

**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
March 4, 2002 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS) Chairman John (Jack) O'Reilly, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi & Jan Stuart, Building Inspector (BI) Charlie Smart, Mark Phillips, Chris Cross, & AA S. Newcomer

**Public Hearing to consider
Accepting
Dumpling Cove as a Town Road**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Selectmen's agenda included the following:

1. Minutes of February 20, 2002
2. Signature Folder / Approvals
 - a. Town Hall Use
 - b. Conferences and Workshops
 - c. Building Permit Fees
 - d. Secession List
 - e. Final Payment / G. Young
3. Traffic and Noise Complaints
4. Coakley Trust
5. Estimates (Hart Plumbing, Home Dreams, G. Young)
6. Road Agent and Receptionist Applications
7. Escrow Letter from Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella
8. NH DES Wetland Permit Application (abutter notice)

The Public Hearing was opened by BOS Chair O'Reilly to hear comments on the acceptance of Dumpling Cove as a Town Road. O'Reilly noted that the Public Hearing would remain open until 7:30. Mark Phillips was asked if he had any comments. Phillips said he had met all requests of the Planning Board and Selectmen. O'Reilly noted that at the close of the Public Hearing, the requested Bond would need to be signed.

Minutes of February 20, 2002

BOS Chairman O'Reilly asked that the minutes of February 20, 2002 be read. With no questions or comments, Selectman Stuart made a motion to accept the minutes of February 20th; second By Iocovozzi. Motion carried 3-0.

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Town Hall Use

Newington Firefighters Assoc. Flea Market, March 29 & 30

Roy Pender – NH Plumbers Board, April 11

Motion to accept and waive fees made by Iocovozzi; second by Stuart. Vote carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Chair O'Reilly to table a request by Police Chief Loomis for Donald Van Pelt of the Aquarium Assoc. until proof of non-profit could be submitted; second by Iocovozzi. Vote carried 3-0.

Recreation Committee Easter Egg Hunt

Chair O'Reilly suggested that Selectman Stuart begin organizing an Easter Egg Hunt for the recreation committee with any help she needed to make it work.

BI Smart noted that to the Selectmen that the Town should receive discount rates on Insurance due to meetings held at the Town Hall by the Plumbing Board.

Chris Cross discussed the Pan Am expansion and how it would increase the noise problem. He urged the Selectmen to endorse Attorney McNeill and P. Lamson on the issue, saying it was necessary to make a strong stand now.

Cross noted the date change for the DOT Exit 4 meeting to be held at the Town Hall, from April 4th to April 9th.

Conferences and Workshops

A motion was made By BOS member Stuart to approve BI Smart's request to attend a Fire Prevention Society Conference April 25, 2002 for a cost of \$25; second by Iocovozzi. Vote carried 3-0

A motion was made By BOS member Stuart to approve BI Smart's request to attend a BOA meeting on March 13, 2002; second by Iocovozzi. Vote carried 3-0.

A motion was made By BOS member Stuart to approve BI Smart's request to attend a workshop on Energy Code on April 3, 2002, no charge; second by Iocovozzi. Vote carried 3-0.

The Selectmen agreed that Town Planner, Tom Morgan and Chris Cross would attend the Noise Compatibility Committee meeting in the PDA Boardroom on March 14, 2002.

The Selectmen agreed not to attend a Public Hearing in Rochester regarding a telecommunications facility in that City. They also agreed that no one would attend the Primex Workers' Compensation workshop at this time, or a "Smart Growth" seminar presented by Edwards and Kelcey.

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Building Permit Fees

Chair O'Reilly asked BI Charlie Smart to explain the handout presented to the Selectmen on Building Permit fees. Smart said he spoke to Chris Cross regarding the original intent of the fees. BOS member Iocovozzi mentioned the trouble the Board had initially getting the schedule together and that it was put together to lighten the load on the residents. BI Smart explained how he has been charging fees and that the current schedule reduces the revenue in the residential sector. Smart recommended that the BOS consider charging by Square Foot rather than p/\$1000. C. Iocovozzi recommended a workshop to discuss the issue.

BI Smart said he would continue with the current schedule until the workshop, but noted that the wording had been changed in the residential structure section to make it less confusing. Selectman Stuart made a motion to sign the schedule with the wording change; second by Iocovozzi. Vote carried 3-0. The Building Permit Fee Schedule was signed.

Secession List

An e-mail requesting names and e-mail addresses of those in Newington that are most interested in seceding was requested. A list containing this type of information has not yet been located.

Another vague request for a breakdown of money spent on legal fees came from an out-of-state individual. This information is not readily available on a printout and could take many man-hours to compile, depending on the format requested. Chairman O'Reilly recommended that the BOS give some thought to how requests that take a great deal of labor can be handled, along with appropriate fees.

J. Stuart asked if the Selectmen would be charging a fee for Town Report requests from outside sources. Chairman O'Reilly said fees are not generally charged but that the inventory had to be monitored to ensure that there were enough reports held through Town meeting.

Final Payment / G. Young

Iocovozzi made a motion to hold final payment of \$13,211.75 to G. Young until the Selectmen performed a walk-through at the Fire Station for a punch list; second by Stuart. Vote carried 3-0.

Traffic and Noise Complaints

Traffic: A letter from Paul Harris of StandUp Gardens, Patterson Lane addressed his concern with the traffic pattern on Patterson Lane that affects safety issues in his parking lot. In asking for the Selectmen's review of the signage at Exit 4, Iocovozzi mentioned that the Town had put up a sign, but thought it was gone. It was decided that Iocovozzi would check the signage and visit with Mr. Harris to discuss the problem.

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Noise: R. Thomas sent a letter regarding the noise generated from Pan Am and the frustration in not receiving adequate response from the Hot Line. A copy of the letter was sent to Attorney McNeill and it was recommended that complaints get mailed directly to the PDA. Procedures and contacts will be reviewed with Town Planner Tom Morgan and Peggy Lamson.

Coakley OU-1 Trust

A letter was read from Portsmouth City Attorney Robert Sullivan regarding recommendations for payment of funds to the Trust over time. Iocovozzi made a motion to allow Portsmouth to implement the recommendation if Attorney Ahlgren is in agreement with it; second by Stuart. Vote carried 3-0.

Estimates (Hart Plumbing, Home Dreams, G.Young)

Chair O'Reilly read an estimate submitted by Hart Plumbing and Heating for the Old Stone School and Old Town Hall. O'Reilly toured both buildings with Hart because the Reapers had asked for a new bathroom in the Old Stone School. O'Reilly mentioned that the purchasing policy would be reviewed and the estimate will be kept on file until after Town Meeting.

An estimate for carpet installation in the Town Hall, submitted by Home Dreams, was read, but it was noted that two other companies would be submitting estimates.

A letter from Kay Akerley was read that explained the history of the flag that the Akerley's donated to the Historic District Committee. AA Newcomer will verify who has current possession of the flag.

Road Agent and Receptionist Applications

Resumes received to date for the Receptionist and Road Agent positions were reviewed.

Escrow Letter from Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella (DTC)

A letter was read from DTC regarding a request by NewingtonEnergy LLC for the Second Release of Road Bond Escrow Monies. Iocovozzi noted that the Board was waiting for more information from R. Bozgo and S. Sansoucy.

NH DES Wetland Permit Application (abutter notice)

For information purposes and contact information, a letter was read from Ocean Access, Inc. regarding an abutter notice by PSNH to file for a maintenance permit at the Newington Station Generating Plant.

Miscellaneous

Iocovozzi noted that John Frink expressed an interest in covering the Transfer Station until the position was filled.

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At 7:30 p.m. Chairman O'Reilly asked if there were any more comments on the Public Hearing portion regarding dumpling Cove. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed. A Motion was made by Stuart to accept Dumpling Cove as a Town Road; second by Iocovozzi. Vote carried 3-0.

A Motion was made by Iocovozzi to sign the Maintenance Bond for \$15,000, good until year 2005; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0. All parties signed Bond.

Chairman O'Reilly noted that Lenny Thomas would be contacted and advised that trash pick up, and salting and plowing on Dumpling Cove were effective immediately.

BOS member Iocovozzi noted that he would call PSNH the following day to check on pricing for installation of a street light at the end of the Police Department driveway that enters Fox Point Road.

A proposal submitted by G. Young to strip and wax the old side of the Fire Station to help complete the Fire Station project was read. Iocovozzi made a motion to have Dick Rines complete the floors before the end of the week and refuse the proposal; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Chairman O'Reilly asked if there were any more questions or comments. There were none.

Iocovozzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Stuart; vote to adjourn 3-0.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Newcomer
Administrative Assistant