

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 20, 2009
6:00pm - Town Hall**

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

Present: Chr. O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Tax Collector Jane Mazeau, AA Beatrice Marconi and Justin Richardson at 6:10pm.

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

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to come out of non public. Selectman Stuart seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Stuart moved to seal the minutes and was seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

No votes taken. The meeting then resumed in the DeRochmont Room

Present: Chr. O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, AA Beatrice Marconi, Guy Young, Building Inspector Charlie Smart, Engineer Jim Kerrivan at 6:30, and Mike Marconi at 6:51pm.

Minute Approval – Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the minutes of June 29, 2009 with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

Guy Young – Coleman Drive

Guy Young met with the Board along with Jim Kerrivan of Altus Engineering to discuss the redirection of the road run-off water flow now that Coleman Drive has been newly paved. The road was raised substantially and it used to be pitched differently. The edge of the road has been altered as well. The runoff used to partially flow on Town property. Now, all the road run-off makes its way to Mr. Young's property. The existing berm and swale just aren't addressing the problem. An on-site review would be beneficial. Guy is presently having his property surveyed. The Selectmen will meet the engineer and Mr. Young at the site on Wednesday at 8:30am.

Police Garage

Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Smart told the Board that despite asking for bids from other companies, Middleton Lumber was the only one to respond. Should take 3 to 4 weeks to complete. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept Middleton's bid on the Police Garage not to exceed \$ 24,470 excluding electricity, plumbing, paint and bldg veneer. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0. A notation for the record - that the Board waived the requirements of the bidding policy based on lack of response from vendors.*

Oil Bids – Tabled til next meeting

Volley Ball and Swing Area – Playground Behind Old Town Hall

Keith Frizzell, representing the Recreation Committee asked the Board if they could utilize our Highway staff and equipment to dig up and remove an area of topsoil where they plan to create a volley ball court. Ideally 12” down per Keith, Selectman Iocovozzi thought 6” would be fine. Keith stated that once they see what is sub surface perhaps less would be needed. Selectman Stuart will be the Board’s contact person on this project. A Recreation Committee member should be present to supervise the dig. Then the area needs to be filled with special sand. Rec will pay for the sand. The swing areas need to be dug out and the woodchips removed and filled with sand as well as the bull dozier toy area should have some sand placed there. Chr. O’Reilly calculated it out to roughly 9 yards. Selectman Stuart stated that regarding swing set installation, she recommended a professional do it for insurance reasons. Rec will hire and pay the person. It was mentioned to Keith that when his committee adds something in town or changes something, they should talk it over with the Selectmen first – ie: sandbox installation at school.

Selectman Iocovozzi left at 7:05pm

Key Deposit for Facilities

Selectman O’Reilly explained the problems created by groups not returning the keys back for facilities they held events in. In summary, those who consistently are late should be warned rather than making it harder for everyone. No action taken.

Tax Lien List

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the tax lien list as presented and pass back to the Tax Collector to process. Chr. O’Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Board expressed heartfelt sympathy for those families having a hard time.

Fox Point Rental House

Selectman Stuart spoke of the tremendous amount of time spent on Fox Point issues over the years regarding renting and complaints. The mower is in dire need for repair. The roof is leaking, the windows all should be replaced. The insulation (if any) is serving no purpose at all. She said the town asks a lot out of the care takers and it’s not fair to expect renters to be home watching the point 24/7. She went on to say 20 years ago, everyone knew everyone’s car. Not so these days plus it is used and visited so much now. She stated that just over the weekend there were endless out of town and state cars there using the point. Chr. O’Reilly agreed by stating he witnessed the same thing. There was discussion about a card-keyed gate and more signage indicating violators will be towed. Chr. O’Reilly suggested a surveillance camera, however Selectman Stuart felt that could be an infringement on one’s privacy. Currently the renters pay \$1,600 for monthly rent, however a credit of \$500 is given for the mowing plus they must pay for the gas. Selectman Stuart felt perhaps an older couple could do that but people who are working and are expected to cut the grass is a bit unreasonable. Mr. Frizzell stated that it will be difficult to get quality renters with a unit in that condition plus with the requirements as caretaker, watchman and grounds keeper. Selectmen Stuart then suggested the following: With a pavilion being constructed at Fox Point in the near future; with a septic system in place; a water hook up right there; and power running to the pole, think of the expense the town would save if the rental unit was to be torn down and the pavilion built in that vicinity. Aesthetically it would work too. For the amount of money needed to fix up the house, the expense was hard to justify. The Chairman called for a motion and ***Selectman Stuart moved to demolish the rental unit at Fox Point. Chr. O’Reilly seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 2-0.*** The Board decided not to rush to demolish the chicken coop as it could be used for storage until such a time as a use is decided upon. It has many possibilities.

Appointments

Selectman Stuart moved to appoint Sandra Sweeney as a ballot clerk. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

LGC's Request to join the legal battle between municipalities & State of NH

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Town Facilities Use Requests

Stone School- Police Training Emergency Response-July 23- 8am til 4pm

TH DeRochmont Room-Senator Shaheen Rep- Sept 10 – 3:00 til 5:00pm

OTH 2nd Fl & Kit- Jack Family-Aug 22- 10:00 til 9:00pm-Family Reunion

TH Audi – Dance Fundraiser-Aids Response (Wendy Sweeney) – Oct 23

TH Audi- Rec Dept for Bridge Club- Monday Aug 24 & 31 – (am til 2:00)

TH Audi & DeRochemont Room-Ports Symph Orchestra – Auditions 9:am - 5

Selectman Stuart moved to approve Police Training for the Old Stone School-no fee

Also Senator Shaheen's request for the DeRochmont Room Sept 10 – no fee

Also the Jack Family request for Old Town Hall Aug 22 – subject to fee

Also the Sweeney request for an Aids Fundraiser – Oct 23 – Town Hall Auditorium – however must provide insurance certificate and non profit number. – no fee if provided

Also the Rec Committee's (Bridge Club) request to use the Town Hall Auditorium two additional Mondays provided their gathering did not interfere with the Census training the same day (possibly in the DeRochmt Rm). - no fee

Also Portsmouth Symph Orchestra's request to use TH Audi & DeRochmont room for auditions on Aug 22. - no fee

Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Nimble Hill Rumble Strips

Code Enf. Officer Charlie Smart informed the Board that it will cost approx \$ 50.00 per linier foot and he suggested between 6 and 10 strips. Selectman Stuart felt the town should pursue this effort. He wanted the Selectmen to know that these are not the high quality professional strips and less deep.

New Business

Selectman Stuart mentioned Dave Sweeney's concern with the location of the butt bucket at the Town Hall entrance and stated it should be kept in the area of the door for in coming patrons to properly dispose of their trash.

Fox Point Trail Maintenance

Keith Frizzell informed the Selectmen that for the past 3 or 4 years he has been clearing the hiking trails at Fox Point, however it has gotten to the point that he can no longer continue doing it. He has used his own equipment as well. He asked that the Board keep this in mind when budgeting land maintenance for next year. The Selectmen thanked Keith for his efforts and stated they appreciated the time he invested in this project.

At 7:49pm Selectman Stuart moved to recess until Wednesday, July 22 at 8:30am on Coleman Drive. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectively Submitted,