

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 18, 2008

6:30pm Town Hall

Preliminary

Chairman Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. The Pledge Allegiance followed.

Present: Chr. Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Building Inspector Charlie Smart, Granville Knox, Charlie Brewster and Mike Morrison of Municipal Pest Control (*arriving at 7:23pm*).

The Chair opened the public hearing on the acceptance of an LCHIP Grant in the amount of \$ 124,000 at 6:41pm and asked if anyone would like to speak. No speakers at the present time and the public hearing was held open.

Minute Approval: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the July 24th meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 2-0. Selectman Iocovozzi was absent. Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of August 4 (both public and non Public). Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 2-0. (Selectman Stuart was absent)*

Library - Underground Services Proposal

Maldini Electric proposed \$ 2,985 to install new 200 amp underground electrical service. Excavation work to be performed by others but includes PSNH charges. It includes installing a new flood light to the front utility pole to be controlled by photo cell. Conduits for telephone & cable will also be laid. The existing meter will be replaced with underground socket. To be charged to Library Maintenance account. **Selectman Stuart moved to approve the above proposal not to exceed \$2,985. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.** Regarding placing the security alarm/fire alarm wires underground from the pole, Charlie Smart tells us he doesn't have a price as yet but will report back.

Underground Nimble Hill Rd Utility Proposal

Hartmann's proposal to sawcut Nimble Hill, etc to install underground utilities to provide service to the Library and Meeting House came in at \$12,641.00. Based on Hartmann's history, experience and licenses, the multiple bid requirements were waived. This will be charged to the Meeting House. Both Charlie & Cos say this is a reasonable bid.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the Hartmann proposal as written not to exceed \$12,641 with Selectman Stuart seconding. On a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.

Fixtures for Meeting House

Selectman O'Reilly explained that he met with Deacon Lyle Grant, Charlie Smart, Mr. Maldini and a lighting specialist from Rockingham Electric to analyze the lighting needs for the Meeting House. The fixture package came to \$10,292.30. They are all period lights and are custom made locally. They were mostly mid-cost range. **Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the Maldini Electric lighting package for the Meeting House proposal not to exceed \$10,292.30. Selectman Stuart seconded. On a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.**

Meeting House Lightning Road Proposal

American Lightning Protection Company proposed a plan for \$3,300 for Lightning protection. URL accepted. **Selectman Stuart moved to accept the proposal from American Lightning Protection not to exceed \$3,300 with a deposit of 1/3 down. Selectman O'Reilly seconded.** Upon discussion, Selectman Stuart was asked if she would amend her motion to include the providing of a certificate of insurance. Both she and Selectman O'Reilly, who seconded the motion agreed. **The Chair called for a vote on the amendment, which passed 3-0 then called for the motion as amended which passed 3-0 which now reads to accept the proposal from**

American Lightning Protection for lightning rod installation at the Meeting House not to exceed \$3,300 with a deposit of 1/3 down providing a certificate of insurance is provided prior to work commencing.

Gate at Nimble Hill Road

Single Arm – Solar powered w/electrical back up (back up power not included in this proposal) by AAA Fences. Gate mechanism is \$2,625 with 25 remotes. Power will be re-routed from new Highway Bldg when constructed. Signage as a form of warning should be erected as soon as possible – Gate Ahead – No Outlet Chr. Iocovozzi expressed concern about maintenance. Charge to 4312-21-395. *Selectman Stuart moved to accept AAA Fences proposal not to exceed \$3,160 for a remote controlled solar powered gate for the end of Nimble Hill Road. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Old Parsonage Siding Rot

The Old Parsonage has a mildew problem that Haas submitted an estimate on totaling \$30,500. We have less than half of that left in the maintenance line for '08. Charlie will talk to Larry to see what, if any portion of the project can be done for around \$12,000 or so. Then we can budget in '09 what needs to be raised to complete. Charlie will report back.

Meeting House Security Monitoring Proposal

DM Burns proposed an annual monitoring fee of \$1,150. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the DM Burns proposal for annual security monitoring for the Meeting House with Selectman Stuart seconding. Motion passed 3-0.* It was suggested to make sure our insurance company knows of the alarms and securities in our buildings.

Meeting House Fire Alarm System

DM Burns proposed the installation of a Fire Alarm System in the amount of \$ 10,222 for the Meeting House. When asked why this hasn't gone out to multiple bidders, Charlie Smart replied that Burns does all of our security. In the past he has sought out other companies however found their quality was lacking. He was confident with Burns. Chr Iocovozzi stated that this is the oldest active meeting house in the country and is fine with this proposal. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the Burns proposal for the Meeting House Alarm System not to exceed \$ 10,222 as written. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote. Due to the fact that DM Burns has been historically reasonable and monitors our other buildings, the formal bid policy requirements can be waived per our purchasing policy.*

Town Forest Formal Acceptance of Deed Ceremony

Selectman O'Reilly tells us he is working with Peg Lamson in establishing a date and time for a formal acceptance. He is presently considering a date in the month of September.

Correspondence:

Altus letter dated Aug 14, 2008 – Upon reviewing the field in preparation for the Coleman Drive Drainage & Road Engineering, Jim Kerivan of Altus informs us that the turnaround at the end of Coleman Drive is encroaching on the abutting properties by as much as 30'. They are asking for direction from the town on how this situation will be handled. Although the owner, Skip Cole was aware of the fact, he saw no problems with this however, the Town should address it with either a right of way, easement, etc. It is currently non conforming, however a pre existing condition. Chr. Iocovozzi wants to make sure that the alterations being done in that area do not create a whole new set of problems, therefore, he will speak to the two abutters and will report back. It was also suggested that when Altus has completed the engineering plans that the neighborhood be invited in for a viewing.

Without hearing any comments from the public on the acceptance of the LCHIP Grant, Chairman Iocovzzi closed the Public Hearing at 7:45pm.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the \$124,000 State LCHIP grant for the preservation and renovation of the Meeting House. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed on a roll call of 3-0.

Town Facility Use Requests

Charlie Brewster of Newington represented his bridge club on the request to utilize Town Hall Auditorium on Monday's from 10:00am til 4:00pm. The Recreation Committee so voted to sponsor this event as part of their curriculum. The Selectmen are hesitant because of elections and other events that may create a problem. Selectman Stuart and Mr. Brewster arranged to meet at the Old Town Hall to see if the Museum area is more suitable, meanwhile, the Recreation Committee should be the organization filling in the request for the facility. Mr. Brewster hoped he could leave the card tables on site. The Board discussed this and stated they could be piled up against the wall and out of the way, depending on where they play. Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the use of the recreation committee sponsored bridge club for Monday's providing suitable area is found at Old Town Hall and Recreation is to fill in form request for Board. *Awaiting facility request form to be returned by Recreation and results of his visit to OTH.*

NH Plein Air Artists Request to Paint at Fox Point – Sept 5 - 6 to 15 artists – With wedding setup going on Sept 5, the artists will be asked to paint & park near the water or embankment. Windshield permits will be issued. See non-profit or Cert of Insurance. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Piscataqua River Brass – Sept 7 and 21 – Town Hall – Band practice – Audi - The AA stated that the Auditorium at Town Hall was tentivley saved for wedding clean up in case of a hurricane on Sept 6 so that the Spinney's had a place to be married if Fox Point was unable to be used. *Selectman Stuart moved to approve the Piscataqua River Brass. Chr. Iocovzzi seconded. Motion passed 2-0.*

Mike Morrison – Mosquito Report

Mr. Morrison said that NH is very lucky not to have had human cases of West Nile. Because this year was such a wet one, salt marsh mosquitoes were a concern. Mott Pond looked bad but that was duck weed, not larvae. Municipal Pest has done several sprays however the truck had to play against the weather so had no set schedule. Tick spraying is being done at Fox Point as well as around school and public areas. Poisson Ivy spray went very well this year. The spray does not kill everything like bugs or animals, only the plants. Mr. Morrison said he and his staff try very had to accommodate everyone's requests for non-sprays and added that as a new requirement, they must work off GIS maps. Mike will contact Jack Pare to see if he has the needed information.

Drainage – Nimble Hill Road

Last year, Phase I and II were done. Dori Wiggin of the NH DES had some sort of issue with permitting, however that seems to have been solved as Frank Richardson gave his OK to the project as presented. Phase II was mow. This year they will spray then mow as it is more effective. Phase III was working further back than 50' from road. Mike will work with Dori for the necessary permits. Fabric & crushed stone should help control growth. He will give us an updated price for Phase III as well as let us know any concerns Dori may have. He'd like to do Phase III during winter months so we may need to encumber funds.

Local Government Center Wage and Classification Study

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Pease Residential Noise Study

A letter dated July 31 from Ed Pottsberg of the Pease Residential Noise Study Committee indicated that after speaking with Tom Morgan at their last meeting, Newington expressed interest in again being monitored, primarily Fox Point. The AA will contact Mr. Pottsberg to ask that their monitoring devices be placed at Fox Point and to see if misc residences along the path way could be again monitored.

2008-2009 Oil Bids

4 Oil Bids were received.

Home Town Fuel – Banfield Road \$3.59 fixed Letter indicated pre buy. AA will call for clarity.

Buxton Oil - \$4.22 fixed or 33 cents over RAC

Lamprey - \$3.99 fixed – with insurance offer of \$1,600 incase market drops

Dead River – 22 cents over RAC – no bid for fixed.

The Selectmen spoke to this issue at length. With the market showing such volatility, Selectman O'Reilly and Chr. Iocovozzi were hesitant about committing, and if they did, the insurance would be an additional cost. Selectman Stuart felt the Town should lock in as we don't know what the next month will bring. To end, the AA is to call Home Town Fuel and also Lamprey to see if there was any fluxation in the market the last couple of days.

Rockingham Planning Commission

Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint Gail Klanchesser to the Rockingham Planning Commission for a three year term. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

2008 Paving Projects

° Fox Point Near Mott Pond and towards Town – Patch work needs to be done – Len & John should be notified.

° Carter's Lane needs grind & paving including cul de sac and misc. drainage. 2.5" base.

° Little Bay Road from corner of McIntyre to Marlin's House – 1" over

° McIntyre Road – the dip at the crest – grind, pound and pave

° Corner of Capt' Landing to Ferland – Shim & Pave

Coleman will continue as is as Altus is addressing drainage – probably won't be paved this year. A five year paving schedule has been drafted to be revisited annually.

Tyler Technology – Valuations on Line

Tabled until meeting slated for September 2.

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held September 2 as Labor Day is Sept 1.

At 9:35, Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant