

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Newington Town Hall
March 20, 2006

Present: Chairman Iocovozzi, Selectman O'Reilly, Selectman Stuart, Admin Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Jean Bowser, Peggy Lamson, Lisa Zhe, Roy Greenleaf, Dennis Cote, Ruth Fletcher, George Fletcher, Alfred Smith, Vincent Frank, Charlie Smart, Dennis Acton, Barbara McDonald, Laura Coleman, Rick Stern, and Chris Bellemare.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Iocovozzi opened the meeting at 6:37pm.

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the meeting minutes from February 6, 2006. **Chairman Iocovozzi seconded** the motion. Selectman O'Reilly abstained due to the fact that he was not present. Roll call vote 2-0, **motion passed**. **Selectman O'Reilly moved** to approve the meeting minutes from March 6, 2006 (public & non-public-*not sealed*) . **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart**. Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed**.

Dennis Cote Assistant Fire Chief wanted to know when the doors at the Fire Station would be finished and he also wanted to know who would sign the contract for the purchase of the new Fire Truck. **Selectman O'Reilly moved** to have the Chairman sign the lease agreement to reserve the fire truck. **Selectman Stuart seconded** the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed**.

Dennis Cote asked when the decision of who would get the job would be made. The Board of Selectmen wanted to review the two bid proposals and take a look at what all needs to be done before making their decision.

Old Town Hall Updates

Charlie Smart the Building Inspector gave a report on replacing the doors at Fox Point. Mr. Smart stated that after talking with Rick StLaurent and Larry Haas that it would be best to replace the doors instead of repairing them. The Board of Selectmen would like Charlie to get prices for this and get back to them.

Charlie also gave an overview of propane options for Old Town Hall and stated that the best deal was a five-year agreement with Eastern. The Board of Selectmen stated that they would look at both contract proposals from Hartman and Eastern.

Charlie Smart then spoke of replacing the windows in the Old Town Hall and stated that to replace twelve windows would be \$17,500.00. The old windows have to be mitigated due to the lead and asbestos. Per Charlie there is enough money saved so that a new roof could be done amongst other things without having to do a change order. They do come with screens. Charlie was directed to proceed ahead with windows and new roof.

Charlie wanted to discuss the water line. Charlie hoped that at the end of the project that there will be enough money to cover the line. Mr. Smart wanted to make sure that the Board knew that the water tap was not included in the final cost, which is \$8,611.00. Chairman Iocovozzi felt as if this cost was too high and asked that Mr. Smart try to get them to come down.

Charlie stated that with the heating system comes a unit for air conditioning coils and piping. So if an air conditioner is wanted later all that has to be added is a compressor and main unit.

Charlie asked the Board if they saw anything in the sample Trenching Permit that he provided. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that they wanted this for comparison.

Contaminated Soil

Peggy Lamson, Chairman of the Conservation Commission addressed the Board of Selectmen on this issue. Peggy stated that she would like Chairman Iocovozzi to attend the Conservation meeting on Tuesday, March 21. She went on to say that she is upset that the Chairman did not timely let the Conservation Committee know that NH DOT is impacting 625 square feet of wetlands in order to put contaminated soil in the median. Mrs. Lamson then stated that if she would have known this soil was contaminated she would have insisted it not be taken back. Peggy then stated that she informed the NH DOT that the Conservation Committee would be meeting on April 6, 2006 and they would then review the application. The Selectmen stated that they found out about the dirty dirt from the Newspaper, then started asking questions. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that once he receives all/more of the information and permit copies, he'll forward it on to them. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that if NH DOT is given a permit, they can basically do as the please as the DES is the primary decision maker. Vincent Frank stated that he feels that the town should be concerned with where the contaminated soil came from. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that as soon as the information is provided this issue will be taken care of. The Board will take care of it once all the facts are in and legal advice is received if deemed necessary. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to have the Selectmen's Rep to the Conservation Comm to enter into any agreement with them at their meeting tomorrow without having to come back to the Board even if it involved legal action. Legal or non legal but without hysterics. Motion Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.**

Landscaping on the New Town Hall

Beatrice Marocni stated that John Newick would like to know if the Board would like him to come up with a plan to replace the destroyed shrubs in front of the town hall. Selectman O'Reilly said no due to the fact that John does not specialize in that. We have money budgeted for an landscape architect to analyze other bldgs plants too.

Sears Donations

Chairman Iocovozzi stated there should be a public hearing to accept the donation from Sears in the amount of \$912.00 and stated it would be held Monday April 3.

Newington Energy

The Board indicated that Tom Morgan from Planning and the Sewer Commission and Conservation Commission now all are forming check lists to ensure all aspects of the project have been met before releasing the bond held in Escrow which has been requested to be released. Peg Lamson of the Conservation Commission spoke of the landscaping concerns and the Chair asked that she forward this info to the Planner who will coordinate the list. A site walk was suggested, however date is not set at this time, however Tom will also coordinate that.

Town Hall Use

Selectmen O'Reilly made a motion to approve the Docents (NO FEE), Brock bridal shower, Newington Historical Society (NO FEE), Seabreezes (NO FEE), Air Force Sergeants – Grove (NO FEE), **All were seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed. Selectman Stuart made a motion** to approve the Seacoast Wind Ensemble. **Motion seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Selectman O'Reilly abstained. Roll call vote 2-0, motion passed.**

Emergency Management

The grant paperwork to replace the existing generator for Town Hall needs a signature. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to have the Chairman Iocovozzi sign the grant in the amount of \$14,572.50. **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.**

Easter Egg Hunt/Lights at Tennis Court

Cos Iocovozzi said that more than likely, the lights for the Tennis Court could be purchased from the money in Capital Reserve. Regarding the Easter Egg Hunt, Beatrice was asked to let Charlie know to instruct Careno Construction to tape off construction site.

Cemetery Request for Work Shop

The Board would like the Cemetery Committee to meet as a group to discuss issues. Laura Coleman was there and the Committee will get back to us.

New Business – APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Selectman Stuart made a motion to appoint Selectman O'Reilly as the new Board of Selectmen Chairman. **Chairman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Roll call vote 2-0, motion passed.**

Public Comment

Barbara McDonald stated there was a waiving of permit fees for Wilcox Industries. Chairman O'Reilly stated that this had something to do with the Matrix Building in exchange for land for Shattuck Way.

Selectman Stuart brought up having a public hearing meeting in regards to the Mott house. Beatrice will see if April 10th is free from all other meetings.

Barbara McDonald stated that she heard it through the grapevine that there was a complaint to the Moderator on Election Day of 'racketeering' in the building. She was corrected as it was thought she meant 'electioneering'. The Board informed her that she should take this up with Ruth Fletcher the Moderator.

Chris Bellemare wanted to know if there was something more that would be done to the broken windows other than just boarding them up at the Carriage House. Dennis Acton stated that there is significant work that has to be done to the windows and that this is just a temporary fix.

Alfred Smith read a letter from his wife Sue Smith in regards to an article written by Lisa Zhe about Newington salaries.

Selectman Stuart made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Motion seconded Selectman Iocovozzi. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Being that there was no further discussion before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant