

**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
April 16, 2001 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS), Chairman Christopher Cross (C), Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi (I), & John (Jack) O'Reilly (R); also, Executive Assistant (EA) Robert M. Belmore.

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Motion by R, second by I to accept the meeting minutes of 4/02/01 with one correction – Change Chairman who opened the meeting to Cross (not O'Reilly). Motion passed, 3-0 vote.

- The Board met with highway supervisor Len Thomas and discussed several issues including employee pay raises, garbage collection costs & procedure, and the present town 10-ton road weight limit. The Board told Thomas *not* to accept any brush as part of the curbside collection and asked Belmore to do a flyer that Thomas could place at the home with the rejected yard refuse bags. The Board also told Thomas that it was Town policy *not* to replace or fix mailboxes damaged by town plowing unless it involved a health or medical situation. The Board asked Thomas if he had any concern with the Board accepting Mott Cove Road, Thomas said he had no concerns.
- The Board reviewed reports submitted by the tax collector and treasurer. The Board considered a request from the treasurer to meet on Wednesday, April 25th. All BOS members were not available; therefore they set Saturday, April 28th, 9a.m. as a workshop date.
- The Board met with Terri Spinney to discuss renewing the YMCA Summer Program with the Town. Motion by Selectman O'Reilly, second by Selectman Iocovozzi to authorize T. Spinney to negotiate an agreement on behalf of the Board for this coming year, motion carried 3-0 vote.
- T. Spinney informed the Board that the School Board had decided to discontinue the school's use of the town's van due to liability concerns. She said the school will be pursuing a proposal for next year's budget. She also mentioned the school candidate open house to be held the next evening.
- Police Chief Stimson discussed several issues with the board including work proposals for the second floor of the police station and the PD's setting up a toll booth on River Road.
- The Board discussed the planning board/BOA secretary's pay. The Chairman will ask for a recommendation from the planning board before the Board makes any decision on it.

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1. The Board deferred approving the Verizon Pole License until language on taxation could be reviewed for inclusion.
2. The Board approved several resident tax abatements due to residents moving out of town.
3. The Board approved a Recreational Agreement with the City of Portsmouth as reviewed by town attorney Peter Loughlin.
4. The Selectmen approved several town hall facility use agreements.
5. The Board signed several reappointment forms. The BOS also voted 3-0 to reappoint Phil Toomire to the Highway Safety Committee.
6. The Board deferred acting on a veteran's tax exemption until further military service information was obtained from the applicant.

Bids

1. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to award work to the second floor of the police station to Guy Young based on his 3/16/2001 proposal (first 5 items only in phase I) at a cost of \$21,934.
2. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to Guy Young's 4-16-01 dated proposal for work to the Library at a cost of \$4,700.
3. The Board deferred action on the proposed work to the fire station and Meeting House windows.
4. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to award the annual town lawn maintenance contract to Grounds Care Unlimited, inc. at a cost of \$19,000.

New Business & Correspondence

1. Motion by I, second by R, 3-0 vote to send a letter of support to REDC (Rockingham Economic Development Corporation) as requested by the executive director.
2. Selectman O'Reilly suggested the Board authorize a donation to help support the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, *The Wall That Heals*. The Board decided not to.
3. The Board reviewed several other correspondence items.
4. The Board acknowledged that Belmore (Memo) was working on a grant application for Emergency Management (FEMA/OEM) reimbursement funds for the March Blizzard.

Old Business

1. The Board set May 6, 2001 at 6:30 for a Public Hearing to consider the acceptance of Mott Cove Road as a town road.
2. The Board discussed the town-wide property revaluation planning process.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Belmore