

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

**July 25, 2005
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

PRELIMINARY

In attendance: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, various members of the public, and Administrative Assistant Bea Marconi (*see attached attendance sheet*)

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to accept the public and non-public minutes of July 18th, 2005. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0 ***motion passes***

Abatements for Dorothy Sargent (dated June 6, 2005) and Phillips and Sluder (dated July 6th, 2005) ***were approved and signed.***

The issue of recreation old playground equipment storage was ***tabled*** until the August 15th meeting. Members of the Recreation Committee will be notified.

The proposal from FA Gray for the painting of the ceiling of the Meeting House was ***tabled*** until next meeting as well.

Mr. Glenn Lucas discussed his request to dig up a strip of Captain's Landing Road for Underground Utilities. Chairman Iocovozzi said that the excavator or property owner needs to bond \$1000 to Town. Mr. Lucas must see Building Inspector Charles Smart. Mr. Lucas has met with the utilities companies (PSNH, etc.)

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to approve Mr. Lucas request to dig a strip of Captain's Landing Road for underground utilities, providing that all permit and proper fees are collected. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0 ***motion carries***

A letter from JSN Engineers was read regarding the chimney issues at Town Hall. Selectman O'Reilly stated that there are engineering issues with these chimneys. JSN suggested that the chimneys be rebuilt. Chairman Iocovozzi said this should be held off and budgeted for in the 2006 budget. Selectman O'Reilly agreed. Chairman Iocovozzi will call JSN to see if anything immediate or temporary is required.

The Frink closing occurred July 22nd. Chairman Iocovozzi thanked the Rockingham County Conservation, U.S. Government, Newington Conservation Commission, Paul Martel representing Banknorth, Newington Planning Board, Mary Currier, Cynthia

Smith, John, Lydia and Helen Frink, Sarah Ryder and our lawyer Denise Poulos, from Donahue Tucker. Everything went really well.

A letter was read from Lulu Pickering requesting the signature of the Board of Selectmen. This letter is going to the State for the quarterly cemetery expense report. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to the NH Division of Historic Resources to reimburse the Town its share of the grant. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. **Vote 2-0. Motion carries**

A letter from Artists In Residence was read. The group volunteered to clean up Fox Point. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to authorize A.I.R. to clean up Fox Point on August 4th. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. **Vote 2-0. Motion carries** The Police Department will be notified.

The Town Hall use form application from John Klanchesser for use of the Town Hall on August 14th was approved. Motion made by Selectman O'Reilly, seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. **Vote 2-0. Motion carries.**

A letter from Brenda Foster, Town Secretary, was read, giving her formal two weeks notice. The Board of Selectmen **accepted with regret.**

Mr. Richard Sullivan read a letter he had written to the Board. The letter stated that Mr. Sullivan volunteered to complete the stone wall, meet with the Historic District Commission and Cemetery Committee, and has yet to be thanked. The only thank you he received was from Selectman Jan Stuart. Mr. Sullivan stated that he was supposed to meet with Lulu Pickering last July and had to cancel and has yet to hear from her. Mr. Sullivan donated \$500 to the Cemetery Committee for the granite fence project and still hasn't heard from them. He said that Mr. Abbott had called him and asked him his opinion about certain stone for the wall. Mr. Sullivan scheduled machinery for this week, but Mr. Abbott called and told him that the posts needed to be done by the end of July. Mr. Sullivan had told him before that this was all volunteer work and could not be done in such a short amount of time. Mr. Sullivan feels that people in Newington should not be asked to volunteer for anything because of the lack of gratitude. Selectman O'Reilly looked at the budget and said the granite posts were budgeted for and the stone wall was not. The stone wall can wait. The granite posts have a time line and Selectman O'Reilly feels this work should be done to meet the State grant schedule. Selectman O'Reilly thanked Mr. Sullivan for his willingness to volunteer and his work in the Town. Chairman Iocovozzi made a public apology for the misunderstanding. Mr. Sullivan will not be doing any more volunteer work. Selectman O'Reilly suggested that Mr. Sullivan's volunteer work be mentioned in the Town Report.

Mr. Cliff Abbott spoke to the Board and told them that the stone wall can wait until later, but the **granite posts** can not. Selectman O'Reilly asked if the Cemetery Committee needs any additional money from the Town for the post work. Mr. Abbott said no.

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to appoint Clifford Abbott to the Historic District Commission, term to expire April 2008 which was originally approved in April 05. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Roll call vote; O'Reilly- yes, Iocovozzi- yes. Vote 2-0. ***Motion carries***

Mr. Abbott updated the Board on the water leak at the cemetery. The leak has been located, but a hole will be dug to verify and get a price for replacement.

Ms. Barbara McDonald requested a public session at the August 15th meeting to discuss the Old Town Hall incident. Chairman Iocovozzi said she'll be put on the agenda.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non-public under RSA 91:A:3 II (a) employee matters at 7:18 p.m. Roll call vote; O'Reilly- yes, Iocovozzi- yes. Vote 2-0. ***Motion carries***

Moved into non-public session 7:18 p.m.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to come out of non-public and seal the minutes. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Roll call vote; O'Reilly- yes, Iocovozzi- yes. Vote 2-0. ***Motion carries***

Moved into public session at 7:28 p.m. No votes were taken.

Chairman Iocovozzi mentioned that Jim Kerrivar from Altus Engineers called and will fax some information to the Town Office regarding the Tennis court.

Chairman Iocovozzi publicly thanked the Town for the use of the Town Hall for the funeral of Donna Marcotte.

Being that there was no further business before the Board;

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0. ***Motion carries***

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant

