

**Newington Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

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**August 19, 2002  
Newington Town Hall  
6:30 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Lulu Pickering, Lenny Thomas, Dock master John Welch, Barbara Hill, Chris Cross, Amy Trefethen, Keith Frizzell, Will Gilbert, Susan Newcomer, Cindy Gillespie, Building Inspector Charles Smart, BOS Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, BOS members Jack O'Reilly and Jan Stuart, and Secretary Jen Wentworth.

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of July 31, 2002 & August 5, 2002
2. Fox Point Dock Area
3. Town Ball field
4. Private Cemetery – Fox Run Mall
5. Tricky Cove Conservation Easement
6. Proposals
7. Building Inspector Communications
8. Town Hall Use
9. Signatures / Approvals
10. Conferences & Workshops
11. Miscellaneous
12. Non – Public Session RSA 91-A:3a

*Pledge of Allegiance*

BOS Chairman C. Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes of July 31, 2002 & August 5, 2002:

C. Iocovozzi requested the minutes be tabled until the end of the meeting.

Fox Point Dock Area:

L. Pickering stated her proposal for a wheelchair ramp to be installed at Fox Point so that the elderly and the disabled could enjoy it. Also she mentioned installing stairs up from the water to make it easier for swimmers and people down on the beach to get back up.

C. Iocovozzi mentioned that a permit from the state would be required and that there may be a problem because of the elevation grade. He also mentioned that they should get a professional drawing for a feasibility study.

J. Welch responded that because of the pitch that the ramp would have it would be difficult for someone in a wheelchair. Also, if there is an emergency and the Fire Department or an Ambulance needs to get down there, would they be able to.

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L. Pickering mentioned that she and J. Welch share some of the same concerns.

J. Stuart stated that she agrees with having stairs down to the water.

J. O'Reilly asked BI C. Smart to get the measurements.

C. Iocovozzi said J. Welch, L. Pickering and C. Smart should work out the specifics and get back to the BOS so they can talk to the DES.

Town Ball field / Recreation Department:

A. Trefethen representing the Recreation Committee said that at one of their meetings it was voted to build new soccer nets. They thought that the \$5000 budgeted for the Town Ball field was for Recreation purposes. They now know differently and are requesting that the BOS reimburse the Rec. for purchases made.

J. O'Reilly clarified that all committees must go through the BOS before expending funds to obtain a purchase order even if the funds are allocated.

C. Iocovozzi said that the total to be reimbursed is \$412.80.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to authorize expenditures for a previously committed \$412.80 for field equipment, second by Stuart. Vote 3-0.

J. Stuart stated that with all the scheduling problems for the ball field she looked up the policy which states that the schedule book was to be kept in the Town Hall.

C. Iocovozzi mentioned that they temporarily changed the policy so that Terri Spinney would take care of it for the summer.

J. Stuart declared that she wants to follow the policy.

J. Stuart made a motion to return scheduling of the Town Ball field to the Town Hall, second by O'Reilly. Iocovozzi abstained. Vote 2-0.

L. Pickering mentioned that she felt the budget for the Ball field should be spent the way the Rec. sees fit.

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C. Iocovozzi explained that it was discussed at the Rec. Committee meeting that if something needs to be done, it needs to go through the BOS before money is spent.

L. Pickering agreed but said that there is \$3800 left in the Ball field budget. Peter McDonald, Rec. Committee Chairman, wants temporary bleachers purchased to be used on the Ball field, as well as wherever else they are needed in the Town.

C. Iocovozzi requested that the Rec. Committee come in and make a proposal for the bleachers instead of handing the Selectmen a bid. Also the Rec. should bring this information to the next budget cycle and defend the money they want appropriated.

J. O'Reilly and J. Stuart mentioned that the Rec. has other things beyond the Ball Field to do in the Town.

C. Iocovozzi mentioned that a lot of ideas have been brought to the meetings to be implemented.

A. Trefethen said that because it is summer the Rec. Committee is mainly focusing on sports but in the winter their focus will change.

C. Smart added that for the next budget season the committee should look at using a Warrant Article for large purchases.

C. Iocovozzi said that they can just put it into the budget directly. He also said that the Rec. should put what they want into their budget but be prepared to fight for it.

AA Newcomer:

J. O'Reilly said that before anyone leaves he would like to acknowledge that Sue Newcomer is leaving the Town Hall and that the new AA is Cindy Gillespie.

Everyone welcomed Cindy Gillespie.

Private Cemetery:

B. Hill stated that there was a proposal from Union Marble, since the cemetery has been vandalized again, something should be done.

C. Iocovozzi recommended securing cemetery with a fence and cutting the grass twice a year.

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J. O'Reilly said that a fence was offered for free.

B. Hill said that the Historic District Commission has \$2500 for that cemetery. Also she said that PSNH will put up a motion detector light and Maldini Electric said they would erect the whole thing. If ongoing charges are too significant than a fence will be fine to secure it. Hill mentioned that C. Abbott wants to lay the stones down and erect a large monument in the center.

C. Iocovozzi disagreed with Abbott's suggestion to lay down the stones because they would disintegrate. He said that they will either take the money and put up a fence or use the money to fix the stones.

J. O' Reilly questioned about the railing post.

H. Hill said that the monument company was to fix it.

C. Iocovozzi noted that Lenny could fix it.

The decision was tabled until further discussion at the HDC Meeting at the Old Town Hall.

Tricky Cove Conservation Easement:

J. O'Reilly noted that there were two organizations that were interested in Tricky Cove; The Nature Conservancy and Seacoast Land Trust. C. Cross favors the Nature Conservancy.

C. Cross responded that since both organizations were part of the Great Bay Protection Society, that the Town, before deciding on one, should write to Great Bay Protection and see who they recommend.

J. Stuart asked if either organization had stated that they were interested in the property.

C. Cross said that both are interested because they both conserve land on Great Bay.

J. O'Reilly made a motion to present the Conservation Easement contingent on meeting certain conditions. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

C. Cross would like to draft a letter.

J. O'Reilly would be the point person.

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There was further discussion on plans for Phase 2. In the best interest of the Town, C. Cross requested authorization to draft a letter to one of the lot owners, with options for purchase.

C. Iocovozzi stated that if he drafted something up the BOS would look it over and send it out if approved.

Proposals:

Paving of Parking Lots - C. Iocovozzi mentioned that the Bayside Paving bid would be faxed to the Town Hall. It was agreed that Selectmen Stuart and O'Reilly would meet with them this week.

Old Parsonage Bell – Tabled until more information is available.

Transfer Station Chipping – L. Thomas presented a proposal for chipping they will take the chips for \$2000 per day. The chipping will take a day and a half.

J. O'Reilly said that \$19,000 was budgeted and \$11,000 has been used.

C. Iocovozzi recommended waiting until November to make sure everything to be chipped is separated, then Lenny can arrange to have it done.

J' O'Reilly made a motion to accept the proposal from Oak Wood Lumber for \$2000 per day. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

BI Smart discussed an ongoing violation with the Selectmen.

J. O'Reilly recommended that the information be forwarded to the DOT.

Town Hall Use:

Two applications were accepted for use of the Town Hall function room. One application was accepted for use of the Picnic Grove. One application was tabled.

Miscellaneous:

The informational letter about an outdoor band on August 31<sup>st</sup> was forwarded to the Police Station.

J. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's additions and subtractions. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

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J. O'Reilly made a motion to accept Jack Pare as the Planning Board alternate. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

One year membership to BOCA for BI was approved. Second by J. O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

Dog walking in Cemetery – J. Stuart requested that a sign be erected in the cemetery to tell walkers to clean up after their dogs.

Planning Board:

C. Cross discussed with the Selectmen issues regarding unauthorized invoices for Planning Board services.

When J. Stuart mentioned that a few invoices were left unauthorized C. Cross stated that he had authorization from the Planning Board.

After further discussion, all requested services must be authorized by the BOS.

C. Iocovozzi made a motion to enter non-public session. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Non-Public:

8:50 p.m. Personnel Issue. RSA 91-A: 3a

No Votes were taken.

Out of Non-public 8:55

C. Iocovozzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

8:56 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Wentworth, Secretary