

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Newington Town Hall

preliminary

May 1, 2006

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chairman O'Reilly, Selectman Stuart, Selectman Iocovozzi, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Brian Haberstroh, Matt Morton, George Fletcher, Barbara McDonald, Jean Bowser, Mark Phillips, Chris Bellmare, Laura Coleman, Gail Pare, Keith Frizzell, Sue Daigle, and Mrs. Young.

The minutes of April 17 (public & non-public) and April 22 2006 were moved by Selectman Jan Stuart for approval – seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi – motion passed

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the appointments of Laura Coleman as the Sewer Treasurer, Ruth Fletcher as the Sewer Commission Clerk, Leonard Thomas as the Town Road Agent, Chief Tretter and Chief Greenleaf as head of the Emergency Management and Theresa Tomlinson as the Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector and Ralph Estes on the BOA. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Emergency Management Plan

This was signed by the Board of Selectmen.

Vapor Recovery System

Selectman Iocovozzi reported on the Vapor Recovery System. He stated that Jacques Whitford recommended that the system at the Town Garage be dismantled and that they would do it at no cost.

Waterline Cemetery Report

Selectman Iocovozzi stated that a new line is needed. The idea is to tie in with the City of Portsmouth and join multiple buildings together with lines about 18 inches below the ground. Selectman Stuart suggested bringing this issue up at the cemetery workshop.

Mott House

Beatrice Marconi spoke with various attorneys who stated that the Board of Selectmen did have avenues they could take to tear the Mott House down, however given the history they urged the town to wait until town meeting and call for a vote. Brian Habestroh asked what happened at the April 25th Mott House Meeting. Chairman O'Reilly gave a briefed overview of what was discussed and that the consensus was to not spend \$12,000 to \$15,000 for an engineering study. The majority felt it should come down because of its condition.

Laura Coleman stated that in 2003 or 2004 there was a Warrant Article that went before the people for demolition and that it was voted not to demolish. The town's AA noted that the demolition part of the warrant article was revised – removing the word demolish – and that it was the amendment that was voted on and passed.

Mark Phillips addressed the audience by stating that it is impossible to ask the Board of Selectmen to get the cost of repair of the Mott House if we don't know the proposed use of the building. He went on to mention a salvage company that we should contact regarding removal of it when we get to that point.

After much discussion the Board decided to table this item and get further information in writing.

George Fletcher- IRS

George Fletcher stated that he would not sign the form IRS 8038-G given to him in regards to the new Fire Truck financing package which required financial information from the Town.

Chairman O'Reilly then read it aloud and asks if he should sign now or wait. George Fletcher gave him a figure for line 14 then added that he feels as if it is the responsibility of the Selectmen to sign and not his. Selectmen Iocovozzi then stated that that was fine and that the Board of Selectmen would sign it.

George Fletcher then expressed his concern with the bills being paid for the construction at the Old Town Hall. George Fletcher stated that the Town paid for bottled water for the Careno construction workers as well as gas for three vehicles. George went on to say that there is no break down and that the town's people do not know what they are paying for. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that it would cost much more to get an itemized bill and that just about all contractors give a lump sum total for jobs and pay as percent is done because of the contract is set up as design/build.

Barbara McDonald stated that taxpayers have a right to know where their money is going. Chris Bellmare concurred.

Building Inspector Charlie Smart – Clerk of the Works for this project - came in to answer questions that George had. Charlie stated that the fuel portion of the bill was actually mileage costs as required in the contract. Water is required to be on site with the workers at all times per OSHA requirements. Chairman O'Reilly then viewed the invoice and noted that the costs for water were \$ 5.00. He also noted that there was back-up attached to each invoice, however George wanted more detail ie: for paint costs, how many gallons were used, how many hours did it take to complete and how many painters were used to complete that phase. Charlie added that he reviews each invoice and inspects the work practically on a daily basis. It was decided that George was to meet with the builder to get his questions answered. Charlie will notify Careno of George's request and set up a meeting for him.

George then discussed Warrant Articles for TANs and stated he was concerned as the lending agency required a copy of the Warrant Article from the Town Report that authorized the Selectmen to act as agents if necessary to borrow. He stated he had to research several years to find it and strongly felt it should go before the people annually. Selectman Stuart said that the requirement had changed and that a vote was taken previously authorizing the Selectmen to have this ability annually without vote. Barbara McDonald then stated that George was correct and that it was so written in the 'Knowing the Territory' book given out by the Local Government Center training. Barbara could not put her hands on it immediately. The Board stated that they would dig out the law requirement and find when the Town adopted this and get back to George.

Correspondences

Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to sign the Wet Land Permit for the Asia restaurant area on Shattuck Way. **Selectman Stuart seconded motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Charlie Smart gave a brief overview on the Wastrom Brick estimates on multiple town buildings. There was a discussion on which building was more important. **Selectman Iocovozzi then made a motion** to contract with Wastrom for the work on the Library (\$2200.00) and the Meeting House (\$2765.00). **Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Town Hall Use

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the use of the Town Hall by: Girl Scout Troop 313, Rockingham Planning Commission, Thermo Electron (Must bus attendants), and Holly Spinney. **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed**

Elderly Exemptions

Selectman Stuart made a motion to approve Vincent Frank and Julia Beals for elderly exemptions. **Chairman O'Reilly seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Barbara McDonald addressed the Board in regards to the Landscape issue but her voice was distant and other conversation began so it was hard to get the facts of this conversation.

Laura Coleman spoke again emphasizing what she stated earlier about the Mott House and she just wants the Board to give the Town the facts and understand where she is coming from.

Selectman Stuart made a motion to adjourn. **Motion seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Being that there were no further discussion before the Board the meeting was adjourn at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant