

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 25, 2008**  
**Town Hall 6:00pm**

Selectman O'Reilly called the meeting to order.

Present: Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Trustees of the Trust Fund Mark Phillips and John Lamson.

Rick Stern of the Cemetery Committee arrived at 6:15. Trustee Justine Richardson at 6:15, Paul Beswick arrived at 6:20. Len Thomas & George Fletcher at 6:25 (Selectman Jan Stuart absent)

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of February 2 and 4. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

JO gave a summary of the bug treatment needed at the Old Meeting House as well as a report on the furnace exhaust situation. Both Selectmen want to proceed with both issues and if need be, utilize the emergency building fund cap reserve.

JO reported that there will be a Coalition meeting on March 27 at 10:00am in Concord. Representation from Newington is suggested. AA to fill in response form with all 3 Selectmen names and note that one will attend.

**Trustees of the Trust Fund**

Trustees Mark Phillips and John Lamson met with Selectmen Iocovozzi and O'Reilly and discussed some Cemetery Trust Fund issues. Weyland manages the Trust Funds. They charge 1% which is competitive. In 2007, \$1,085 was noted as expended from the Cemetery General Care Fund which is different and separate from the Perpetual Care funds. The Cemetery Committee are the only ones who can authorize expenditures from their funds. They did not authorize this expenditure. The Trustees of the Trust Fund met with Rick Stern of the Cemetery Committee and as a result of that meeting, an e-mail was sent to the Attorney General's Office asking about payment to a financial firm for maintenance of their accounts. The AG wrote back and stated that payment for such services cannot come from the Cemetery Accounts and that the Trustees had to immediately return the money. Rick Stern wondered if this has happened more than in 2007. In the end, the Trustees were going to contact the AG office to be sure she understood all the facts. If we have to, the Board says they can pay back the Cemetery through the general legal budget. Rick Stern questioned whether or not the money from the sale of lots, which is in the General Care Fund should have been commingled with the Perpetual care funds.

Regarding Sale of Cemetery Lots, Selectman Iocovozzi said as long as he could remember, the sale of lots money went into the General Fund and in return, the Town would give them the money to fund their department. Perpetual care, as it was known does not exist as the Town must maintain each lot. People used to buy lots and if they wanted perpetual care, would buy it separately. Perpetual Care accounts (each listed by individual owners) have not been utilized for years. The existing ones will be grandfathered. As far as mowing, an invoice has to be given to the Trustees for them to withdraw any money. The Trustees will discuss the use of perpetual care funds and the General Care funds with the Cemetery Committee and will come to some sort of understanding. **All sale of lots money will be deposited in the General Care account held by the Trustees.**

In June, Paul Beswick informs us that there is a Trustee of the Trust fund informational session.

In December 2006, \$3,000 was deposited in the Town's General Fund with the understanding that if the Cemetery Committee wanted, could be deposited into the Cemetery's General Care Fund if they so desired. Beatrice is to check with Auditor to determine the proper way to do this.

Mark Phillips tells the Board that generally, every quarter the Library Trustees get \$2,500 equaling \$10,000 per year. The Library Trustees have asked that annual amount to go to \$12,000.

### **5 Year Road Way Plan**

Road Agent Len Thomas will check with Planner Tom Morgan and get back to us.

### **Frost Heaves**

Len Thomas will notify the Police Department on Road Weight Limits. Len informed the Board of the poor condition of Captain's Landing.

He was given the authorization to purchase cutting edges.

Len will be on vacation Apr 4 - Apr 13.

### **Salt**

For Town Meeting, the AA will have up to date information on Salt and it's cost. The town may want to increase that line.

### **Mail Box Issue – Justin Richardson**

Justin Richardson reviewed the letter and photographs of the location of his mail box which was destroyed. A New one has been put up however, this one does not have the newspaper box attached to the bottom. Justin and Len were going to measure the height to make sure it is above the height of the plow and he will pass any pertinent information to the other plowers.

### **Pease Golf Course Timber Cutting Issue**

Justin was meeting with the DES to discuss the cutting in the wetlands. He stated that the required permits were not sought and that they were in violation. No site plan was filed either. The Board hoped the Conservation Commission would stay on top of this and keep them informed of pertinent action.

### **Old Town Hall Entrance Cover**

A proposal from Coastal Remodeling was received for the cover for OTH. Because it is over \$2,500, Selectman Iocovozzi wanted another bid or two.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 7:10pm. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectively Submitted

Beatrice Marconi  
Administrative Assistant