

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 4, 2007
Town Hall 5:45pm

Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 5:50pm.

Present: Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Town Counsel Malcolm McNeil and Simone Masse, Justin Richardson of the Conservation Commission at 6:08pm, Planner Tom Morgan at 6:00pm and Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi at 6:02pm.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non public with Counsel and under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) litigation. Chairman Jan Stuart seconded and passed on a roll call vote 2-0.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to come out of non public at 6:35pm. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0. Selectman O'Reilly then moved to seal the minutes, received a second from Selectman Iocovozzi and the motion to seal passed 3-0 on a roll call vote. NO VOTES TAKEN

The Chair called for a 5 minute recess then called the meeting back into session at 6:40pm with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

Present in the Public session (in addition to the Selectman & AA) were Gail Pare and John Lamson of the HDC, Road Agent Len Thomas and Dot Noseworthy representing the Trustees of the Library.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 14 and 21st. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Library Drainage/Grounds

It was so decided to address the Drip Edge Drainage issue first, which could be done by our Road Agent along with our Building Inspector. As far as the grass, we will get a price from C & R Perennials and get his recommendation as to how far to dig down and loam. Area was estimated to be width of building on both sides of walkway. Irrigation will be considered next budget year. Regarding the plantings recommendation forwarded by the Conservation Commission they too will be placed on file until 2008 budget considerations are discussed.

Library Canopy

The most important project at the Library per Dot Noseworthy (representing the Library Trustees) would be the canopy construction over the ramp. She will get a price from EJ Hoyt and will report back to the Board with design and costs.

Meeting House LCHIP Grant

The Meeting House restoration project has been on the State's LCHIP list of considerations for several years and this year it is coming before their board once again. Gail Pare passed out information and stated that she hoped the Selectmen could solicit support from groups using the facility in an effort to let the State know just how important this preservation is to so many people. John Lamson added that numbers in mass would indeed help. The grant would be for half of the cost of the project and on the paperwork, \$300,000 is listed for the cost. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to authorize the HDC to solicit money for the Meeting House LCHIP fund. Seconded by Selectmen Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.*

Correspondence

Letter from the Historical Society Dated June 4, 2007 regarding the deRochemont House. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept and sanction the Historical Society's efforts to raise money on behalf of preserving the legacy of Louis deRochemont. Seconded by Jack O'Reilly. Motion passed 3-0.* A letter responding to the Historical Society will be drafted in support.

Assessing Contract

Because it looks like our projected budget and Corcoran's proposal is so close, the Board wishes to meet with Wil to discuss costs for services in 2007 for both his roll in assessing Newington and Sansoucy's.

Gift from Wilcox Industries

In lieu of reimbursing the Town for engineering done for Wilcox Industries by West Environment, *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept a check in the amount of \$671.60 to be gifted to the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund from Wilcox Industries. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Motion passed 3-0.*

Sewer Commissioner Appointment

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the appointment of Skip Cole to the Sewer Commission. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Motion passed 3-0.

Fox Point House Lease

The Board of Selectmen signed a 1 year lease for the Fox Point House with James Heinz, Garrett Miller and Michael Magri.

Road Agent Len Thomas will be instructing the lessees on the operation of the mower. We do not have a roll bar currently. The Board asked the AA to call our insurance and ask if we are having a non-employee operate it and if there is no roll bar (as that is how it was purchased), then if the operator was to get injured, could the town be sued for negligence?

Fox Point Road

On Fox Point Road, this side of Beane's Lane, we have a problem with the pavement that was created when the Portsmouth Water Department put in lines a while back. Selectman Iocovozzi will call Scott of Portsmouth Water Department and let him know of the issue.

Signs Missing – Old Post Road

Chairman Stuart received word from a caller that the 'no trucks' signs were removed from Old Post Road. Selectman Iocovozzi explained that what was taken down was the frost heaves signs and weight limit signs and that was correct. Jan went on to say that large trucks were going into Ripleys and shipping in and out. Cos suggested the complainant write a letter to the Selectmen and would forward it to the Planning Board and if they chose to initiate a weight limit, the Board would entertain that thought if these trucks were causing a problem.

Opechee Construction Escrow

At the suggestion of the Town Treasurer, the road excavation Opechee site was going to be checked out by Selectman Iocovozzi - as it was over a year old - to see if it was in good enough condition to release the funds.

DES Superfund 3

At the suggestion of the Town Treasurer, the Selectmen looked at the balance owed of \$47,032 for pay off (admin fees and interest costs keep the principal high). Selectman O'Reilly stated that this should be discussed at budgeting time as the town didn't have \$ 47,000 planned for.

Drainage Issue – Hannah Ln/Nimble Hill

Selectman Iocovozzi spoke with the State. They are willing to set up the engineering but will not pay for it. The Frink outlet needs to be addressed along with catch basin issues. State needs to talk to the Frink family.

Cos also said he spoke with Sandy from the State on someone in Div 6 telling the Administrative Assistant that Nimble Hill now belonged to Newington and that it no longer was that of the State. (last week). Selectman Iocovozzi explained about the process, the inspections, the public hearings needed. The Title Bureau is ready to roll on this.

Cos also received a price for work needed on McIntyre Road and a new price for the Brickyard project. He will continue to get prices.

Highway Engineering

The Selectmen asked Beatrice Marconi to contact Altus Engineering for a price and suggested site plan. The Board hoped the building could move closer to the road and hoped that the design could be period or have a proper façade as it is in the Historical District. The Town can break it's own set back rules if need be. The Board also felt that perhaps consideration should be given to the site being raised to divert drainage. Gail Pare of the Historical District would appreciate it if they could be kept in the loop.

GIS Amendment

With the latest configuration of exit 4, it was supported by the Planning Board to re-fly that area to include those road changes on our GIS system. The Planning Board said they will pay the \$2,400 this year to do so. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept this offer and project not to exceed \$2,400. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

MPO Re Designation of District Boundaries

Planner Tom Morgan explained that the redistricting is by county rather than by unit. He went on to say that the MPO only handles transportation projects and right now one of the districts consist of Rockingham & Strafford counties and they are contemplating splitting the two. Tom felt our voice may not have the strength if it splits. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to table. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion to table passed 3-0.*

Town Facilities Use Applications

School Board Meeting – DeRochmont Room – **June 12** 8:30am – noon. *Approved Fee Waived*

Newington School Play & Graduation – **June 7** 12 – 3; **June 8** 8:30-3; **June 11** 8:30-3; **June 12** 8:30am-9pm *Approved Fee Waived*

NH Aquarium Soc – Ralph Estes – Oct 14 – TH Kit & Audi – All Day Auction/Meeting *Approved*

Resignations – HDC

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept Rick Stern's and Cliff Abbott's letter of resignation from the HDC with regret. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance

Beatrice will check to see if the City of Portsmouth has similar urination ordinances on their books that we could consider adapting to our needs.

Newsletter going out this week

Former cruisers going out to bid this week. (no minimum bid due to multiple vehicles and cond)

Fire Truck will be taken away by National Wrecker and placed in storage for Rotary International

Misc

Chairman Stuart spoke of the Ship Yard Ambulance being out of service and Newington's being sent over to cover leaving our people to mutual aid. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested she speak with the Fire Board of Engineers.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:12. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant

