

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2008
Town Hall 6:30pm

Chr. Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Chr. Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly and Jan Stuart, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Cliff Abbott, Brian Haberstroh, Gail Pare, Doreen and Rick Stern, Chris Bellmare, Peter MacDonald and Keith and Zoey Frizzell at 7:05pm.

Minute Approval

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of March 24, Apr 7, Apr 14, Apr 28. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Stuart moved to approve the minutes of April 21. Chr Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 2/0. (Selectman O'Reilly was absent that meeting)

Fox Point Renovation/Construction Project

Due to the variety of ideas for Fox Point, Chr. Iocovozzi suggested the Board form a committee to narrow the concepts down to 3 or 4 to bring to the table. Selectman Stuart liked the idea of a committee and recommends it be limited to around 5 members with diversity of representation from various boards or committees. Selectman felt around 6 would be sufficient. Hopefully someone from HDC, Rec, Planning, etc. Jack added that it would be a good idea if a Selectman was part of it too. Perhaps members would be willing to travel to see other projects in place in other towns and get information on costs, etc. Brian Haberstroh said that the problem is is that no one really knows what the majority of the Town wants. He felt a steering committee could recommend various concepts, the Board could then analyze them, then hold a public meeting and bring the best forward for public opinion. From there, the Board could get plans and costs for two projects to be presented at Town Meeting for a vote to move forward with one. Chr Iocovozzi felt an informational meeting should be conducted so that the Board could better understand the majority of the town's general wishes. Selectman Stuart said it will be good to narrow the concepts. Selectman O'Reilly felt a time table was necessary and as Brian pointed out, it will be town meeting before we know it and plans take time. Chris Bellmare mentioned that we wouldn't be bonding ahead of time and that we have 3 years to prepare, according to the amended warrant article. A letter will go out to various committees. That committee will have to report back to the Selectmen hopefully in July. The Board will come up with thoughts on the mission of the committee.

Supervisors of the Check List did not have representation at tonight's meeting.

Field Layout – Historic District

A multi-use recreational field proposed layout was discussed with representation from the Rec Committee, Cemetery Committee-Cliff Abbott and Rick Stern; and Historic District Chairman Gail Pare present. The only concern voiced by Ms. Pare was that she had hoped they would cut the size down a bit to save a couple of existing trees. Cliff Abbott agreed. Brian Haberstroh stated that various trees are going to be planted as shade trees for spectators. This will be for soccer, football, ultimate Frisbee and LaCrosse. Recreation hopes to pay for the field construction from the Capital Reserve account. With the amount of gravel on site, Chr. Iovocozi suggested they consider some kind of irrigation in the plan. Justin Richardson mentioned that more than likely there is a great water supply there for a well with the aquifer being so close. An organized group with metal detectors will scour the area for artifacts. Brian H will organize that date. There will be no lighting. Rec will proceed with plans including a well and well house pump and costs for such. The power would come from Old Town Hall. Based on existing funds, it won't be this year. It is more of a leveling than an actual field construction. Cliff Abbott spoke of expansion of the cemetery which

won't be until all the lots are used. There are approximately 1200 available still. Chr. suggested that the Rec consult with an expert to find out what will work and what won't. Chris Bellmare said they will look into grant money for an architect. The Board told them to proceed and to report back with plans and costs. Rick Stern mentioned parking. Chris Bellmare felt it shouldn't be a problem if people use the Stone School area. Perhaps sandwich board signs could be put up on days showing field parking when a function is going on at the Old Town Hall.

Appointments

Recreation Committee: Brian Haberstroh, Sue Carroll, Peter MacDonald, Keith Frizzell, Darryl Brown, and Chris Bellmare – *Moved by Selectman O'Reilly to reappoint for 1 year. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 3-0.*

Peter MacDonald, Chris Bellmare, Keith Frizzell and Brian Haberstroh were administered the Oath of Office by Chr. Iocovozzi and sworn in.

Conservation Commission: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint Michelle Lozuaway for two years, George Fletcher and Margaret Lamson for three years and Justin Richardson for one year. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0*

Dock Master: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint John Frink as Dock Master for 1 year. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Cemetery Committee: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint Charles Brewster to the Cemetery Committee for one year. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Deputy Treasurer: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint Laura Coleman as Deputy Treasurer for one year. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint Theresa Tomlinson as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for one year. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 3/0.*

Historic District Commission: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint Cliff Abbott to the Historic District Commission for one year. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

No votes were taken for Library Trustee Alternates until the Board sees the RSA which governs the formation of such position.

No votes were taken for the Sewer Clerk and Secretary as customarily it is the Sewer Commission's decision.

Old Town Hall Pull Down Screen

The Historical Society would like to have a medium sized pull down screen installed over the stage at Old Town Hall. It will be paid for out of the Louis DeRochemont fund. They mentioned that they may request Town personnel to help with the mounting.

Bin Covers – Town Transfer Station

A bid from Wyman Construction Corp was received in the amount of \$ 11,380 for bin covers at the transfer station. Chr. Iocovozzi felt we should have more than one proposal before acting on it. The AA was to contact Craig Daigle to let him know to seek out more. No vote taken.

Announcements:

Hazardous waste day will be held at the Portsmouth Dept of Public Works on Peverly Hill Road on Saturday, May 10 from 8:00am til noon.

Old Business - Fox Point Dock Rules and Regulations

Selectman O'Reilly moved to temporarily adopt the amended Fox Point Dock Rules and Regulations to be presented at 2009 Town Meeting for formal acceptance. The AA was asked to get them blown up and laminated for a posting at Fox Point. *Selectman Stuart seconded. On a roll call vote, motion passed.*

Police Station Brick Repair Proposal

A proposal in the amount of \$8,800 was given by Wastrom Masonry for brick work at the Police Station. Chr. Iocovozzi felt we should have more than on proposal before acting on it. No vote taken

Highway Building Funding:

Selectman O'Reilly briefed the Selectmen on the idea of paying for the Highway Building in one year through taxes as he felt multiple bonds to pay on will be quite a burden on the tax payers. This way it would be over and done with. Both the Chair and Selectman Stuart expressed hesitation as they thought it might be too much of a burden to the tax payers.

Town Facilities Use Application:

Thermo Fisher - May 14 - 10:00am - Town Hall Auditorium *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve their request with fee. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 3-0.*

Coalition Update:

For the record, each individual Representative has been called and written to by the Town encouraging them to vote for the Constitutional Amendment when it comes to SB539 which would reinstate Donor Towns. There have been letters to the editor printed in both papers as well. Unfortunately, some of the Reps are not listening to our needs and Selectman O'Reilly asks that residents write and call as well.

Meeting with PDA Director Dick Green

Selectman O'Reilly will meet with Mr. Green on the 8th of May and will report back as to the results of the conversation regarding the Town Forest and proposed easement purchase on the 7.11 acres that the Town voted not to buy.

Former Cruiser – Fire Department

Until the Selectmen sign off on the transfer of out of service vehicles, the Fire Chief will be asked to return the Police cruiser. This was brought up in conversation about departmental markings on the car.

Sign at Fox Point

Selectman Stuart informed the Board that she is touching up a Fox Point sign.

Stairs at Fox Point

The picnic area stairs going down to the beach have been repaired by an unknown resident. The Town has budgeted to revisit the beach access this year and the AA will contact Water Front Engineering for permitting.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:00pm. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted, Beatrice Marconi, Administrative Assistant.