

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

**March 17, 2003
Newington Town Hall
6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Board of Selectmen Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly, AA Cynthia Gillespie. Peter McDonald Recreation Committee, Laura Coleman, Ruth Fletcher, George Fletcher, Richard Spinney, Jean Bowser, Allen Smith.

Call to Order at 6:04

6:04 Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:s,II Legal. No votes were taken.

6:30 Public

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order at 6:32 p.m.

Selectman Jack O'Reilly was unable to attend the public session of this meeting.

Peter McDonald asked the Board about paying for the supplies that will be needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Selectman Iocovozzi instructed McDonald to pay for the items and then bring all the receipts into AA Gillespie for reimbursement.

The Board of Selectmen asked Allen Smith to attend the meeting in order to explain the conditions of the fields at Fox Point. Selectman Iocovozzi explained that questions had come from three concerned residents and that the Board was interested in getting a clarification from Smith.

Smith explained that for the last six years, he has been collecting leaf material from residents, taking the liquid manure and bulking it into a dry form making compost. The mixture is two thirds leaf material and one third manure. He said that all the land on Fox Point is in desperate need of organic matter, and that it would be useless to use commercial fertilizes until the organic matter is stabilized in the soil. He stated that he is just waiting for the snow to melt and the ground to thaw, in order to spread the mixture and plow it into the ground.

Selectman Iocovozzi asked how many yards had been hauled in so far. Allen Smith stated that there had been three hundred yards. Selectman Iocovozzi asked if Mr. Smith knew of any health issues that may be related to this procedure. Mr. Smith said that there is none because the mixture is compost, it has been cooked.

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Selectman Stuart asked why the compost was dumped where it was. Mr. Smith said that he had someone do the hauling for him and that he made a mistake putting it there, but the guy was doing it for free so he didn't complain about it.

Ruth Fletcher asked why there is a problem with where it was dumped. Selectman Stuart stated that one of the neighbors complained about the smell. Mrs. Fletcher said that she walks by there every morning and there is seldom a smell at all. Mrs. Fletcher said that she had heard that someone was complaining that that was too much manure for the field. She disagreed.

Allen Smith said that he follows the "Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan" from the State of New Hampshire, which regulates the amount of compost to use.

Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the Board of Selectman was satisfied with the explanation the Allen Smith gave. He thanked Mr. Smith for taking care of the fields for the Town and also, for coming to the meeting to talk to the Board about the process.

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Jan Stuart made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of February 19th and March 3rd. Seconded by Cosmas Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0.

Miscellaneous

The Newington Board of Selectmen asked that the following Portsmouth Herald Article be read into the minutes of this meeting:

Coalition report tonight at council

PORTSMOUTH – The leader of the Coalition Communities will update the City Council tonight on the status of the group's education funding plan and ask for a resolution in support of the legislation.

Deputy City Manager Ted Jankowski will make a 10-minute presentation regarding House Bill 717, the targeted education aid plan in the Legislature.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in council chambers. The coalition's proposal consists of ending donor towns and establishing a system of targeted aid grants to needy. On March 6, the House voted 209-135 to send the measure to the Finance Committee for evaluation after receiving an "ought to pass" recommendation from the House Ways and Means Committee. Students from Portsmouth High School will also be attending the meeting and shadowing their counterparts on the council and city staff in preparation for Student Government Day, which takes place next week.

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The Newington Board of Selectmen goes on record as supporting and cheering on the Coalition in its efforts to promote this Bill.

Selectman Stuart made a motion to approve an Elderly Tax Exemption for James J. Noseworthy. Seconded by Cosmas Iovozzi. Vote 2-0.

An Escrow Agreement between Newington Energy, LLC and the Town of Newington was read. Newington Energy is requesting the release of Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$319,500) from the Escrow Account.

George Fletcher asked about the status of the guarantee on the Industrial Corridor Road. Selectman Iovozzi stated that the guarantee would start the day the Town takes the Industrial Corridor Road over and that it should be for four years. Mr. Fletcher said that the Sewer Commission has discussed this and that they are satisfied with this terms, if they are in writing. Selectman Iovozzi instructed AA Gillespie to have Tom Morgan, the Town Planner follow-up on a written guarantee and to CC: the Sewer Commission. Selectman Iovozzi stated that the Board of Selectmen, members of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission will be walking the Industrial Corridor Road for a final inspection before the Town takes the road over. He invited Mr. Fletcher and the Sewer Commission to join them.

The appointment of Leslie Brock to the Budget Committee was approved by the Selectman.

A renewal of a Game License for Bickford's Family Restaurant was signed by the Selectman.

Town Hall Use

A Town Hall Use form for an April 7th Wedding for Cindy Hall was reviewed and approved pending payment.

Signatures & Approvals

AA Gillespie presented the Board with three quotes for Lateral File Cabinets for the vault. Selectman Stuart made a motion to accept the proposal of Corporate Express in the amount of \$3,826. Seconded by Cosmas Iovozzi. Vote 2-0. A purchase order in the amount of \$3,826, to Corporate Express signed by the Board.

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A memo from Jennifer Nadeau regarding the need of a new fax machine for the office was read. The Board instructed AA Gillespie to shop for a quality machine to replace the old one.

There being no further business before the Board the Public session was:

Adjourn 7:55

Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:s, II Personnel. No votes were taken.

Adjournment: 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Gillespie
Administrative Assistant