

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Town of Newington Town Hall
Tuesday-February 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order 6:28 pm by Chairman Iocovozzi.

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Fire Dept. Office Manager Sarah McQuade, Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf, Fire Engineer Ruth Fletcher, Recreation members Pete MacDonald and Chris Bellmare, Vincent Frank, Gail Pare, Doug Bartlett of Opechee, Laura Coleman, Lenny Thomas of Highway, Barbara McDonald, George Fletcher-Treasurer, Rick Stern, and Mrs. Stern.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17th & 24th. *Selectman Stuart seconded the motion. Roll call motion passed 3-0.* Selectman Stuart moved to accept the meeting minutes of January 31. Chairman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 2-0, *motion passed* with Selectman O'Reilly abstaining as he was absent that meeting.

Letter from the Historic District

The Historic District is wishing to be part of the Town Forest Management Plan discussions. Selectman O'Reilly suggested that when the Town Forest becomes ours the issue should be revisited.

Opechee-Pavement Cutting

Doug Bartlett of Opechee requested permission to cut 3 1/2' to get to a conduit upon the approval of the Board as soon as possible. Mr. Bartlett was asked to post a \$1,000 bond for 1 year. *Jack O'Reilly made a motion* to accept Mr. Bartlett's request. *Selectman Stuart seconded the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.*

Mosquito Pins

Lenny Thomas, Road Agent spoke on this issue stating that they are \$3.00 each and last for 3 weeks. They are scented so that it keeps the mosquitoes away. Chairman Iocovozzi said that he would like to check with Mike Morrison and also get some samples.

Roadside Pick-up

The Board had no objection to Lenny Thomas hiring a couple of kids to help with roadside pick up as long as they are of working age.

Salt Tonnage

Lenny suggested that we increase the salt to 650 tons next year as this year our price was guaranteed only up to 350.

Roads

The Sewer Commission wants to know the River Road/Shattuck Way paving schedule so that the riser can be planned. Chairman Iocovozzi suggested that George Fletcher talk to Dennis Messier as the State may do it all.

Comstar

Sarah McQuade stated that she is currently collecting less than 50% on Ambulance billing whereas Comstar collects about 90% average with 8% take on collections. Mrs. McQuade explained that we need an account to charge Comstar to and this was not calculated in on the budget process. Collections is a very difficult task as you must deal with insurance companies constantly. Gail Pare felt that this is a job for a professional. George will call DRA and get back to the Board on March 6th as he suggested setting up a checking acct and paying Comstar from the proceeds deposited into it then turning the excess over to the general fund.

Residents Tax-2004 Abatement Requests (various)

Selectman O'Reilly moved to sign the abatement request by the Tax Collector. *Selectman Stuart seconded* the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, *motion passed*.

Old Town Hall Décor Letter

This letter was read by Selectman O'Reilly and will be forwarded to HDC and they will report back. Charlie Smart basically suggested in this memo ideas on pictures and décor.

Alarm System

This issue was tabled until March 6th.

Flags and Signs

Chairman Iocovozzi will check with the DAV and Legion about replacing the flags so this issue will be tabled for now. The Board saw no problem with the flags being cleaned after a price for new was received.

Careno Letter-Visitor Policy

Chairman Iocovozzi read the letter aloud which basically states that Careno Construction is having difficulties with unauthorized visitors. Charlie smart is putting together a group tour of the facility. The Newington Police Department took care of the issue however, a policy will be set.

Letter From School Board –Two new playground elements

Selectman O'Reilly read the letter aloud. Which talked about the log roll, funding, and adding a triple ring fling. They are simply asking the support from the Board of Selectmen, will be getting a credit from the return of the Log Roll and will be paid by the School Supporters. *Selectman O'Reilly made a motion* to support their request. *Selectman Stuart seconded the motion*. Roll call vote 3-0, *motion passed*.

Gravel Tax Levy

SUR removed 37,051 tons of dirt. The Towns gets \$741.03. The Board signed. Barbara McDonald had several questions, however the Board explained that this was a State of NH tax.

Auditorium Tables

The better of the old tables will go to Old Town Hall. The Board decided to leave the tables where they are until the Old Town Hall is complete.

Holiday Schedule for 2006

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to have Chairman Iocovozzi sign. *Selectman Stuart seconded* the motion. Roll call 3-0, *motion passed*.

Letter from Sandi Clark

There was conversation about the insurance to hold the play 'Fences' at the Town Hall. Bea was asked to contact our insurance carrier to see if all events are covered and town is protected. Bea will report back.

Town Hall Uses

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve Scott Borklin - the NH Bee Keepers for the use of the kitchen and the hall and waive the fee. **Selectman Stuart seconded motion**. Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed**. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to accept the use of the Town Hall by the Newington School Supporters, fee waived. **Motion seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi**. **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to accept Luanne O'Reilly's request for town hall use for Harp practice, fee waived. **Motion seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi**. **Selectman O'Reilly made motion** accept Cathy Reinholds request for town hall use. **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart**. **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to accept the O'Reilly wedding request at Fox Point. **Motion seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi**. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to accept the Town Church request for town hall use. **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart**. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to approve the town hall for the Metro Planning Hearing, no fee. **Selectman Stuart** moved to approve and waive the fee for Celiac Spruce meeting. **Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly**. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to approve Thermo Electron. **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart**. Roll call vote on all above requests 3-0, **motions passed**.

Hardship Abatement Recommendation

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve the Hardship abatement recommended by Corcoran. **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion**. Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed**.

Public Comment

Ruth Fletcher asked if the Selectmen were aware of the broken/ missing glass at the Carriage Shed. Mrs. Fletcher made a comment in regards to the animals and bad weather having an affect on the inside of the Carriage Shed. The Board of Selectman stated that Rick St. Laurent will go the following day and look into it.

Barbara McDonald mentioned a fire that was to have happened in the 1980's. The Board of Selectman stated that they knew nothing of that and asked what she was referring to. Mrs. McDonald stated that the grant that the Historical Society applied for mentioned this fire, which caused the loss of or damaged of many pictures. Mrs. McDonald feels as if this grant money should not have been applied for under bogus information. The Board suggested that Gail Pare, who submitted the Grant papers be contacted by Ms. McDonald if she had any questions or comments.

George Fletcher made a comment that the Newington Fire Department applied for and were approved for a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 last year, but they have not received the money yet. It did however, have extenuating circumstance as some of the venders were located in New Orleans. It is a reimbursement grant that must be spent up front then submitted for reimbursmt.

Chris Bellmare brought up the playground equipment issue. Mr. Bellmare asked why the playground equipment money was not encumbered. Beatrice Marconi and the Board both stated that they knew nothing about a contract presented to the Board per Mr. Bellmare back in December as this was necessary to proceed with the encumbering process. The Selectmen will look further into the matter.

Laura Coleman asked what happened with the Town Forest Management Committee. Selectman O'Reilly stated that once the Forest is received then the process discussion would begin. A committee has not been decided upon.

Select Stuart made a motion to go into a non-public meeting under RSA91: A3, 11. Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. On a roll call vote, so moved 3-0. No votes taken.

The Board came out of non-public at 8:11pm. It was so motioned by Jack O'Reilly to seal the minutes of the non-public. Jan Stuart seconded. On a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.

Jack O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:12pm. Seconded by Jan Stuart. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant