

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 2007
6:30pm Town Hall

Preliminary

Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Vice chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Larry Wahl and Jean Bowzer. (George Fletcher was present for portions of the meeting)

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the minutes of January 2, 8, 16, 22, 29 with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

TOWN MEETING-SOUND SYSTEM

Larry Wahl (Wahl to Wahl Sound) approached the Board with a plan on providing adequate sound and audio recording of our Town Meeting March 17, 2007. The cost would be \$ 400. He spoke of the mic set up and feed. Floor plan options were provided to be approved by moderator. *Selectman Stuart moved to accept Mr. Wahl's fee of \$400 for the sound at Town Meeting with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.* Selectman Iocovozzi went on to state that this is a good deal for the town to hire as it would cost upward of \$3-4,000 for the equipment then possibly another \$4,000 for labor.

Beatrice Marconi was asked to run the floor plan options through the Moderator for approval of placement of the equipment and tables.

ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION

Because the action of annually adopting an investment policy is required by law, Selectman Stuart moved to adopt the policy before the Board. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded with the vote passing 3-0. George Fletcher was given a copy from the table.

HIGHWAY BLDG AND SITE NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Selectman Stuart moved to appoint Leslie Brock to this committee now consisting of Road Agent Len Thomas, George Fletcher, Peg Lamson, Cliff Abbott and Leslie Brock. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

The Board accepted Ken Pickering's resignation letter as Transfer Station Attendant with deep regret on *a motion from Selectman Stuart – followed by a second from Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.*

With a motion from Selectman Stuart and a second from Selectman Iocovozzi, Craig Daigle was appointed for a 2 year term as Transfer Station Attendant. So moved 3-0.

Selectman Iocovozzi went on to explain how he met with the DES for a site inspection along with Mr. Daigle, John Frink, and Len Thomas. They conversed about the certification process with the next session in March, then again in July. The State said because we did not deal with hazardous material or garbage makes the process less complicated. The DES informed Selectman Iocovozzi that we could go ahead and get a permit for burning brush, however Cos felt hire-grind-haul is better for the near by residents. DES mentioned to those present the proper way to store batteries for disposal and suggested the attendant be available to prevent commingling of debris in the various containers, which means it

would be better to have those containers that are presently at the Town Garage moved to the transfer station area. Selectman Iocovozzi went on to say that it is important that our Highway crew plow the transfer station area after each storm so that the containers can be transported in and out.

ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION-REPRESENTATIVE

Selectman Stuart moved to reappointment Christopher Cross to RPC which follows a 3 year nomination from the Planning Board dated Feb 12. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

FIRE TRUCK SALE

A letter came in from Jeff Pelkey of the Kittery Rotary expressing interest in taking our '86 Hahn Fire Truck and shipping it to a third world country as part of a Rotary International program. Selectman Stuart felt getting something for it would be better than nothing and noted there were a few people in the community showing interest in the \$1,000 range. George Fletcher spoke up and stated that his contact said he 'may' be able to pay up to \$7,000 and will get back to us. The truck is non certifiable but could have potential in being converted to a pumper. It was so decided to change the current minimum bid down to \$ 5,000, place it in the Town and City, and other places with the new amount, and wait to hear from George's contact.

FOX POINT LEASE

Selectman Stuart felt very strongly that it would be in the best interest of the town to again rent the house to have a caretaker on site as the Police patrols have been increased. Windows have been broken and the chance of fires being started grow high. Selectman Iocovozzi is willing to consider renting it out providing the lessee be a caretaker and the watchful eyes over the other buildings, grounds and dock area. The appliances and rug situation was discussed and although no vote taken, at this point it appears the consensus of the Board is that the lessee bring their own. The Board will research the going rate and consult with Keith Frizzell on parameters of a lease with contingent duties. A deposit will be required as well as it just being a one year lease term. It was estimated that the March newsletter will advertise of the filling of the lease.

SCHOOL SUPPORTERS ROAD RACE

Saturday, Sept 8, the School Supporters hope to hold their 6th annual Sunset Road Race in Newington. *Selectman Stuart moved to approve their request providing they ensure sufficient trash cans are placed as well as having the approval of the Chief of Police. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION RECYCLE LETTER

The Board read a letter from the Conservation Commission requesting the Town to follow suit and throw paper in a recycling bin such as set up in the Planner's Office.

TOWN FACILITIES USE REQUESTS:

Nov 9 & 10 – Friends of the Library – Craft Fair – Town Hall Audi - Approved, fee waived

Feb 22 – Apr 5 (Thursdays only) – Gail Pare for the Town Church – 6 til 9pm – Approved, fee waived
Old Town Hall 2nd fl & kit.

Apr 9 – 5 til 9pm – Town Hall Audi & Kit – DAR Meeting - Approved, fee waived

Mar 30 & 31 – Fire Dept – Training – Town Hall Audi – Approved, fee waived

Apr 26 – UNH Marine Docents – Recognition Dinner–Town Hall Audi & Kit – Approved, fee waived

Apr 3 – Fire Dept – Old Town Hall Elevator area – 7pm til 10pm- Approved, fee waived

Mar 17 – Old Town Hall 2nd fl & Kit – 5 til 12pm – Birthday Party – Approved

Mar 24; Apr 21; May 19; Sept 22; Oct 20 - Town Hall Audi & Kit – Town Church Supper
3pm til 8 - Approved, fee waived.

MAIL BOXES

A mail box on Dumpling Cove came down as a result of plowing during the Feb 14 storm. The Selectmen reinforced their position that “Any mail boxes damaged from plowing, is not the responsibility of the Town”. The Road Agent will go and inspect the situation. Selectman Stuart wanted the town’s position to be clear and consistent. She added that any personal property loss could constitute a Personal Property Loss Accident Report.

Chairman O’Reilly announced that there was a Coalition meeting scheduled for March 5 in Dover.

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:50. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant