

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

**July 1, 2002
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

In attendance: John Welch, Barbara Hill, Cliff Abbott-Cemetery Committee member, Acting Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf, M. Leighton, J. Boynton-Newington School Supporters, L. Wahl, Mike Walsh, Building Inspector Charles Smart, BOS Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, BOS members Jan Stuart and Jack O'Reilly, and AA Sue Newcomer.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of June 17, 2002
2. John Welch
3. Road Race
4. Private Cemetery
5. Paving
6. Striping
7. Asbestos Removal
8. PD Roof Repair Proposals
9. Carpet Runner Proposals
10. Other Proposals
11. Abatements
12. Town Hall Use
13. Signatures and Approvals
14. Conferences & Workshops
15. Miscellaneous

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting opened at 6:35 p.m.

John Welch – DockMaster Proclamation:

The Board of Selectmen presented John Welch with a proclamation of thanks and gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Newington and designated him as the Town of Newington's official DockMaster.

Minutes:

Selectman Jack O'Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes of June 17, 2002, second by Selectman Jan Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Library Lawn:

John Welch asked the Selectmen if any decisions had been made regarding lawn care on the library grounds. Chairman Iocovozzi said he would get together with Welch at a later date to discuss what needs to be done.

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Library Rail:

Welch noted that he would follow up with the contractor on the time frame for completion of the railing work. 1/3 deposit was paid to the contractor on May 23, 2002.

Fox Point:

J. Welch recommended that some type of diverter be used at Fox Point to run water off and that crushed asphalt or a berm be placed to catch the water that gets by the diverter. Welch also recommended grading the driveway and asked that the grass be mowed regularly. Chairman Iocovozzi and Welch will look at the area together.

Selectman O'Reilly asked about the "no lifeguard on duty" sign that is at the dock area. There was discussion regarding possible implications and liability. Chris Cross noted that a verbal comment from an Attorney had confirmed the need for posting the sign. Selectman Stuart was concerned with reports that young children had often been seen swimming and diving in the area and recommended that the Selectmen get word to newer residents who are not familiar with the area. The Selectmen agreed to come up with some type of signage for the area.

Road Race:

The Newington School Supporters presented their proposal for the Fox Point Sunset Road Race. It is hoped that the race will attract 200-300 runners in this first year of the race.

J. Boynton said the School supporters had looked at Arboretum Drive and had agreed that using it was not an option. It was noted that PDA approval for use of the road is lengthy and the Supporters don't want to go through the hassle each year.

A newly devised route that omitted Fox Point and added Welch Cove was shown to the Selectmen. M. Leighton expressed the organization's concerns with the narrowness of Welch Cove and their preferences for running Fox Point, and mentioned the amount of liability insurance the organization had acquired. The Board of Selectmen explained their concerns with the quality of the road at Fox Point, along with its use in general.

Members of the School Supporters noted the amount of money they are trying to raise from the road race and that it would be used to support a school program. If Fox Point is a draw for runners to return to the area for future races, they explained the potential benefit that such support could lend to the taxpayers in town.

Town resident, Mike Walsh, commented on the runners who would want to run the route prior to the race, noting that it would bring more people to Fox Point 1 ½ months prior to the race. M. Leighton responded that purse money, or high-end racers would want to run the route, but not the runners that would be attracted for the first year of the race. Chris Cross recommended that the School Supporters contact Great Bay Marine to see what could be worked out to help in keeping the race near the water at sunset.

Selectman Stuart made a motion to deny the use of Fox Point for the first year of the race in order to iron out the kinks, and to approve the newly devised Welch Cove route; second by O'Reilly. Vote was 2-0 with no vote from Chairman Iocovozzi who noted that there was no need to vote, the motion was already approved, and he was not in favor of using the Fox Point.

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Chairman Iocovozzi reminded the School Supporters to have a certificate of insurance made out to the Town of Newington for 2 million dollars general liability and personal liability. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the School Supporter's use of the Town Hall for the September 22nd race, waiving the fee upon submission of a non-profit tax identification number; second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

As a final note, M. Leighton received approval from the Selectmen to spray paint the roads with smiley faces.

Cemetery:

Chairman Iocovozzi read a letter from Barbara Hill regarding the HDC's interest in the Town's abandoned cemeteries. Iocovozzi agreed with Hill's comments but noted that if the HDC were to take over the supervision of abandoned cemeteries from the Board of Selectmen, a line item would have to be placed in the HDC's budget to cover costs.

It was noted that there are eleven (11) abandoned cemeteries in town and that, by law, the grass must be cut 1-2 times a year and security maintained. It was questioned whether or not taxpayer money should be used to repair stones when needed.

Chairman Iocovozzi read RSA 289:19 and B. Hill noted that the RSA implies that if a cemetery is not used in 20 years, the Town has the responsibility to take it over. Hill also noted the fee structure, rules on locating families, and perpetual care rules.

There was discussion about the abandoned cemetery at the mall, the money that had been donated from mall tenants, in-kind services to be rendered, and the original \$1000 payment that had been acquired from General Foods. Chairman Iocovozzi read a letter and reviewed the site plans and easement from Olive Garden that were dated in 1993.

B. Hill noted that the HDC was looking for definition because the ladies have very seriously kept track of the cemetery information and are afraid that it will get lost. Hill also noted that the cemeteries have been posted regarding vandalism and that they are checked twice a year. Hill explained that the HDC wants to re-establish the Board of Selectmen's responsibility to care for the cemeteries, as long as the HDC is part of the plan. Chairman Iocovozzi said a budget would be needed so that this would not get lost year after year.

B. Hill and C. Abbott recommended establishing a committee to check the cemeteries once or twice a year and follow up with a report to the Selectmen. They also recommended that if something happens that needs attention, it could be dealt with at that time. Hill mentioned that the Historical Society wants to work with the Cemetery Committee so as to combine any information gathered.

Responding to Selectman Stuart's question as to what the HDC wanted to see done at this time, Hill said a monitor light (at a cost of \$200-\$300) and walk-way should be installed at the Pickering cemetery. She also recommended simple landscaping and re-signing the area.

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Chairman Iocovozzi expressed concern as to who would pay for the electricity if the light were installed and BI Smart mentioned that someone should contact PSNH about a pole and light for the area.

Larry Wahl discussed the amount of time the cemetery problem has been going on and recommended that a decision be made so as not to lose sight of the problem again. He further noted that the original fund was not a perpetual care fund; it was meant to fix up the cemetery.

C. Abbott felt the best way to handle the situation was to deal with the Pickering cemetery now and worry about the other cemeteries later.

B. Hill and Selectman O'Reilly agreed that the committee should inventory the cemeteries and give the BOS a report with recommendations. Chairman Iocovozzi said a line item would be placed in the BOS budget titled "abandoned cemeteries".

Con-Ed Testing:

Resident Mike Walsh came forward with a complaint about the noise of the generators at Con-Ed. L. Wahl noted that the noise was not from the generators, but from pushing the steam out. Selectman O'Reilly asked Walsh if he had been notified by Con-Ed that they would be testing. Walsh said he had not been notified.

L. Wahl said there would be more testing coming and that the noise would be worse. It was agreed that the Selectmen would contact a representative from Con-Ed and schedule a meeting for Mike.

Con-Ed Conduit:

L. Wahl discussed the Fire Alarm Cable and the confusion that had originally taken place with Planning Board member D. Hebert and himself. Wahl explained the wiring work that needs to be done in order to get Con-Ed on line and it was agreed that Roy Greenleaf would get the specs for the job together within the next 2 weeks.

Paving:

Chris Cross asked the Selectmen if they were aware of the dip in the new paving at the Town Garage. Chairman Iocovozzi explained what had happened and that the Town would not have to pay to correct the problem. Iocovozzi further explained a problem on Little Bay Extension, saying that the paving company did not pitch the whole length of the road and will come back after July 4th to correct the problem.

Selectman O'Reilly noted that he would like to deduct \$30 p/hour, from the paving company's invoice, for every hour that the Town needed a flagger since the paving company did not supply any. The temporary ordinance on traffic control was reviewed, as was the paving on Fox Point Road that was supposed to be shimming.

The Board discussed work that had been done that wasn't discussed or voted on relative to paving and plumbing work. Chairman Iocovozzi said that he had made a judgement call and explained how the pricing works, noting that he was trying to save money while the crew was here. Selectman Stuart made note to Iocovozzi that he could not keep making decisions without notifying the Board.

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Police Department Roof Repair:

BI Smart explained the sheathing problems on the PD roof and recommended that the BOS get 2 or 3 RFP's from decent roofers, with suggestions of what is wrong. Selectman O'Reilly recommended that the roof be temporarily patched this year and that money to repair the roof be placed in next year's budget. BI Smart agreed, recommending a metal roof as the most economical solution in the long run.

The crumbling sidewalk at the PD was also discussed along with the review of a memo from BI Smart that recommended establishing a Capital Reserve Fund to take care of building maintenance issues.

It was agreed that BI Smart would contact 3 roofers and that he would walk with them as they prepared estimates.

Asbestos Removal:

R. Greenleaf reviewed the lead paint issues on the front of the Fire Department Building. It was noted that it would be painted over in preparation for vinyl siding next year. Greenleaf will get an estimate for the siding so that the funds can be placed in next year's budget.

Asbestos removal in the old Fire Chief's office was discussed and it was noted that the tile would be encapsulated instead of removed. Greenleaf said he wanted to redo the kitchen and radio room in a 5-year plan, trading the asbestos removal money for tiling. He also noted that he wanted to keep the kitchen the same size as it currently is and eventually quarry tile it.

Temporary Traffic Control Ordinance:

Noting that the temporary traffic control ordinance had expired, Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to reinstate the ordinance and submit it as a warrant article at the 2003 Town Meeting (removing the word "certified"); second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Striping:

Because no quote for striping had been sent to the BOS, the subject was tabled and it was agreed that Chairman Iocovozzi would remind the company to send a quote to the Town Office.

Carpet Runner Proposals:

Tabled until the next BOS meeting.

Abatements:

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Stuart to deny an elderly exemption and approve a veteran exemption. Vote 3-0.

Town Hall Use:

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Stuart to approve use of the Town Hall to BI Smart for an electrical inspector's workshop. Vote 3-0.

A wedding reception request for 2003 was tabled until a later date.

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Signatures and Approvals:

A request to issue resident decals to two vehicles not registered in Newington, but owned by a Town resident's business, was denied on a motion by O'Reilly, second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Stuart to approve and sign the Town Clerk's Resident Tax additions. Vote 3-0.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Stuart to approve the "Pella Days" event to be held by Pella Windows. Vote 3-0.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Stuart to appoint Town Planner, Tom Morgan, to the MPO Technical Advisory Committee and the SB316 Committee. Vote 3-0

Transfer Station Schedule:

On the recommendation of Transfer Station Attendant, Ken Pickering, O'Reilly made a motion to approve adding up to six (6) Saturdays to the current transfer station schedule. Pickering and AA Newcomer will establish the new schedule. Upon completion, new schedules will be posted and delivered to residents by D. Rines.

The scheduling of a landscape walk with J. Newick of Fabyan Point Grounds Care was tabled until a later date.

Recommendations of limiting the number of people who can utilize the Picnic Grove/Old Stone School, due to potential limitations on the septic system and bathrooms, was tabled until a later date.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Newcomer
Administrative Assistant