

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 20, 2007
6:30pm Town Hall

Preliminary

Chairman Jan Stuart opened the meeting at 6:31pm with the Pledge of Allegiance following thereafter.

Present: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi and Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi and Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf.

Fire Department Kitchen Improvement Purchases

Fire Chief Greenleaf presented the Board with pictures of miscellaneous items and projects he would like to have done to the building. Stainless steel gas stove, a new microwave oven, a set of pots and pans, a new counter top and plumbing for a dishwasher, which was a gift. The Board did not have a problem with these items and affiliated costs other than a caution on the septic load that the dishwasher may cause. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to give the Home Depot card to the Chief for purchases needed not to exceed \$2,500.00. Selectman O'Reilly seconded and the motion passed 3-0.*

Mutual Aid

Chairman Stuart questioned the Mutual Aid Agreement and asked if when called to fill in, was it a requirement for our equipment and staff to sit in another communities' station for coverage or could they be on call in our own station as she was very concerned with our residents being put at risk by not having the needed emergency personnel or apparatus in town. The Chief said we were covered at all times, even when at the Kittery Maine Navy Yard as Portsmouth was only minutes away at Pease. She objected covering station duties sometimes in length of 6 or more hours. Being first on the call card to cover the Navy Yard was confusing as Portsmouth is so close. The Chief said Mutual Aid goes from Maine to parts in Massachusetts. It wasn't the participation in the program that was troublesome; it was the baby sitting of the stations without equal coverage in our own town. Chairman Stuart said this was very unfair to our tax payers. She strongly suggested that the Chief call our men and equipment back immediately as the Selectmen did not want this responsibility on their shoulders, it would be his. Selectman Iocovozzi said the Chief should look at the agreement and see if we could cover needed scene emergencies, eliminating station coverages but be on call here in town. The Chief said if the Board gives the order, he will bring it to the Mutual Aid co-operative. The Selectmen directed the AA to draft up a document for the Chief to present to the Mutual aid participants.

Brickyard Bid Award

Selectman O'Reilly moved to award the Brickyard project to North Hampton Excavating in the amount not to exceed \$94,200.00. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Chairman Stuart asked about the reputation of this company and Selectman Iocovozzi agreed with the Altus recommendation to accept them. Altus will send notice of awards out and will get insurance information for the job. *Motion passed 3-0. Selectman Iocovozzi moved to set up a contingency for change orders in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Selectman O'Reilly seconded and the motion passed 3-0*

Shattuck Way/Nimble Hill Road Acceptance Continuance of Discussion at Public Hearing Held July 23

Chairman Stuart announced that the continuance will occur Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30 at Town Hall with the vote following. It will be re-posted.

Greenway Bike Path

Selectman O'Reilly mentioned that he read in the local paper about a GreenWay Bike Path project from Calais Maine to Key West Florida supported by SABR – which Jack will follow up on to see if our bike path is part of the overall Greenway Path which may eventually have funds available.

Khalsa Land Use Tax Change Abatement Request

Linda Khalsa wrote the Board a letter (attached) requesting support of TideCreek's request for relief from the current use penalty on the 7.11 acres of land that the Town did not buy. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept and place on file and stated a copy of this letter is with our attorney. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Opeeche Escrow Release – Shattuck Way

Selectman O'Reilly moved to release the bond held for work on Shattuck. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded with the motion passing 3-0.

Town Facility Use Applications:

Smile to Smile Sept 29 – TH Kitchen – Baking Pies for Soup Kitchens – Dianne Scott

Smile to Smile Nov 10 – OTH 2nd fl – Organizational Meeting – 1-3pm

Fire Fighters International Luncheon Fund Raiser- Grove & Bathrooms OTH – Noon-4

Celiac Spru – Sept 20 – 5:30-8:30pm - TH Auditorium

Great Bay Coast Watch – Dinner/Meeting - TH Audi & Kit – Aug 29 4pm-9:30

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the above requests with the fees waived. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded with the motion passing 3-0.

Town Garage Bldg - Paint

Selectman Iocovozzi stated that Len and John should throw a coat of paint on the Town Garage Building.

New Business:

Fox Point Dock Policy for Boats

Because the dock is not being used for its intent with 13 boats down there currently, the Board decided a written policy was in order to correct the problem. With five large boats tied up, Chairman Stuart could see the potential harm with crushing the dingys by the heavier vessels. The boats have been there for prolonged periods of time. This dock is not intended to be a private slip for boat owners. It was intended for tie up of dingy's only for owners that have moorings just off of Fox Point that needed tendering to and from their vessel.

Policy 09-08 Fox Point Dock Regulations

“It shall be the policy of the Town to allow only 8’ dingys and under in length to tie up to the dock to be used solely as a method to get to their mooring located just off of Fox Point unless otherwise being granted written permission from the Newington Board of Selectmen.

Neither the Town nor the Selectmen are responsible for any theft or damages of goods or property at Fox Point.

Any violation of this policy could result in the vessel being towed and stored at the owner’s expense.”

The Selectmen asked the AA to get some signage down there and to notify those boat owners who we know to remove their craft immediately. ***Selectman O’Reilly moved to accept the above policy effective immediately. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0*** after a brief discussion on maximum size.

The Board then voted Rick Stern in as Dock Master 3-0. (moved by Jack O’Reilly, seconded by Cosmas Iocovozzi)

Selectman O’Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:21pm. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant