

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

**June 6, 2005
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Chairman Cos Iocovozzi, Building Inspector Charles Smart, Town Treasurer George Fletcher, Residents Ruth Fletcher, Barbara McDonald and Vincent Frank and Administrative Assistant Bea Marconi.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the minutes of May 23, 2005 and May 31, 2005. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0.

There was discussion about the drainage issues at the Police Department. Chairman Iocovozzi has spoken with someone at Hartmann Enterprises and will get a formal price for the Board to review.

An e-mail was read from Mary Currier regarding the Frink easement revision. Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve pending the passage of Conservation Commission and Planning Board. This will be tabled until the June 20th meeting.

Selectman O'Reilly gave the Board an update on the Coalition Communities process.

Abatement recommendations were approved. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to approve the abatement for State of NH (Murjani). Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0.

There was discussion on parking a bus being used by the Newington School at the Town Garage.

The sealed bids for the Town Cruiser, 1999 Ford Victoria, were opened. The bid was awarded to Grace Quality Used Cars for \$2535.00. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to award the bid to Grace Quality Used Cars for \$2535. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0.

Town Treasurer George Fletcher spoke to the Board regarding spending. \$700,000 was borrowed this year between January and June. This is not appropriate. Resident Ruth Fletcher voiced her concerns about being on the Fire Board of Engineers and how they continued to spend regardless of the Selectmen's request that spending be limited until

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the end of June. She also was concerned that clothing allowances are paid in the beginning of the year, rather than after the first tax bill goes out. Mr. Fletcher also recommended that raises be held back until July. There was also discussion on the surplus. Chairman Iocovozzi recommended setting up a workshop with Mr. Fletcher in July to come up with a plan before meeting with Meg Baker, from the D.R.A.

Mrs. Fletcher mentioned that she found the memo from the Selectmen stating the new policies for meetings to be very unfriendly. Residents should be welcome to come to meetings, not be forced under a gag rule. Resident Vincent Frank spoke up that the Selectmen just don't want to hear what residents have to say. Resident Barbara McDonald agreed with Mrs. Fletcher that meetings should be open for communication. Chairman Iocovozzi said that the Board is working things out. The Board takes everything said by residents into consideration.

Darrell Brown, Recreation Committee, voiced his concerns about the engineering of the tennis courts. He feels the Town is wasting \$8,500 for engineering. After a lot of discussion, Mr. Brown will give Atlas the information from NH Tennis Courts (a firm that he found).

Mrs. Fletcher asked about the amount the Treasurer is paid. Chairman Iocovozzi said that this will be taken care of.

Resident Chris Cross updated the Board on the State's Spaulding Turnpike project. There are design concerns that may not be in the Town's best interest. He fears that as the State proceeds with plans and changes, that it will be out of the Town's hands. Mr. Cross would like the Board to support his concerns at a meeting. Mr. Cross is on the Planning Board agenda for Thursday. Chairman Iocovozzi would like to arrange a forum with the State, Newington residents, Conservation Commission and Planning Board. This should not be a state sponsored meeting, but a Newington meeting.

Town Hall Use

A Town Hall Use form for John Klanchesser for use of the Town Grove on June 9th was approved and signed.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to move into Non-Public; personnel at 8:20 p.m. according to RSA 91:A3-2

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Non Public; adjourn at 8:29pm. No votes taken.

There being no further business before the Board:

Adjourn 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant