

**Newington Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

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**April 15, 2002  
Newington Town Hall  
6:30 p.m.**

Monday, April 15, 2002  
6:30 p.m. – *Call to Order*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

**In attendance:** Dale Spainhower, Assistant Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf. John Welch, Chris Cross, George Fletcher, BOS Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, BOS members Jack O'Reilly and Jan Stuart, and AA Susan Newcomer.

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of April 1, 2002
2. Jack Pare – Meetinghouse Bell
3. John Welch –
  - a. Iron Rail Estimate - Library
  - b. Chimney Estimate - Library
4. Fire Department Communications
  - a. Request for release of new section
  - b. Fire detection device installation
  - c. (L. Wahl) Public Safety Project-NewingtonEnergy LLC
5. Appointments & Resignations
6. Signature Folder/Approvals
  - A. Rockingham Planning Commission Dues
  - B. Hart Plumbing and Heating proposal approval
  - C. Misc. Publications
  - D. Misc. Letters
7. Town Hall Use
8. Proposals (Hart Plumbing and Heating)
9. Conferences and Workshops
10. Miscellaneous (attached addendum)

Minutes: BOS Chairman Iocovozzi asked that the minutes of April 1, 2002 be read. Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Jack Pare was not in attendance. The Meetinghouse Bell discussion was tabled until Pare is present.

Iron Rail Estimate – Library

Estimates for an iron rail, to be installed at the Library, were reviewed. BOS member O'Reilly noted that the Historic District Commission (HDC) had approved the designs and that Peter Happney's estimate was first choice.

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Chairman Iocovozzi noted that the estimate was for \$850.00 installed and that a 1/3 deposit was required. O'Reilly made a motion to accept the bid from Happney in the amount of \$850.00; second by BOS member J. Stuart. Chairman Iocovozzi asked Welch to have Happney invoice the Town for the 1/3 deposit. Vote carried 3-0.

Chimney Estimate - Library

Iocovozzi reviewed an estimate for chimney repairs, submitted by Merri-Sweep, in detail. It was noted that the total invoice would be reduced by \$500 if the Fire Department could supply a ladder truck or bucket to get to the chimney. O'Reilly noted that he thought the black stainless option was the best and that B. Hart mentioned that the price was reasonable. There was discussion regarding the positive response to references, if regular or black stainless was best, and how long the Fire apparatus would be needed. Iocovozzi asked Welch to have Merri-Sweep call Assistant Fire Chief Greenleaf to discuss equipment details.

O'Reilly made a motion to accept Merri-Sweep's estimate for \$2321.00 for a chimney liner and two stainless steel caps; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Dock Supplies:

John Welch requested to purchase fenders and ten (10) 9" balls for the docks. Welch thought the complete job could be done for \$260 - \$265, depending on the labor that could be mustered. O'Reilly asked if Welch could get an exact price, but Welch said the job would depend on the labor, and cleats needed to be drilled. J. Stuart asked if the \$500 that had been appropriated for Fox Point would help, but Welch mentioned that other work needed to be done, such as driveway repairs and a drainage berm. Welch further noted that the sooner the drainage is fixed, the less it will cost.

Chairman Iocovozzi asked Welch to call AJ Hartford about a grader. J. Stuart made a motion to accept the purchase of fenders and balls, not to exceed \$275.00; second by O'Reilly. Vote carried 3-0.

**Fire Department Communications**

Request for release of new section:

Chairman Iocovozzi noted that at the last Board of Fire Engineers (BOFE) meeting, the Board welcomed Leslie Brock as a new BOFE member and read a letter that was received from the Engineers requesting release of the new section of the building for use by the Fire Department. O'Reilly asked for a breakdown of the sequence of work to be completed and mentioned that two (2) bunkrooms had to be in use at all times during construction.

O'Reilly made a motion to accept the BOFE's request with the stipulation that two (2) bunk rooms had to be in use at all times; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

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Fire Detection Device Installation:

A notice received from the Fire Department that detailed the installation and testing of fire detection devices was read. There was no discussion and it was noted that the document was part of the requirement in the approval process for the release of the new section of the building.

(L. Wahl) Public Safety Project-NewingtonEnergy LLC:

Chairman Iocovozzi read a letter from Fire Chief Larry Wahl requesting that he maintain his position as consultant to the public safety project at NewingtonEnergy. Wahl said that, although he is retiring, he feels he owes it to the Town to keep the project consistent. O'Reilly made a motion to accept Wahl's request, providing that funding be paid by the developer; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Appointments & Resignations:

Chairman Iocovozzi reminded the BOS that the BOFE has autonomy to select an individual to fill a BOFE vacancy. Greenleaf read a Town Meeting article that gave the BOFE the right to fill a vacancy when Iocovozzi asked if the Town had ever voted on such an article.

Chairman Iocovozzi made a motion to accept the resignation of Highway Safety Commissioner Clifford Abbott; second by O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

Signature Folder/Approvals

A motion was made by Iocovozzi to pay the 2002 Rockingham Planning Commission dues; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Iocovozzi made a motion to table the purchase of the book "Cross-Grained and Wily Waters" for resale; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Iocovozzi made a motion to table the purchase of the valuation sampler because the appraisers were likely to have the information needed; second by O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

J. Stuart made a motion to accept the bid submitted, and sell to R. Greenleaf, the Thule racking system in the amount of \$200; second by O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

O'Reilly made a motion to expend \$56.90 plus shipping, as requested in a letter from HDC Chairman B. Hill, for the USS Texas Flag box; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Iocovozzi was reminded to call Carol Murray of the Department of Transportation regarding the issues at the Bloody Point Station.

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Town Hall Use:

A motion was made by O'Reilly to approve use of the Town Hall and waive the fee for the Newington School Supporters May 4<sup>th</sup> Hoe Down, pending Fire Department approval of the function (signature required of Assistant Fire Chief R. Greenleaf after he calls H. Maldini for details); second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A motion was made by O'Reilly to approve use of the Town Hall and waive the fee for Ceiliac Sprue; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A motion was made by O'Reilly to approve use of the Town Hall and waive the fee for W. Sweeney for a secret town-wide function (Mailman); second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Hart Plumbing and Heating:

The remaining items on R. Hart's proposal for the Old Stone School were tabled and it was agreed that O'Reilly would review the contents with Hart for future discussion.

Conferences and Workshops:

On a 3-0 vote, it was agreed to allow AA Newcomer to attend an NHMA Health Benefit Administrator workshop at Yokens on May 1.

A Primex workshop and a workshop for a fitness coordinator were tabled.

A workshop that is held frequently by the Department of Environmental Services (DES) was tabled until a new transfer station attendant is hired.

Exit 4 and Exxon Issues:

Chris Cross took the floor to discuss Exit 4 and asked if Town Planner T. Morgan could check on the "No Right Turn" sign that should be located in Exxon's driveway.

Cross asked the Selectmen if they thought the Town would be willing to come up with the money for installation of water and sewer on the Exit 4 construction between 2001-2004 so that the road would not need to be dug up for future needs. J. O'Reilly said it would be cheaper to install the water and sewer during construction, but questioned who should pay—the Sewer Department or the Town. There was further discussion relative to the receipt of money from the property owners who would request the services, and the timing of their payments.

The BOS agreed to meet with the Sewer Commission to discuss the matter further. Cross will inform the State that the BOS are considering installation of water and sewer during construction and will inquire about the installation of fire hydrants and utility lines.

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Fox Point Group:

George Fletcher asked the Selectmen about the status of the Fox Point group that requested the cutting of trees. J. O'Reilly said the issue is tabled until the Conservation Commission completes their review. The BOS will send a letter to the group with reference to the June Conservation Commission meeting.

Fire Department proposal for additional repair work:

D. Spainhower discussed the breakdown and proposal on the additional work that needs to be done at the Fire Department, which did not include the asbestos removal, flooring, or electrical work. Iocovozzi asked how much work needed to be done and O'Reilly recommended acquiring several proposals with breakdowns for individual rooms.

It was recommended by Iocovozzi that carpeting proposals be incorporated with the proposals that have been done for the Town Hall.

Assistant Fire Chief Greenleaf mentioned that June would be the best time to start asbestos and boiler work and O'Reilly agreed that June would be better with the receipt of Tax Revenue as well.

Iocovozzi and Spainhower discussed that the work would be done during work hours and that prices were needed for a fire-rated metal door. O'Reilly recommended that the Building Inspector be contacted in regards to a building permit.

Firefighter Interviews:

Greenleaf said Firefighter interviews are scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Iocovozzi was invited to sit as the Selectmen's rep as an observer only. Iocovozzi declined the invitation and said the Fire Department knows what they need, but the BOS would appreciate an invitation to sit on the Fire Chief interviews.

Miscellaneous:

The water fountain at the tennis court needs repair. AA Newcomer will call a plumber.

Tennis Court repairs were tabled, as was the repair of the tennis court gate.

A report was read from BI Smart regarding the integrity of the gazebo at the school. A copy of the letter will be sent to resident D. Sweeney, who inquired.

Inquiries regarding gravel were discussed. B. Beals remains authorized to issue one 7-yard load per resident with all payments due to the equipment operator.

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Options of repairs or replacement of the Laser Printer in the Selectmen's office was discussed. It was decided to run the printer for now and continue to price shop.

Planner Morgan will be consulted regarding proposals to repair the window in the BI's office.

The SAU office and ADP will be contacted regarding proposals on employment security services.

A carpet workshop will be scheduled after all carpeting proposals have been attained.

The State Wage and Salary Survey form will be completed so that the Town will receive the final results for comparatives.

Transfer Station Rules will be reviewed at a BOS workshop.

Selectmen Stuart will coordinate a Yard Sale for school and fire department items. Items will be inventoried and organized.

L. Thomas will pick up the bus stop station, located at the corner of Fox Point and Little Bay Road, and dispose of it at the Transfer Station.

Iocovozzi made a motion to appoint D. Spinney as Forest Warden; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0. A confirmation letter will be sent to the State.

Iocovozzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Newcomer  
Administrative Assistant