

**Newington Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

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**August 5, 2002  
Newington Town Hall  
6:30 p.m.**

**In attendance:** J. Pare, Cliff Abbott - Cemetery Committee, Building Inspector Charles Smart, BOS Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, BOS member Jack O'Reilly, and AA Sue Newcomer.

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of July 15 & July 31, 2002
2. PD Roof Repair Proposals
3. Private Cemetery Gravestone Repair and Lighting
4. Mott House / Advanced Wildlife Proposal
5. Carpet Runner Proposals
6. Other Proposals
7. Town Hall Use
8. Abatements
9. Signatures and Approvals
10. Conferences and Workshops
11. Building Inspector Communications
12. Miscellaneous

*Pledge of Allegiance*

BOS Chairman C. Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes of July 15 & July 31, 2002:

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes of July 15, second by Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0

Chairman Iocovozzi made a motion to table the minutes of July 31 until the next BOS meeting, second by O'Reilly. Vote 2-0.

Private Cemetery:

C. Abbott presented before and after clean-up photographs of the Watson Cemetery and discussed the status and concerns of some abandoned cemeteries in Town. Chairman Iocovozzi mentioned that the Town only needs to secure abandoned cemeteries and that the Town should not pay for the lighting and repair of these cemeteries. Abbott noted that there are, currently, 14 known abandoned cemeteries in Town.

Iocovozzi recommended that the Cemetery Committee and the Historic District Commission find other alternatives to caring for the cemeteries. Abbott made a request for loam, grounds repair, and a solution to supporting the stones at the private Pickering Cemetery. Iocovozzi said the Road Agent would contact Abbott to arrange a loam

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delivery, and Selectman O'Reilly requested that Abbott come back to the BOS at a later date with other proposals.

PD Roof Repair Proposals:

The BOS reviewed, with the Building Inspector, his meetings with the companies that submitted proposals for the PD roof repairs. BI Smart noted that the bad spot in the roof should be fixed before inclement weather and he recommended that the BOS go with the lowest bid.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept Miken Son Home Improvements proposal for the PD Roof Repair, not to exceed \$275.00, second by Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0.

Mott House / Advanced Wildlife Proposal:

The BOS questioned the proposal information, noting that it wasn't clear as to the number of days the pest removal covered. BI Smart noted that the chimneys should be capped and the windowpanes repaired before dealing with the pest removal. Selectman O'Reilly recommended that proposals for chimney capping and window repair be accepted before going forward with pest removal.

Carpet Runner Proposals:

The BOS requested that the carpet runner proposal be tabled temporarily and that the AA check with the vendor to see if the quoted prices would hold until November 1, 2002.

Other Proposals:

A proposal from the Hungry Beaver, for stump chipping at the Old Town Hall, was tabled.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept a proposal from The Hungry Beaver, not to exceed \$510.00, for stump chipping at the Town Hall, (the Town will take care of clean-up), second by Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the proposal for function room tables, from Quimby's, not to exceed \$1,566.50, second by Iocovozzi. It was determined that a stacking cart would not be needed with this purchase. Vote 2-0.

A proposal for alarms at the Old Parsonage was tabled until more information could be collected regarding the purpose of submission.

Town Hall Use:

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve use of the Town Hall for a Bridal Shower, and to approve use of the Town Hall for a meeting (waiving the fee), second by Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0.

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Abatelements:

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to sign three (3) Veteran Exemptions that were presented, second by Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0. Exemptions were signed.

Signatures and Approvals:

The purchase of a Nextel for the Town Custodian, to replace a broken radio, was tabled. The AA was asked to review other purchase options with the Police Chief.

Conferences and Workshops:

There were no current conferences or workshops to discuss.

Building Inspector Communications:

BI Smart discussed permitting procedures with the BOS, particularly those relating to damage repair. Chairman Iocovozzi recommended that the Building Inspector set up a work session with the Planning Board.

Meetinghouse Steeple and Bell Repair:

Jack Pare updated the Selectmen on steeple and bell repair at the Meetinghouse. It was noted that a new bell rope should be purchased, preferably a polypropylene rope. Pare also noted that the steeple would need to be pulled to replace the shingles and that he would get an estimate for the work. Pare said that work plans were still on track and that he would submit a written progress report to the Selectmen. Chairman Iocovozzi requested that the BOS be given two weeks notice for a crane if the contractor performing the work did not have his own.

Miscellaneous:

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept and sign the Morton Salt Proposal for the upcoming winter, second by Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0. Salt requirements were noted and the proposal was signed.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Iocovozzi.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Newcomer  
Administrative Assistant