

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2008 6:30pm
Town Hall

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Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:35pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Chairman Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Building Inspector Charlie Smart, Fire Engineer Ruth Fletcher, Treasurer George Fletcher – *Selectman O'Reilly arrived at 7:05pm from meeting in Portsmouth with our Reps.*

Meeting House Bids – MMR came in at \$ 74,585 plus requested 40 to 50% contingency. This bid did not include the straightening of the tower. Haas bid came in at \$123,970 for total project. Selectman Iocovozzi moved to table until next meeting when the BI can be there to answer questions after they have had a chance to review the bids.

Fire Station Asbestos Removal & Tile Replacement – Fire Engineer, Ruth Fletcher was there to address the issue. The areas to address are 13 x 13 and 13 x 17. This is the radio room and kitchen. The communications equipment needs to be moved. Selectman Iocovozzi asked if the estimate provided for budget purposes covered the portable racks. Ms. Fletcher answered yes. Charlie will work with the Chief and will report back after formal bids are submitted.

Old Town Hall Ramp – Bids from Coastal Remodeling (*\$6,000 plus \$ 1,000 for lighting*) and Hass (*ranged from \$23,460 to \$37,575*) were reviewed. ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the Coastal Remodeling bid of \$6,000 not to exceed \$7,000. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 2 to 0.*** Building Inspector Smart asked the Board to consider a cap of \$ 10,000 for ball rail protection around the structure, however they felt that any additional funds needed could come out of the bldg maintenance line.

YMCA 2008 Summer Contract – Eight week program, Monday thru Thursday, participant fee went from \$200 to \$300 with a cap of \$600 from families. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the YMCA contract not to exceed \$ 27,754. (1/2 due now).*** ***Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*** A rebate will be credited to the second half payment if less than 27 children attend.

Fox Point Well House - ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the Coastal Remodeling's proposal of replacement of the Fox Point Pump House not to exceed \$4,250. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.***

Curtailing of Spending-The Selectmen asked the AA to draft a letter to departments, committees, etc, asking them to postpone purchasing all items costing \$2,500 or more until the tax money begins to roll in.

Town Facilities Use Applications

Seabreazes-Apr 12-Town Hall Audi- 6:00pm until 8:00pm – Dick Rines
United Way Road Race – June 19 – Map Attached -
NH Labor Dept – TH Audi – May 7th – 8:00am – Noon – (We are Hosting)
Girl Scouts – May 16 – TH Audi – Movie Night – 4pm until 9 pm
Border & Custom Protection – March 27 – 8:30am til 1:00 – TH Audi
Portsmouth Soccer Club – TH Audi – June 8 – 4pm til 8pm – meeting – 150 people

On a motion by Selectman O'Reilly, (second by Selectman Iocovozzi) the above requests were granted, fee waived. Motion passed 3/0. Anne Lynch represented the United Way (Road Race) and will provide a letter from Thermo granting approval to park at their facility and a Certificate of Insurance. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to donate the \$25.00 special event fee to United Way. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3/0.***

Selectman O'Reilly reported on the meeting he attended earlier this evening in Portsmouth with our Representatives on Coalition issues. The Governor has vowed to veto any bills coming across his desk that continues donor towns. The Constitutional Amendment is being voted on Wednesday. Jack asked the Reps to keep Newington's needs in mind when gathering.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi the chair for the next year. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 2/0.

The Board will hold a non public on March 31 (employee matters) in addition to a meeting to discuss the Meeting House renovations.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 7:34pm. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3/0 on a roll call vote.

Respectively Submitted,

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