

**Newington NH Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 3, 2010
6:00pm - Town Hall**

Chr. Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi and Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Town Planner Tom Morgan, Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Smart, Road Agent Len Thomas, Conservation Commission Chairman Justin Richardson and member Peg Lamson, Cemetery Trustee Rick Stern, Doreen Stern, Chris Cross, Brian Haberstroh, and Tom Rossi of the Rec Committee, Cemetery Trustee Cliff Abbott and Jack Anderson.

C.I.P.: Planner Tom Morgan came to the Board to discuss their thoughts on projects that could fall under the Capital Improvement Program. (must be over \$ 5,000 and not be a maintenance sort of job). Several areas in need were discussed. Below are some of the highlights. • Patterson Ln Boat Ramp – will not be part of the CIP process at this time– no parking – Len to put up a Jersey barrier until Engineer makes recommendation. •Cider Mill - Justin Richardson told the Board that DES has a restoration fund for properties near wetlands and we may qualify for a \$25,000 grant. (Conservation Fund may help too if town wants to buy it). Or, he added, another use could be that area converted to a parking area as conservation land is all around it. Chr. Stuart felt with that intersection, that could be a problem. •Stone School – Board suggested a Cap Reserve be established for work 5 years out. •Mott Pond Drainage. (Revisit Mott project) •Fire Station Parking Lot Correcting the crest. It was suggested that a site walk be scheduled to prioritize. •Town Forest trail development. (BOS feels this should be referred to Conservation Comm). •Regarding the Bike Path, perhaps the Air Pollution Mitigation fund may contribute to this project. (\$ 97,000 in fund at present)

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Minute Approval: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of April 19. Seconded and passed.*

Chris Cross Drainage: As the water drains down Nimble Hill Rd, it pools at Chris' stone wall and seasonally freezes. He wants to adjust the shoulder to water will run to the low point and into a pipe which will drain onto his land. He stated he has plans for a second driveway going back 300' which will be partially paved. He has been granted a curb cut. Chr. Stuart suggested a site walk to better understand the situation. Road agent to join. Chris plans on removing 3 stumps and will fill in and rebuild that portion of the wall. When asked if he has the approvals for his requests regarding the driveway from HDC, he said yes. The Selectmen will get back to him on a date for the site walk. His property abuts town property. Ditch will be outside the wall. He also wants to address some branches which are decaying.

Spaulding Bridge Project: Mr. Cross indicated that the State's packets were going out next week and they will have 5 weeks to submit a bid for Phase I. Center bridge. Selectmen will look at the States' sidewalk documents as they come up re maintenance. Chris also indicated that there will now be a roundabout configured at Fox Run Road rather than a closing. Board should review this change. Chris suggested the Board appointing a point person. Board will think about this.

Air Mitigation Fund: Conservation Commission Chairman Justin Richardson told the board that a landscape architect was hired to examine the area where the school land lost 5 main trees. They are working with the school in an effort to plan a vegetation planting in conjunction with school access for the bike path. They would like to utilize the Air Mitigation fund which comes under the Selectmen to pay for the vegetation manager. He also spoke of the cost of the plan and that perhaps that could come under Newington's FEMA Claim.

Fox Point Building Committee: Brian Haberstroh asked the Selectmen if the Fox Point Pavilion Steering Committee could be revitalized. He also asked the Board that when they make committee appointments this time, if they could place proponents of the warrant article as members. Chr. Stuart felt that having a committee of like mind is not a good representation. Brian agreed with that sentiment, however had hoped for fellow members who were on board to seek out concepts for something being built or renovated at Fox Point. Jack Anderson echoed Brian's thoughts. Much discussion occurred. Chr. Stuart stated that over the last few years the tone of the economy had greatly affected various projects in town and for the sake of frugality, size would be a very important consideration. 5 concepts were presented last fall to the Selectmen, however a decision was not made due to economic pressure both on the state and federal levels. The bonding for the new garage was truly a necessity. Jack A. stated that the voice of the people was reflected in the vote at last town meeting to 'not dissolve' the fund. It's up to the people to decide what is built there. The Board noted that prioritizing is an annual event. The budget committee plays an active roll too. Rick Stern voiced his concern about maintenance and said this should be a consideration when voting on a plan to build anything. O'Reilly stated that in a perfect world what the town plans one year, gets accomplished the next. But that isn't always the case. Regarding number of members, 9 or 11 people will be too many. Chr. Stuart stated that around 7 is ideal. In the end, the Selectmen will put out a call for membership in a newsletter. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to send out a new request to form a Fox Point Advisory Volunteer Committee, Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Fox Point Rental House Lease: Chr. Stuart would like to see no increase this year in rent due to the tenants being a good fit. She stated that they told her it cost \$600 per month to heat. Selectman O'Reilly stated that the lease as written was incorrect since it included a deduction for tenant's mowing which is presently done by our highway people. Highway's crew takes 8 hours to mow plus gas and equipment. An outside private company would charge \$4,000 per year. After discussion, ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to charge \$1,100 per month for rent (and exclude mowing clause), Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Roll Call vote – passed 2-0-1 with Selectman Iocovozzi abstaining.***

Tax Office Relocation: We did not receive a revised proposal from the second company, therefore based on past history with the company that did submit a revised proposal, ***Chairman O'Reilly moved to authorize Coastal Remodeling's bid not to exceed \$17,900. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*** The Board estimated that the heat issue will be less than \$5,000.

Fire Warden Appointments Approved:

- Timothy Field
- Roy Greenleaf
- Dale Sylvia
- David Low
- Paul St Cyr
- Andrew Head
- Kenneth Stanley
- Mark Merrill
- Tracy Dudgeon
- Jonathan March

Thomas McQuade – Hold til he returns

Historical District Commission Approved:

- Paul Pelletier

Facility Use Requests:

Old Town Hall – Kerekes – July 17 – Graduation Party – All Day

Old Town Hall – Clark – May 16 – 3:00 til 7:00pm – Church Event – North Star Amezion – Hold til more
Info is gathered

Town Hall Audi – Thermo Fisher – May 11 – 7:30 am til 10:00am – Business Meeting

Town Hall Audi – Piscataqua River Brass – May 23 and Jun 20 and July 8 – 6:30 til 9:30pm – fee waived

Old Town Hall – Sharper Edge Synchronized – end of year banquet – June 5 – all day – fee waived

Misc. Donation: The Board voted to donate \$250 out of Regional Associations Misc to the Gundalow Company.

Selectmen’s Rep to Various Committees:

Jack O’Reilly – Emergency Management and Budget Committee

Cosmas Iocovozzi – Planning Board

Jan Stuart – Historic District Commission and Highway Safety Committee

Guard Rails – Old Dover Road: The Selectmen approved the purchase and installation of a section of guard rail at the Allard site to replace the former railing. \$ 4,300 to come out of the Highway Budget.

On-Line Permitting: Software proposal for Inspections Office. SMS. Enables our inspector to receive digital plans and applications will be available and processed on line for a fee. The Board would like a rep from SMS to come to a meeting and make a formal presentation.

Investment Policy Annual Adoption: *Selectman O’Reilly moved to adopt. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Patterson Lane Boat Ramp: Len Thomas, Road Agent was asked by the Selectmen to place a couple of Jersey Barriers to prohibit use due to its poor condition. The Selectmen thought that River Front Engineers could give us direction on permitting and repair.

Boy Scout Tour: Selectman O’Reilly reported that he met with the Boy Scout representatives and toured various sites in town for their Aug 27 and 28th Air Show Camp Out. They felt the School land along with perhaps the Frizzell land may be able to accommodate all 2,500 to 3,000. Jack will contact the Frizzells.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm and hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant