

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday May 4, 2009
Town Hall 6:30pm

Preliminary

Chr. Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chr. Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Building Inspector Charlie Smart, Library Trustee Dot Noseworthy, Library Dir. Scott Campbell, and Road Agent Len Thomas. *(Selectman Jan Stuart Absent)*

Minute Approval was tabled in the absence of Selectman Jan Stuart.

CLD Grant – Gail Pare

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to authorize \$2,000 for consultation for Bloody Point via this grant and also moved to authorize \$2,400 for consultation for Fox Point Inventory grant work. Chr O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Gail Pare went on to say that this is a 100% reimbursable grant.

Storage Shed request for Meeting House material

Building Inspector, Charlie Smart asked the Board to consider a purchase of a shed to be placed in the Horse Shed for storm windows, etc which would be very helpful. Gail Pare saw no problem with it and would put it before her committee. Selectmen gave Mr. Smart the ok to proceed and get prices.

Library Trees

Scott Campbell, Library Director informed the Board that the Building received some damage from the ice storm and the trees need pruning. Gail Pare of the HDC saw no problem with trimming and felt trimming to protect the building is necessary. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that an arborist should take a look at the situation. Mr. Pace is an arborist and will be called to meet with Dot Noseworthy, and Chr. O'Reilly, Scott and Ms. Pare. Charlie may go as well.

Stone School

Gail Pare of the HDC asked the Board if the National Guard Haz Mat Training unit should, in fact, be utilizing the Stone School for training as she understands it is condemned. Bldg Inspector C. Smart stated that it isn't 'condemned' but stated it doesn't come up to certain safety codes like banisters, wiring, concrete step condition. Chr. O'Reilly informed the Board that the National Guard unit requesting the use changed their mind upon receiving a call from their Head Quarters who stated they received a call that their Portsmouth Unit would be training in a 'condemned' building. Portsmouth National Guard did not want to have to research the issue and felt they would just move their training to another location. As far as access or utilization of the Stone School, it would be for walk thru's or storage only. For walk thru's, they would have to be accompanied by a town official such as the building inspector, custodian or fire chief and the Selectmen need to approve either purpose for access.

Fire Station Conduit from Back Hoe damage last December Charlie informed the Board that LGC's insurance adjuster was on site and took pictures. Conduits need to go in and he wants to move forward on this project and not wait for insurance. Some costs are still unknown like Comcast, Verizon and Alarm costs. The new generator cannot go in until the conduits are installed. Selectman Iocovozzi wanted to know if by fixing the conduits would it compromise the insurance. Charlie will fax contract to Hartmann to put the conduit work in his schedule.

Emergency Management

Single director and deputy vs. co-directors (2). In January, 2009 the Board voted to have a single director. With it being stipend time it is now time to decide if the Deputy position is a stipended position. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to pay the deputy 50% of what the director's stipend is. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion pass 2-0.*

Old Safe, Tractor and Generator

The Board was forwarded an offer on the old generator coming from the Fire Station. After much discussion, both Selectmen decided that we should get the stats on these items and put in paper and or LGC's for sale site. HDC to look at safe.

Old Parsonage Roof

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the Haas proposal – no second. Building Inspector Smart is to contact Haas in an effort to see if there is anything we could do to reduce the costs. Tabled.

Fire Department Boat

Road Agent Thomas asked about the Fire Dept's Rescue Boat which has been out of service for a few years and stored in the Carriage House. Chr. O'Reilly will talk to Chief Greenleaf and if no plans or future funds to fix, the Town may sell as surplus.

Road Side Brush Removal

Road Agent Thomas felt there were another couple of days on brush removal. Has a problem with tractor however that will be fixed shortly.

Meeting House

Building Inspector Smart hopes that the Meeting House renovation project will be complete by July and spoke about the bathroom reconfiguration. It will eliminate a door and get full use of a window. He spoke of the building being painted – will get a price for the Board to consider.

Town Facilities Use Requests

Girl Scouts – Fox Point – June 1 – 3:00 til 5:00 – meeting & ceremony – 16 attendees
Gr.Bay Figure Skating Club – OTH 2nd Fl – May 15 – Beginning at Noon – 33 attendees
Bridge Club – Town Hall Audi while YMCA is at OTH – Jun 29 thr Aug 17 Mondays
DOT May 27 – Town Hall Audi 6:30pm til 9:00pm – Spaulding Project Info Session
Nat. Guard Haz Mat Training – Stone School – *Withdrew request*

Grove & OTH – Tuchman May 16 – Picnic

May 9 – OTH – Bench Ceremony for Library Trustees incase of bad weather

Aug 16 – Fox Point – Stern – no charge for Fox Pt.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve all (and fee waived except Tuchman). Chr O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Charlie Smart informed the Board that there may be need for legal involvement on a current violation and will keep the Selectmen informed if things develop.

Meeting Schedule

With five Mondays in June followed by the July 4th holiday, Chr. O'Reilly suggested we utilize that extra Monday and forego the following due to Independence Day celebrations and possibilities of extra long weekends planned. Selectman Iocovozzi had no objections.

C.O.A.S.T.

As it was left with COAST in March, they were going to analyze the numbers on what it would cost to add a stop on their route for the Newington village area such as Town Hall. Selectman Iocovozzi also stated they would be hearing from our Planning Board. The AA was asked to write a memo to the Planning Board to schedule a meeting with them and COAST, guarantee no funding and to come up with a recommendation for the Selectmen to review.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 7:40pm. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectively Submitted

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant