

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2007
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

In Attendance: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Dennis Hebert, Barbara McDonald, Gail Pare, Rick Stern, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, (@7:10 pm), Charles Smart, (@7:18 pm), Doreen Stern (@7:42 pm), Tom Dunn from the Local Government Center, Wil Corcoran and Jean Bowser.

Pledge of Allegiance

LGC Presentation

Tom Dunn of LGC gave a presentation of their benefits offered. The town carries LGC's property liability insurance (June 08 contract end) and our health and dental programs. Tom explained that our net expenditures, number of employees, asset values and experience mode all affect our costs. LGC has package pricing – We have 2 of 3: 2% discount for liability; 27% discount for workers compensation; Health Dental – no discount. Tom encouraged participation in classes offered by the LGC most of them are free. Population and equalized value determines LGC Annual Membership costs. Beatrice was asked to work with Mr. Dunn in an effort to possibly get our workman's comp from the LGC if it will be a savings.

Wil Corcoran - Assessing

RE: Letter from DRA urging towns to have multiple contracts covering multiple levels of assessing. Wil explained DRA requires a contract to be on file in Concord.

Wil went on to say that the letter dated 4/19/07 from the DRA is a reaction from Wil's contract. He feels the DRA doesn't clearly understand the process as a whole. There is no update this year. As far as their suggestions, it would cost the town more. Wil explained about collection of data i.e.: Marinas, deep water sales, tank farms and felt the DRA thought that this collection was part of an update. The DRA hopes that the suggested contracts would cover separate parts for data collection, cost analysis, etc. Jack asked if we should reply – Wil says no – just sign contract and send in. They are merely meeting their statutory requirements by sending recommendations. Mr. Corcoran's contract will be placed on the next agenda.

Edwards & Kelcey Engineering – Dennis Hebert

Dennis Hebert spoke – Wilcox came before the P.B. indicating the expansion of Shattuck to Gosling would be beneficial. Jack said once work starts, PSNH is committed to around \$625.00 kick in to this project to be paid over the course of 15 years or so. This letter from Edwards and Kelsey was just getting an estimate for information only on the Engineering costs for that phase of that project.

Old Town Hall Landscaping

Gail Pare spoke of needing a flag for the pole by the cannons. Gail would like it up by Memorial Day. Gail will get measurements for Bea. Regarding Old Town Hall landscaping, the HDC voted to plant two trees at this point but would like our Road Agent to dig the holes. They have marked out the location. As far as long term plans, they will be bringing forth a recommended plan by Nancy Clavette to dig two 18' beds. 18" of dirt would be removed and loam to be brought in for a

base. This will be ground level. (dug down). She would like an HDC person on site when it is dug. 36' x 8' wide and 18" deep. Selectmen's budget would pay for the loam. Jan mentioned the day lilies are available for removal at Mott House before it is demolished. Selectman Iocovozzi felt the digging should be done prior to the trees being placed in the beds. He suggested Dig safe come down to mark the site for underground lines. Dig, dump loam, level and anything left goes to cemetery. HDC will need a hose to run from OTH to planting area as they want to ensure care is given to the plants. The Selectmen assured HDC that the plants would be cared for. Cos says get hose from school as he left some there. Board says HDC should get a reel box for the hose. Charles says take the handle off the spickett. Cos suggested we get manure for base – Cos will get in touch with Smittie. Len is on board and will dig the beds. A check in the amount of \$500 came in last year from Walmart dedicated to HDC specifically for the landscaping at Old Town Hall. HDC is meeting Thursday to explain to HDC's Board what is going on with flower bed. HDC will let us know if there is a problem. Wood chips – (behind O.T.H.) will be utilized for the top.

Rick Stern-Hydro Seeding at Cemetery

The Cemetery Committee is having hydro seeding done. Rick will have some seed left over and thought perhaps the Library could best use it. The base soil at the library is gravel. Front of building - on both sides of the walk way is where Rick would like to have sprayed. Cos felt we need loam for it to grow, and then it needs to be watered and cared for. Cost for cemetery is \$250.00. In conclusion, Beatrice was asked to contact the Library Trustees to see if they could meet before their regularly scheduled monthly meeting (with a Selectmen's rep) to talk about the landscaping in front of the library which would include grass, grade and hydro seeding. Gail added that perhaps the Friends of the Library could care for the grass.

Rick asked if the town would consider putting up a get well message for Cliff Abbott on the sign in front of Fire Department. Jan felt if you do it for one – you have to do it for all. Jack says maybe a well wish in the newsletter – a welcome home card or flowers.

Community Board

Charlie's memo regarding repair of message board in front of Fire Department.– cheap one \$630.00 good quality \$745.00. New entire unit would be around \$1700.00.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to go forward and not to exceed \$800.00 to cover board and weather sealing for a good quality board. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Demo of Mott House

Danley demo proposal was at \$15,000 Kidder Building and Wrecking came in at \$29,375.

Both companies asked for an environmental analysis to ensure there is no asbestos. We will need to bring in fill to level off. Jan stated we really should know what will be built/renovated before we even begin. Gail wants what bricks she can get for the HDC. DPW is too busy to remove bricks, per the Board, but will make a truck available if the HDC wants them. Will give HDC a two week notice before demo begins. Chairman Stuart wants a public hearing or survey to feel the town out on potential construction. No salvage company has any interest – two were contacted, per Charlie. Cos says if we are in tidal buffer, we need silt barriers and it is town's responsibility to fence off. Will be Town's responsibility to grade off. Lumber has to come out before bricks can be taken. Rick Stern will take interim pictures. Charlie will let them in. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept Danley bid for demo not to exceed 15,000. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve minutes of April 23 and April 30. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. 3-0 motion passed.

Coalition Correspondence

Dated May 3, an e-mail from the Coalition states that we could be subject to donor town status again unless a constitutional amendment is passed. They suggest the Selectmen write a letter

showing Newington supports targeted aid. (CACR 18 to Members of the House Finance Committee) Selectman O'Reilly stated because of the timeline, directly after the meeting the Administrative Assistant draw up said letter for the Board to sign prior to leaving this evening.

Town Facilities Use Applications:

- Historical Society 5/23/07 – Old Town Hall - **Selectmen O'Reilly moved to approve waive fee Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.** Selectman O'Reilly suggested that and town agencies not have to go before the Selectman for approval. Selectman Iocovozzi said it is a way the Board tracks usage.
- May 14,18,21,25,28,June 1,4,8 Yoga Classes OTH 2nd fl – 9am-10am – **Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve pending being a Rec sponsored event. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**
- DAV Grove Area and OTH bathrooms July 8 – 8am-3pm **Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.**

Barbara McDonald asked the Board if a decision had come to pass on the Current Use penalty for property bought by the PDA. The Board answered by stating that a meeting was scheduled with the PDA and the attorneys were now debating this issue. The first piece was waived. The second piece (7.11 acres) has not been settled.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:25pm with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant