

**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
March 18, 2002 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS) Chairman John (Jack) O'Reilly, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi & Jan Stuart, Building Inspector (BI) Charlie Smart, Treasurer, George Fletcher, Laura Coleman, & AA S. Newcomer

Chairman O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Selectmen's agenda included the following:

1. Minutes of March 4, 2002
2. Appointments
3. Town Treasurer
4. Signature Folder / Approvals
 - a. Valuation Contract / Con-Ed (G. Sansoucy)
 - b. Town Hall Use
 - c. Conferences and Workshops
 - d. 2000-2001 Resident Tax Abatements
 - e. Current Use
 - f. R.G. Young
 - g. Miscellaneous
5. Bloody Point
6. Estimates
7. Road Agent
8. McIntyre Road Incident
9. Part 161 Study Meeting
10. NewingtonEnergy LLC
11. Reval Contract review
12. Transfer Station
13. Underground Wiring for Front Light (Town Hall)

BOS member Iocovozzi opened the meeting with thanks to Chairman O'Reilly for the great job he has done in the last 6 months as Chairman to the Selectmen—a duty which was taken on after the resignation of a past BOS member.

Minutes of March, 2002

BOS Chairman O'Reilly asked that the minutes of March 4, 2002 be read. With no questions or comments, Selectman Stuart made a motion to accept the minutes of March 4th; second By Iocovozzi. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Valuation Contract

A motion to accept the Valuation Contract for Con-Ed, submitted by G. Sansoucy, was made by Iocovozzi, second by Stuart. No discussion; vote 3-0.

Town Hall Use

Since proof of a non-profit organization was submitted by the parties, as requested, a motion was made by Iocovozzi to accept a request (and waive all fees) for use of the Town Hall by Police Chief Loomis, for Donald Van Pelt of the Aquarium Assoc.; second by O'Reilly. No discussion; Vote 3-0.

Conferences and Workshops

A motion was made by BOS member Stuart to approve BI Smart's request for \$25 board memberships and training schools for the Electrical and Plumbing Inspectors; second by Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Deputy Treasurer

A motion was made by Iocovozzi to appoint Laura Coleman as Deputy Treasurer with a term expiration of 2003; second by Stuart. Appointment accepted by Coleman. Vote 3-0.

Tax Abatements

A motion was made by Iocovozzi to accept the 2000-2001 Resident Tax Abatements submitted by the Town Clerk; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Current Use

A motion to accept a Current Use application, submitted by D. Spinney and approved by W. Corcoran, was made by Stuart; second by Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

R.G. Young

A motion was made by Iocovozzi to temporarily table the final invoice submitted by G.Young; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Permits for Storage

A motion to schedule a Selectmen's workshop with BI Smart to discuss the need for storage permits was made by Iocovozzi; second by O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

Car Carrier Purchase Request

No votes were taken on the request by R. Greenleaf to purchase the used car carrier, pending research of fair market value for the item.

Fire Department Training at Fox Point

A motion was made by Iocovozzi to approve Fire Rescue Training at Fox Point, pending receipt of a written request by Assistant Fire Chief R.Greenleaf; second by O'Reilly. It was noted that smoke machines would be used and that no real burning would take place. Vote 3-0.

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A motion was made by Chairman O'Reilly to enter Executive Session to accept a telephone call from an attorney regarding a legal matter. Vote - yes, Iocovozzi; Vote – yes, Stuart; Vote – yes, O'Reilly. Selectmen entered Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

No votes were taken.

A motion was made by O'Reilly to re-enter Public Session. Vote - yes, Stuart; Vote – yes, Iocovozzi; Vote – yes, O'Reilly. Selectmen entered Public Session at 6:55 p.m.

Town Treasurer

Treasurer G. Fletcher asked the Selectmen if he could submit banking contracts to the Town Attorney for review. Due to the nature of the contracts and the massive disclosure statement, Fletcher said he would feel more comfortable getting such a review. Iocovozzi mentioned that another Attorney typically handles this type of matter, but Fletcher said the Town Attorney had handled a similar contract in the past. Stuart made a motion to accept Fletcher's request; second by Iocovozzi. No further discussion; vote 3-0.

Meeting House

G. Fletcher informed the Selectmen that some of the shrubs that had been planted at the MeetingHouse had died and needed to be replaced. It was recommended that spigots be installed with timed watering hoses. BI Smart recommended that a frost-free, tamper-proof model be used. Chair O'Reilly received confirmation from Fletcher that water was available at the MeetingHouse. Fletcher said that B. Simms would assist him with the project and that the Church would pay for the work.

Iocovozzi also received confirmation from Fletcher that the Church would pay for painting the other two sides of the MeetingHouse, and that he and R. Fletcher needed to meet to look at the MeetingHouse Steeple.

A motion was made by Iocovozzi to allow the Church group to handle the spigot issue; second by Stuart. No discussion. Vote 3-0.

A motion was made by Iocovozzi to allow the Newington Church Deacons to paint the remaining sides of the MeetingHouse at no cost to the Board of Selectmen; second by Stuart. No discussion. Vote 3-0.

Piano Repair

BOS member Stuart presented a proposal to the Selectmen from Marks Piano Repair requesting payment in the amount of \$370 for dampers and hammers, along with rates for future repairs. Stuart reminded the BOS that the school play is scheduled for April 26th, and the piano would be needed. Chairman O'Reilly agreed that it was important to take care of the repairs that need to be done. A motion was made by Stuart to approve expending the \$370 for dampers and hammers; second by Iocovozzi. No discussion. Vote 3-0.

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Bloody Point

A notice from D.O.T. representative Phillip Miles was reviewed and it was noted that more information and questions regarding the Town's intent for the Bloody Point property would be forthcoming. BI Smart commented on the poor condition of the building on the premises and that it would drop fast. Iocovozzi recommended waiting on further discussion until more information is received from Miles. Chairman O'Reilly informed the Board that the building is on the Historic Register.

Estimates

Police Department Fitness Room Electrical

Chair O'Reilly noted that the three (3) estimates received for the Fitness room Electrical Work reflected inconsistent information. Iocovozzi recommended the issue be temporarily tabled and that RFP preparation be turned over to the Building Inspector and Fire Chief.

Carpets

The two (2) carpet estimates for the Town Hall were reviewed and it was recommended by Stuart that one (1) more estimate be included for future review.

Police Report

It was noted that damage to guard rails on McIntyre Road was done by an uninsured motorist. Iocovozzi will review the matter and report back to the Board.

Part 161 Study

A letter was reviewed from Attorney McNeill that proposed several dates available to schedule a noise meeting. The Selectmen's office will follow up on confirming the selected date.

NewingtonEnergy LLC

Iocovozzi agreed to follow up on information needed to release Escrow Funds to NewingtonEnergy. Correspondence from the DES was also reviewed. Both issues are pending.

Reval Contract Review

The Reval Contract is on hold pending DRA approval.

Transfer Station

After reviewing the cost of containers and pick-up from outside companies, versus Town labor to perform the task, it was decided to use (1) metal container and (1) trash container, with pick-up service (as was done the previous year).

Iocovozzi noted that the Transfer Station operator would need to separate natural wood from painted and treated wood, and a policy would be written for residents. Stuart asked who would be responsible for moving the wood and Iocovozzi said that any available, regular equipment operators used by the Town would be used.

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It was also noted that “no trespassing” signs had been purchased and would be placed around the Transfer Station perimeter.

Underground Wiring for Front Lighting the Town Hall

Because of above ground wires that interfere with mowing, it was decided to have the Electrical Inspector review what would be needed to install underground wiring for lights to the flag pole and front wall of the Town Hall. Proposals for work will be written according to the findings.

A vote to enter non-public session to discuss a personnel issue was Iocovozzi-yes, Stuart-yes, O’Reilly-yes. At 7:30 p.m. the BOS entered non-public session. No votes were taken.

A vote to enter into public session was Iocovozzi-yes, Stuart-yes, O’Reilly-yes. The BOS entered public session at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Stuart to appoint Leonard Thomas as Road Agent for one (1) year with a review every three (3) months, providing he resign from his position as a Police Commissioner; second by O’Reilly. Iocovozzi recused himself from the vote. Vote 2-0.

Selectmen Representatives and Liaisons to Committees

The Selectmen drafted the positions each would have as representatives and liaisons to committees. They were as follows:

O’Reilly: Conservation Committee, Police Commission, Emergency Management, and Open Space Committee.

Iocovozzi: Planning Board, Board of Fire Engineers, Recreation, Open space Committee, and Cemetery Committee.

Stuart: Historic District Committee, Budget Committee, and Highway Safety.

Chairman O’Reilly made a motion to appoint Iocovozzi as the Chairman, Board of Selectmen; second by Stuart. Iocovozzi recused himself from the vote. Vote 2-0.

Time was taken to review expiring terms of office within the Town and the appointments that would be needed to fill the positions.

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 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Newcomer
Administrative Assistant