

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 19, 2007
6:30 pm Town Hall

Preliminary

Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Present: Chairman O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, AA Beatrice Marconi, Building Inspector Charlie Smart, George Fletcher, Jean Bowser, Jim Noseworthy, Larry Wahl, Barbara McDonald, and Rick (@7:15) and Doreen Stern.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes - Selectman Iocovozzi asked that the minutes of March 5 be tabled until next meeting. Selectman Stuart moved to table til next meeting, Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Generator Timing Switch – Town Hall

Charlie Smart spoke of the estimates he got for this project. Maldini was \$435.00 while Southworth Milton was \$1,142. ***Selectman Stuart moved to accept Maldini's bid on the job of installing a timing switch on the Town Hall Generator as recommended by Charlie Smart not to exceed \$450 with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.***

Drainage Issue – Nimble Hill – SWAMP

Both Larry Wahl and Jim Noseworthy spoke to this issue indicating that it has been discussed and planned for in the last three years yet no progress has been made. It was all set up with SWAMP and the Fire Dept to burn the phragmites last year. SWAMP has given the town three options to alleviate this problem. Partially due to costs, partially due to the permitting process, it slipped by.

Selectman Iocovozzi spoke to attempting to keep the costs down and phasing the work. This type of plant must be killed, however, successful killing can only be done at a time certain. Larry strongly stated that surge rocks had to be strategically placed to prevent erosion. Jim stated that the stagnant water last year caused a hazard. The Board discussed the permitting and so noted that in SWAMP's proposal, it calls for them to proceed with that. In the end it was suggested that the Board contact SWAMP and invite them to the meeting slated for April 2 to speak to the options and needs. Meanwhile the AA was asked to set up dialog between the Fire Dept and SWAMP to get the burn process started. Selectman Stuart emphasized that this project has delayed to long.

Borings at Transfer Station

The Board will address this issue at a later date after Selectman Iocovozzi converses with the DES on its necessity. Mr. Wahl added that he had heard the buried debris was between Arboretum and the fence.

Newsletter

A newsletter will be drafted and sent to the residents shortly after Town meeting (which was postponed until March 24.)

Town Violation of RSA 673:7

Chairman O'Reilly stated that it was recently brought to the Board's attention that the Town was in violation of RSA 673:7 (having two members on both the Planning Board and Conservation Commission at the same time). The AA had been in contact with the NHMA who indicated that we were in fact in violation and suggested the Selectmen send notification out to not only the 2 members involved but the 2 boards as well. The Selectmen signed the letter and designated it to be sent out certified immediately to Vincent Frank and Margaret Lamson **through a motion from Selectman Stuart to do so – Cosmas Iocovozzi seconding motion passed 3-0.** Barbara McDonald introduced RSA 36 A:3 however this RSA did not address the issue at hand.

911 ALI Data Base Liaison

Selectman Stuart moved to appoint Chief Roy Greenleaf as Primary and Planner Tom Morgan as Secondary 911 ALI Data Base Liaisons for the Town for the State of NH Dept of Safety – Emergency Services. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- An e-mail from Sue Smith of 405 Newington Road was received by the Board indicating her concern with liability with motorized vehicles passing over the basketball court in South Newington. She also mentioned that she hopes the Town will not install lighting there. She suggests signage be placed indicating for ball play only (wheeled apparatus prohibited) and hours of operation listed. After much discussion as to whether the Recreation Committee should be involved in signage or not, the Board suggested *Selectman Stuart take the lead on this issue and come up with suggested verbiage.*
- Chairman O'Reilly read a thank you card from the Girl Scouts for use of the town facilities.

Town Facilities Use Applications

Town Facilities Use Applications: Town Hall Audi – 5/13/07- Fund Raiser Show and Brunch- Great Bay Red Cross
Seabreezes – Town Hall Audi – Meeting – Apr 13 – 6:00pm
Girl Scouts – May 11 – Town Hall Audi + Kit – Movie Night – 6pm -9
Girl Scouts – June 2-3 – Sleep over – Town Hall Audi & kit – 1pm(Sat) – 8am(Sunday)
Selectman Stuart moved to approve with fee waived the above requests. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Town Forest

Chairman of the Board of Selectman O'Reilly reported that he and planner Tom Morgan met with Simone Masse regarding the deed for the Town Forest. He felt that soon we would have one in an acceptable format to forward on to the FAA for final approval. He also noted that there is an agreement with the City of Portsmouth which addresses the water rights.

A status report on the Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge impending threat of closure will be brought to the Board at their next meeting.

Barbara McDonald asked why the Town wants to accept Nimble Hill Road from the State. Selectman Iocovozzi explained that the gate was a big concern and if the State owned Nimble, perhaps that gate would be opened up for increased vehicular passage. He added that the State won't put weight limits on the road. Nimble is a major thoroughfare. He felt there was a warrant article regarding this issue a few years ago. This is a long standing issue and was discussed, and tossed into the deal with Shattuck, to give us more time. We got the State to put in a School driveway. Rick Stern asked if the Warrant Article specified 'road certain'. Jim Noseworthy felt a traffic count was in order. Selectman Stuart felt there are times when it would be beneficial to have the gate open.

Chairman O'Reilly suggested we research the following:

- 1). What exactly was voted on for Nimble Hill acceptance
- 2). What type (if any), roads the Selectmen can accept were specified in the vote years ago?
- 3). What has to happen to accept nimble Hill and Shattuck Way?
- 4). Perhaps the Town should consider having a traffic count done.

Discussion then lead to the Trickey Cove area near Gosling and traffic flow. As the project nears, the flow will be decided and posted.

The Spaulding Turnpike plan was briefly discussed the Mr. Noseworthy asking about the set up of the area in the vicinity of the former drive in. As Selectman Iocovozzi explained, the plans are not in their final state and are subject to change once again.

Being no further business before the Board, Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 7:52pm with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion pass 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant