

**Newington Board of Selectmen  
Meeting**

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**July 6, 2004  
Newington Town Hall  
6:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Chairman Board of Selectmen Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Robert Vachon, Town Treasurer George Fletcher, Deputy Treasurer Laura Coleman, Library Trustee Pat Bennett, resident David and Wendy Sweeney, resident Christopher Cross and AA Cynthia Gillespie.

**Selectmen's Annual Meeting with the Auditor**

Robert Vachon, of Vachon & Clukay & Co. presented the Board with the results of the Town's annual audit. Mr. Vachon noted that the financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group were not included with the general financial statements this year. There was discussion on the implementation of GASB 34 in 2004. Mr. Vachon observed that payments had been made to an employee of the Library, for hours worked through a system other than the payroll system. This implies that there are no federal tax withholdings. Their recommendation is to process all employees through the payroll system. He added that he felt that this was not done with malice. Library Trustee Pat Bennett mentioned that the Library has been doing this for 5 years and was surprised to find that it was being done incorrectly. Mrs. Bennett stressed that she is very concerned that the Library Funds are handled properly. Mr. Vachon asked that a letter of response from the Town be written. He stated that he would add the letter to the audit. Mr. Vachon stated that all other aspects of the Town's audit went very smoothly.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to accept the minutes of June 21, 2004. Seconded by Selectmen Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

**Miscellaneous**

David and Wendy Sweeney of Fox Point Road requested that the Selectmen send a letter to the DES regarding the state of their septic tank. Mrs. Sweeney stated that they had Mr. Jed Shepard of NH Soil Consultants and the Town's Code Enforcement Officer, Charles Smart go to the property to witness a dye test of the septic system. She added that they did not see any evidence of seepage of the dye on the property. Therefore, Mr. and Mrs.

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Sweeney feel that if there is a problem it is not with their septic system. Mr. Sweeney stated that he has a concern about a broken overflow pipe that was not repaired. He believes that the pipe maybe the source of the problem. Chairman Stuart asked if the Sweeney's have received anything in writing from Health Officer Lamson stating that the Sweeney Septic System is working properly. Mr. Sweeney responded that there has been no correspondence from Ms. Lamson. At this point the Selectmen recommended that Mr. Sweeney get Jed Shepard, the expert from NH Soil Inc. that previously tested the soil on the Sweeney property, to write the letter to the State indicating that the septic system is not in failure. It was noted that the letter from Building Inspector Charles Smart only states that he was present for the dye tests, not if there was evidence of system failure. Selectman Iocovozzi strongly encouraged Mr. Sweeney to call Mr. Shepard and request a letter from him to the State.

AA Gillespie mentioned that Jill Boynton asked if a sign can be put up across Nimble Hill Road for the road race this fall. Chairman Stuart said the sign could be put on Fox Point Road, but not Nimble Hill since it is a State owned road.

Jack Anderson asked if the YMCA summer group could camp out on Fox Point one night this summer. The Selectmen approved.

The Selectmen discussed the proposals for the backstop for the school. The Board instructed AA Gillespie to send a letter to the School District specifying the backstop chosen (8 ft. x 16 ft. x 10 ft. high). Selectmen O'Reilly stated that he talked to Dr. Cushing who indicated that the School District will pay for the backstop.

AA Gillespie was asked to call L.W. Morgridge & Son Inc. to schedule septic tank pumping for the Town Hall and Fire Station.

The Board instructed AA Gillespie to do up a RFP for heating fuel for the upcoming season.

There was discussion on the proposal from Malthouse Construction regarding the increase in prices for the building of a mezzanine and re-flooring of the Fire Station. Selectman Iocovozzi requested that this project go out to bid again. Chairman Stuart and Selectman O'Reilly agreed.

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Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to cancel the July 19<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting and have no more Selectmen's meetings until August. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Chris Cross approached the Board with an update on the changes and plans for the 2008 Spaulding Turnpike renovations.

**Signatures and Approvals**

Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion that the Selectmen approve and sign an abatement for Jane Moore. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

Selectmen O'Reilly made a motion to sign an abatement as recommended by the Town Assessor's agent Wil Corcoran for Michael Berounsky for 2003. Seconded By Selectmen Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

The Selectmen approved and signed the appointment of Town Planner, Tom Morgan to the Seacoast Regional Planning Commission.

**Town Hall Use**

A Town Hall Use form from Strafford Regional Planning Commission for an August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form from the Newington Town Church for a picnic on the Town Grove on August 8<sup>th</sup> was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form from Christ Cross for an August 25<sup>th</sup> NH-DOT meeting was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form from the Newington Town Church for a picnic on the Town Grove on September 19<sup>th</sup>, with the Town Hall as a backup, was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form from Seacoast Wind Ensemble for a November 13<sup>th</sup> banquet was approved and signed.

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There being no further business before the Board Public Session was:

Adjourn 8:00 p.m.

Non-Public in accordance with RSA 91 A:3 II Personnel. No votes were taken.

Non-Public adjournment 8:28 p.m.

There being no further business before the Board Public Session was:

Adjourn 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie  
Administrative Assistant