

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2009
6:00pm Town Hall Newington

Chr. Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Chr. O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Cosmas Iocovozzi and Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi.

Selectman Stuart moved to go into non public at 6:02pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and the motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

Selectman Stuart moved to come out of non public at 6:32. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and the motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote. No votes taken

Selectman Stuart moved to seal the minutes of May 4 with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

The meeting was then moved to the DeRochmont Room and reconvened at 6:36pm where the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Present: Chr. O'Reilly, Selectmen Stuart and Iocovozzi, AA Marconi, Code Enforcement officer Charlie Smart, Road Agent Len Thomas and Historical Committee Chr Gail Pare. Justin Richardson at 7:50pm

Minute Approval: *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept and Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0 with Selectman Stuart abstaining due to absence that meeting.*

CLG Grant

The sonar (sub surface ground investigators) by and in the Cemetery and Horse Shed found 22 possible unmarked graves some are in the horse shed. Regarding the placement of the shed for the Meeting House, the HDC recommends placement in slot 4 or 5.

Regarding new request for expansion of CLG Grant, it is for continued work at Fox Point as they want to hire an archeologist to do a site search to identify where certain objects were or are. A total of \$12,850 with some volunteer/donated labor. Fully reimbursable. This is for 2010. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Library & Cemetery Tree Cutting

Selectman Stuart moved to approve Urban Tree Service's bid of \$ 2,800. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Paces bid was \$3,300.

Cannons – HDC will budget for the painting of the cannons for 2010.

Dead Trees

Selectman Stuart mentioned Mr. Sweeney's e-mails regarding dead trees. She stated there are two in front of the Kent family house as well as some near the Lamson property.

Best to drop in winter. Road Agent Thomas will check with our Planner to determine if they are in town ROW or that of the owners. Len adds that there may be trees at Dumping Cove that need to be looked at. Gail Pare asked if the Legislature passed an expanded cut zone to protect wires.

Brick Pointing – Town Hall Entrance

Selectman Stuart moved to approve the proposal by RiverBend Masons for outside brick work in the amount of \$587.00. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0. (RiverBend is treating bricks on the interior of Town Hall)

Emergency Management – Co Director

Selectman Stuart is calling for a re-vote on the elimination of a co-director for Emergency Management. In January, the Selectmen voted to have a single director given the size of Newington and history. After reconsideration, Selectmen Stuart felt each of the directors have different yet equal responsibilities. And, she added if there was a disaster lasting a period of days, the directors could schedule their rest time based on one of them always being on site. Chr. O'Reilly felt they each do their share and does not see a problem with two directors. *Selectman Stuart moved to appoint co-directors to Emergency Management. Chr. O'Reilly seconded.* Selectman Iocovozzi felt a single director is necessary. One director/One assistant. He stated this is good management practices – that being having one. The Chair called for the vote. *Motion passed 2-1 with Selectman Iocovozzi voting against.*

Fox Point Care Takers Lease/Alarm Wire Bill at Carriage Hse

Chr. O'Reilly stated that as landlords, the Town should get a security deposit, at minimum. Selectman Stuart felt otherwise then brought up the Burns bill for the wire repair at the Carriage House. She stated that the vendor digging should have been aware of the wire buried while working on the drainage project. She went on to say that Dig Safe should have been called but because there were no 'utilities' buried to supply the Carriage House, they were not called. There was an LB so marked going into the building. Because the concrete was poured for the entrance of the C. Hse, the conduit was inside it. She went on to say that regarding projects, the Board should have better knowledge on the phases of what is being done and a progress report. Charlie Smart stated that it was an inadequate way of wire burial and the town should be responsible. The alarm wire was incased in concrete. She went on to state that perhaps all work should cease and desist until the Selectmen go on site to see the phases of the jobs and understands all aspects. She added that she is concerned with tax dollars. Cos felt the vendor should have been more observant, however with the wire in the concrete he agrees it was installed improperly. Charlie added that if you look at the projects done the last few years, most of them were done under budget and that he spends time establishing and maintaining a good working relationship. Chr. O'Reilly felt both sides have a responsibility. Therefore, the Town will pay the bill to DM Burns and will look to the vendor to pay half as well.

Carriage House – Extra Rot Discovered

The rot discovered will add \$ 5,380 to the contracted price. In renovation projects, Charlie stated that it is not uncommon at all that once a company gets into the job they discover issues as they tear things out. Selectman Iocovozzi agreed. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to amend the Haas project for the Carriage House Rot not to exceed \$5,380. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0*

Fox Point Conservation Easement

Selectman Stuart asked Justin Richardson (Chr of the Conservation Comm) if he and his commission would look into a conservation easement at Fox Point for perpetual preservation. He will present and report back.

Assistance – Memorandum of Agreement with Portsmouth

The Board decided to table this issue until finding more out about MAPS and if there was an affiliated cost.

Stone School

Chr. O'Reilly asked Charlie Smart to take a look at the Oil tanks at the Stone School and asked him while viewing if he recommends they be removed. Selectman Iocovozzi noted that they probably should be removed. Charlie will report back.

Carriage House Clutter

Road Agent Len Thomas stated that the Carriage House needs to be cleaned out. Selectmen suggested he and John take a look at what needs to go. Regarding the doors, Charlie said he will ask Len to help pop them back on their tracks. Larry Haas to take a look at the back doors.

Chain Saw

Len asked the Board if he could buy a chain saw (approx \$300). Selectmen said ok.

New Tractor/Mower

Len Thomas said the new tractor with the desired components would be \$ 32,630. A PO was signed for MB Tractor. Selectman Iocovozzi hoped that only a limited amount of people be allowed to work it – safety first – keep up on maintenance including getting the proper lights on it.

Fire Station Wiring Project

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the Maldini proposal not to exceed \$ 7,500 for wiring at the Fire Station. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Facility Use Requests

Town Hall Audi & Kitchen – Oct 18 – meeting & auction – NH Aquarium Society

Newington School – June 15,16 17 - Practice & Graduation

June 18 – Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge Plan – Public Scoping Meeting on its future
1:30-9:00pm

Spinney – Picnic Grove & OTH (if needed) Aug 2 – noon til dusk

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the above requests waiving the fees (except Spinney). Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Appointments

Cliff Abbott was appointed to the HDC

Steve Prefontaine was appointed as an alternate to the ZBA

Moved by Selectman Iocovozzi, seconded by Selectman Stuart – Motion passed 3-0.

Police Station Electrical Estimate

Based on Maldini's history of work with the town, the Board waived the bidding policy with *Selectman Iocovozzi moving to accept the Maldini proposal not to exceed \$5,100 and Selectman Stuart seconding. Motion passed 3-0.*

Loughlin letter & letter to Pelech dated June 1, 2009 and May 31

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the land and turn it over to the Conservation Commission as agents/caretakers – following RSA 36-A:4. Justin Richardson explained the difference is mainly the process to follow and Attorney Loughlin needed the Board's direction. Justin will work with the developer regarding this conservation easement on Shattuck. *Cos went on to say that it is important that the Town have the right for maintenance – drainage, general maintenance, water main, sidewalk, etc without having to jump through hoops and requests this to be so noted in the easement deed. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.* Justin went on to say that the Conservation Commission cannot deed this property or any rights or portion without approval at Town Meeting.

Wall – Justin Richardson'

Justin explained that it will have a 3' slope and will meet with Lenny to work things out.

McIntyre Dip and Shattuck/Patterson Dip

The AA will contact Bell & Flynn while they are in town to give the Town an estimate.

Town Forest Sign

This is exempt from sign regulations. It was best to use steel posts in concrete for support. Chr. O'Reilly will look at the numbers to determine who is paying for the installation. He noted he may go to the Conservation Commission for some sort of split. The Conservation Commission will let the Selectmen know where they recommend the sign to be placed.

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:30pm. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant