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS) Chairman John (Jack) O'Reilly, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi & Jan Stuart, Town Planner Tom Morgan, Fire Chief Larry Wahl, AA S. Newcomer

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Selectmen's agenda included the following:

1. Internet and Telephone Proposal
2. TyCom – Protest Petition
3. E-911 Data Management
4. Minutes of February 4 and February 9
5. Signatures/Approvals
6. Paving Bids
7. NH Highway Assistance
8. Sprague Property Tax Review
9. Triannual Well Sampling
10. Solid Waste Forms

Chairman O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of February 4 and February 9

BOS Chairman O'Reilly asked that the minutes of February 4, 2002 be read. With no questions or comments, Selectman Stuart made a motion to accept the minutes of February 4th; second By Iocovozzi. Motion carried 3-0.

BOS Chairman O'Reilly asked that the minutes of February 9, 2002 be read. With no questions or comments, Selectman Stuart made a motion to accept the minutes of February 9th; second By Iocovozzi. Motion carried 3-0.

Internet and Telephone Proposal

Town Planner Tom Morgan submitted an analysis on phone usage at the Town Hall that was part of a proposal to the Selectmen to approve installation of a DSL Line. AA Newcomer and BI Charlie Smart backed the proposal. Morgan explained that the Police Department had recently installed this type of line and were happy with the results, both in cost savings and reliability.

The Town Office's current telephone rates are high. While preparing the analysis, it was discovered that local calls are on measured service and if the DSL line were not approved, the Telephone Company would be contacted to discontinue measured service.

Morgan answered some technical questions and said that installing the DSL would dedicate one (1) line to the Internet. The Town Office currently has two (2) dedicated Internet lines. Installation would provide the Town Office with a new ISP. BOS Chair O'Reilly asked if this line would be compatible with the new telephone system at the Police Department. Morgan said he didn't know.

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A motion was made by Iocovozzi to accept the proposal; second by Stuart. Vote carried 3-0 to approve a new DSL line.

TyCom – Protest Petition

Planner Morgan brought to the Selectmen’s attention that TyCom had issued a protest petition against the proposed amendment to Article V Section 2B of the Zoning Ordinance. Morgan explained that the Planning Board had followed the letter of the law and that he thought incorrect information was being given out about the amendment.

O’Reilly asked if a letter should be sent to those who signed the petition. Morgan said it would be best to wait until after Town Meeting. AA Newcomer explained a handout from Morgan on procedures for protest: the Protest must be posted with the Town Warrant and Budget, and the Moderator must announce the Protest at Town Meeting.

E-911 Data Management

Fire Chief Larry Wahl notified the Selectmen that they needed to find someone to replace him in the E-911 Data Management position. BOS Chair O’Reilly asked if the Selectmen should appoint Assistant Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf. Iocovozzi asked Wahl if he was resigning the post effective August 16th. Wahl said that he had notified the E-911 agency that his resignation was immediate, even though the Town wouldn’t see much activity until the following February. Chief Wahl also noted that the State would be contacting the Selectmen for a new contact person.

Chief Wahl said a pending issue was that the Selectmen needed to name the Industrial Corridor Road (ICR). T. Morgan noted that it was named Piscataqua Drive. Chief Wahl said there was already a street name similar that included the name “Piscataqua”. T Morgan explained that the Planning Board names roads that don’t belong to the Town and the BOS names roads that the Town owns. Chief Wahl said the road has been temporarily called the ICR and that E-911 must be notified when the name is decided. Wahl further explained the numbering of streets and the 25’ rule adopted by the Selectmen several years prior.

Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf as the E-911 contact; second by Chair O’Reilly. Motion carried 3-0.

Wil Corcoran – Assessing Contract

BOS Chair O’Reilly noted to the BOS that Corcoran’s contract for Assessing Services was the same as his submitted proposal and that there was no need to send the contract to the DRA. Chairman O’Reilly made a motion to accept the contract; second by Iocovozzi. Motion carried 3-0 and the contract was signed.

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Signatures/Approvals

The following facility requests were reviewed and discussed:

G. Pare	Town Hall
Neslab	Town Hall for training class
DAV	Picnic Area
A. Hobbs	Fox Point wedding
D. Reed	Town Hall

A Motion was made by C. Iocovozzi to approve all requests and waive all fees; Second by Stuart. Motion carried 3-0.

Representing the Newington Neighbor, Lulu Pickering made a request to display photos from the photo contest at the Town Hall on the Friday prior to voting day. It was also noted that the request was authorized by the Town Moderator. Motion by Iocovozzi to approve the display; second by Stuart. Vote carried 3-0.

The New Hampshire Ancient Order of Hibernians Pipes and Drums, who played their bagpipes at the Senior Dinner, requested a Cancer Research donation from the Town. A motion was made by C. Iocovozzi to donate \$100; second by Stuart. Vote was 3-0.

Permission was granted to the office of George Sansoucy to change a land record (D. Spinney) that was inaccurate. Iocovozzi made note that residents should get demo permits when demolishing buildings so that the appraisers are aware of property building changes. Motion to grant by Iocovozzi; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Abatements to the 2000 and 2001 resident taxes, submitted by the Tax Collector, were approved. Motion to approve by J. Stuart; second by Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

A request from the Town Clerk to purchase a printer stand was approved. Motion to approve by Iocovozzi; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A request from the Building Inspector to purchase Volume 2 of the Boca International Code was approved. Motion to approve by Iocovozzi; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A letter of resignation was read from Mike Walsh who regretfully resigned from his position at the Transfer Station.

The Road Agent Job Description was approved after making some changes. Motion to approve by Iocovozzi; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0. It was agreed to place an ad in the newspaper noting that letters of interest in the position be sent to the Town Office.

The Secretary/Receptionist Job Description was approved. Motion to approve by Iocovozzi; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0. It was agreed that an ad would be placed in the newspaper along with the Road Agent advertisement.

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Approval was granted to the Portsmouth Rotary for the Annual Rotary Auction to air on channel 22 on March 3, 2002. Motion to approve by Iocovozzi; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Approval was granted to combine payroll checks issued to the Tax Collector and Town Clerk because the position is now combined. Motion to approve by Iocovozzi; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A motion was made by Iocovozzi to reappoint P. Lamson to the Lamprey Landfill; second by O'Reilly. Vote 3-0

A financial assistance notice from the NH Highway Safety Agency was read. It was agreed to pass the notice on to the Police Department.

Paving Bid Information

A recap of measurements that were taken of several road areas was reviewed and will be placed in the bid folder as a tool for bid information.

Sprague Property Tax Review

A letter of authorization to release information on the taxation of terminals from Burton Russell, Director of Terminal Operations at Sprague Energy, was read. It was agreed to pass the letter on to Wil Corcoran who is providing assessing services to the Town.

Triannual Well Sampling

The Triannual Well Sampling report was read and will be placed on file.

Solid Waste Forms

The NHDES waste facility report forms were reviewed and will be submitted no later than March 30, 2002.

Selectman Iocovozzi commented on the great job done by BUDCOM Chairman Al Smith at the budget meetings this year.

Iocovozzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Stuart; vote to adjourn 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Newcomer
Administrative Assistant