

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2008
Town Hall 6:30pm

Selectman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Present: Selectmen O'Reilly and Jan Stuart, (Chr. Iocovozzi was briefly attending the Planning Board Meeting), Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Rick Stern and Cliff Abbott of the Cemetery Committee, and Gail Pare of the Historic District Commission.

Police Station Brick Work Project

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the Wastrom proposal not to exceed \$8,800 with Selectman Stuart seconding. Motion passed 2-0.

Former Police Cruiser to go out to Bid

Selectman Stuart moved to put the former cruiser (2005 Crown Vic) out to bid with all markings to be removed. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cemetery Issues

Survey: Cliff Abbott and Rick Stern of the Cemetery Committee both feel a survey of the cemetery land should be conducted as there are no boundary markers. Surveying was not budgeted for this year however discussion on the need of a survey of all town own land occurred over the past couple of years. Mr. Stern stated he was not happy with trees coming down in lieu of the multi-use field going in. Mr. Abbott stated that he could get the Southern Section surveyed in exchange for 2 lots bartered. Discussion about the entire site being surveyed occurred, however was not budgeted so Cliff was going to get a price for the whole thing and report back. Lot lay out is an issue as well.

Rock Wall: 224' along Little Bay would cost approx \$44,000 to rebuild. Approx cost for entire wall is \$88,320. Cliff stated that the Trustees of the Trust fund had funds that they could utilize. Selectman Stuart felt the current rock wall retained the character of days gone by. No votes taken.

Horse Barn Rock Wall: Selectman Stuart will visit the site. Chr. Iocovozzi suggested that road pavement overlay is more important to address. The Board reminded the Committee of the three people buried in the road way and wants them properly buried prior to the road being repaired. Selectman O'Reilly noted that the wall projects were not funded and stated that large projects like this could be funded over a period of years without budget spikes. Discussion of signage for rules, garbage can locations and leaky valves occurred with the suggestion of handouts being given to each person purchasing the lots on can and can'ts. Chr. Iocovozzi will call Rain Scape on the leaky value.

Rocks on 'New Road'

Gail Pare Chr. of the Historic District Commission asked if the rocks in 'new road' (near the Stone School) had any purpose, however, our Road Agent uses them from time to time. She also questioned the cemetery boundary and wondered if their land goes up to the Pease fence or beyond.

Minute Approval

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2008. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0. (Chr Iocovozzi arrived at 7:05)

Transfer Station Bin Cover Bids

Issue tabled until next meeting as the bids must come through sealed.

Appointments

Library Trustee Alternates

Charles Brewster

Gail Klanchesser

Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint the above individuals as Library Trustee alternates for a one year term (to expire April 30, 2009) Selectman Stuart seconded.

Sewer Clerk and Sewer Treasurer Appointments were tabled until next meeting for discussion with the Sewer Commission as Selectman Stuart questioned whether or not this was a Selectmen's function to appoint to the Sewer Commission.

Ballot Clerks

Evangeline Brawn

Margaret Lamson

Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint the above individuals as Ballot Clerks for a one year term (to expire April 30, 2009) Selectman Stuart seconded.

Board of Adjustment

Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint John Frink as a member of the Board of Adjustment for a three year term (to expire April 30, 2011) Selectman Stuart seconded.

The Chair called for a vote with the motion passing 3-0 via roll call for the above appointments.

Generator Maintenance Contract

Southworth Milton currently has the three year contract for the three generators' maintenance for the town. It still has another year on it. Scherbon Corporation submitted a proposal for a maintenance contract that was half the price. As the quote is good for 30 days only and the current contract is in force for the next year, ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to table until we are a month out from Southworth's expiration. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion assed 3-0.***

Stairs at Fox Point

Communication between Duncan Mellor of Water Front Engineering and Dori Wiggen of the DES determined that stair replacement within the upper tidal area does not require a permit therefore, it was determined that our Road Agent will repair the stairs. To replace could be very costly. There was discussion in removing the stairs completely and having people utilizing the tractor path down to the water, however, in the end, the Board agreed to go this route in stair repair.

Correspondence

Letter from C.O.A.S.T. dated May 9, 2008 whereas they asked that a Newington representative be appointed to their Board was ***moved by Selectman Stuart to refer to the Planning Board for feed back. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Town Facility Use Applications

Oct 19 NH Aquarium Society- 8am-6pm – TH Audi & Kit (with fee)

Old Town Hall and Picnic Grove – Aug 14 – Ship Yard Picnic 1pm – 7pm (no fee)

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the above requests Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

McIntyre Curb Cut

Chr. Iocovozzi reported that the Planning Board authorized the curb cut on McIntyre Road. A \$10,000 bond will be posted for use of the first 250' from the corner of McIntyre and Little Bay. The driveway is about 200' from the corner. Access to the lot by the trucks must come up Little Bay, not McIntyre. *Selectman Stuart moved to accept a performance bond for \$10,000 to cover usage of the first 250' of McIntyre needed by contractors to build a new house. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.* The Police Dept will be notified.

Police Dept Request for Use of Cap Reserve

On a roll call vote, the motion presented by Selectman O'Reilly to utilize the Police Communications Cap Reserve for radio installation in the two new cruisers (and seconded by Selectman Stuart) passed 3-0 for Two Way Communications up to \$1,500.

Library Windows Sills

Selectman O'Reilly informed the Board of the poor condition of the window sills and front door encasement at the Library. The Trustees will be coming to talk to the Selectmen June 2.

New Business

Gail Pare requests a flag, clasps and rope be purchased for the pole near the guns in the Historic District as Memorial Day is approaching. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the purchase from High Flying Flags for the items above. Selectman Stuart seconded Motion passed 3-0.* Both Jack Pare and Gail will take care of the hanging.

Gail added that after the last meeting she called Peter Loughlin on the LCHIP stewardship issue.

Red Hook Concert: Selectman Stuart felt it was extremely loud. Selectman O'Reilly noted that the wind was probably blowing our way and the tent is located on the Newington side of the building. He will address it with Red Hook.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:08pm Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
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