

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Newington Town Hall
August 21, 2006

Preliminary

Chairman O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, George Fletcher-Treasurer, Jean Bowser, Lisa Zhe of the Portsmouth Herald, and Building Inspector Charlie Smart.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes August 7, 2006

Selectman Stuart moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 7th with amendments (PILOT vs Payment in Lieu of Taxes). Motion was *seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi*. So voted 3-0, *motion passed*.

Rubber Roof Bids

Chairman O'Reilly spent a moment going over the Town Hall maintenance line. He stated that the Town Hall Building Maintenance budget is going to be maxed out and feels the Board should look at this line more closely and address it at the next meeting.

There was only one bid submitted for the rubber roof repair. Charlie spoke on the building. He stated that if there is no more heavy rain then leak should be fine. Charlie stated that the bathrooms totaled at about \$9,000.00 for repair and ADA Compliance and then there was an up charge of \$641.00 for the work done on the ceiling. The heating and air conditioning project totaled at \$29,200.00.

Chairman O'Reilly stated that with all of the total estimates, that line will be over by \$20-\$30,000.00. Chairman O'Reilly added that on the next agenda he will add the overage discussion to see where money should be pulled from.

Charlie spoke on the insulation, tapering, and pitch of the roof to help save money. AJ Desjardins submitted a bid in the amount of \$29,194.00. Selectman Stuart asked if they will remove and dispose of all debris. Chairman O'Reilly read a section from the bid which stated that the company will remove and dispose of all debris.

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the bid proposal from AJ Desjardins and it's not to exceed \$29,194.00, the job to begin within 2 months, all debris is removed and disposed of included in the bid and that there is a certificate of insurance provided. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded** the motion. So voted 3-0, **motion passed**.

Library Bathroom-ADA Compliance Bids

Bathroom bid costs were:

Pettigrew \$15,100; Englewood \$6,918; Careno \$11,222.

Chairman O'Reilly informed the Board that the Library Bldg Maintenance budget line will not have enough money for the renovation of the bathroom. Chairman O'Reilly stated that there is \$6000.00 left and the Library still has to do the canopy over the walk way. After a brief discussion it was decided that the bathrooms will not be done this year but to plan it into the budget process for next year. The Board asked Charlie to look at them and determine why such a vast range in estimates.

Library Canopy Project Bids

Chairman O'Reilly read off the submitted bids. Careno Construction submitted a total of \$11,967.00 and Englewood submitted a total of \$7,602.00. After a brief discussion it was decided to table this discussion. **Selectman Stuart made** a motion to table this discussion. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded** the motion. *Selectman Stuart rescinded the motion.* **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and the Board so voted 3-0. Selectman Stuart then moved** to reject the bids due to the fact that they were higher than expected. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded** the motion. So voted 3-0, **motion passed** for consideration in the 2007 budget year.

Crack in Library back wall

Charlie stated that while he was at the Library looking around there was a crack discovered. Charlie had an engineer over to look at it and the Engineers stated that the wall is still structurally sound.

Jack Pare found cracks in the floor boards.

Charlie handed out an RFP sample for the Sally Port repair at the PD. Charlie gave a brief overview on what needs to be done-he added that there is no rush on this.

Charlie moved on to the Police Department sidewalk RFP . Charlie went on to describe what needs to be done.

Chairman O'Reilly asked if the septic tank will be put up for bid this year. Both Charlie and Selectman Iocovozzi answered it was with only 1 bid coming in. Selectman Stuart asked what needed to be done. Charlie explained that the chamber is always flooded when there is a heavy rain. Charlie went on to say that the pumps wear out and the line always freezes. They are going to be rewired, fix a broken line, and the d-box on the hill needs to be replaced. The board decided that all three will go out to bid with the Septic being priority #1, the Sidewalk being priority #2 and the Sally Port as #3.

Carriage House/ Meeting House

Jack spoke of Carriage House renovation. The major question was should an engineer or architect be brought in. Selectman Stuart stated that at the public hearing the residents voted not to sink money into an engineer. Selectman Stuart feels that the warrant article was for a three season pavilion. She went on to add that at the hearing it was brought up that there was no money for a study to see what the building could be used for however, both Cos and Jack felt the discussion was to not sink money into a Mott House study. Beatrice is to look up the minutes for the Board.

The Board of Selectmen would like for Kelly Davis to come in and analyze what is needed and what the Carriage House could be possibly used for as in a proposal for a proposal.

Charlie added that at the Meeting House the floor columns are rotted. There is rot on the bell tower. Charlie feels as if a historical architect should come in and determine the correct use of the building. Chairman O'Reilly was told to proceed with getting a proposal for a plan.

Highway Vehicle

Skowheaghan's estimated price of a new large highway truck was \$ 115,000+- and \$ 118,000 +-. George came up with a figure for a truck that is \$4000.00 less than Skowheaghan's on a vehicle he felt would meet our needs however, fit up for plowing would bring us into November before it was ready.

Selectman Stuart and Selectman Iocovozzi had an intense debate over the size of the truck. Selectman Iocovozzi feels as if the truck should go out for bid (if we go big) and that there is no need for a big truck due to the fact that the town already has a big enough truck. However Selectman Stuart stated that a State vendor and a reputable company covers the need to go out to bid. We will be lacking the staff and licenses needed to run a truck like this. Storage and maneuverability were questionable too. After this discussion, **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to go with a bigger truck not to exceed \$115,000.00. **Chairman O'Reilly seconded** the motion. **Selectman Iocovozzi** was against this decision. So voted 2-0, motion passed. The Town Treasurer George Fletcher will go over Skowheaghan's specs and report back to the Board of Selectmen with a final price and thoughts on the specs.

Town Facilities Use Application and Fee Schedule was tabled

Pease Air Force Base Notice of Increase in Air Traffic

Chairman O'Reilly read a notice that stated that the Airport in Burlington, VT is being repaved so more planes will be coming to Newington beginning on August 31.

Portsmouth Little League Baseball

The Board of Selectmen voted to donate, on behalf of the Town of Newington as we have a resident playing on the team (**CONOR TREFETHEN**) \$500.00 dollars to the Portsmouth Little League to help with their expenses throughout the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA.

Selectman Iocovozzi exited at 8:32pm.

MS-1 Extension

Selectman Stuart made a motion to extend the filing of the MS-1 until Oct 1, however felt we should urge the process to be as timely as possible. **Chairman O'Reilly seconded** the motion. So voted 2-0, **motion passed**.

Wildlife Refuge

Senator Sununu sent a letter in regards to the change of status of the Great Bay Wildlife Refuge to passive preservation to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Board of Selectmen had also forwarded their concerns stating that they do not want it closed. This letter is in response to both the Board & Senator Sununu's concerns which indicated that due to Federal Funding, all national refuges' needs had to be analyzed.

Letter from Waterfront Engineering – Fox Point Erosion Project

The letter basically stated that he has two prices for surveying. One for \$3500.00 (Vera) and the other for \$1500.00 (Knight-Hill). **Selectman Stuart made motion** to accept the bid from Knight Hill not to exceed \$1500.00. **Chairman O'Reilly seconded** the motion. So voted 2-0, **motion passed**.

Town Facility Use Request

Selectman Stuart made a motion to approve Old Town Hall use for the Newington Brownies on Sept. 7th – June 21ST (Thursdays) as long as they don't interfere with other requests. The Marine Docent on Dec. 14th at the Town Hall, as well as the Harp Circle on Sept. 10, the Wind

Ensemble Sept 19, Dec 5, May 15 and June 5 at Town Hall, and Barbara Pickering at the Town Hall on Dec 2. **Chairman O'Reilly seconded** the motion. So vote 2-0, **motion passed.**

Oil Bids

Selectman Stuart made motion to accept the bid proposal from Hartman Oil in the amount of \$2.436 p/gal **Chairman O'Reilly seconded** the motion. So voted 2-0, **motion passed.**

Veteran's Tax Credit

Granted, \$ 500.00 Tax Credit – Steven Westin of Beane Ln.

Letter from Blue Latitude

Selectman Stuart referred to a letter from Blue Latitudes who is requesting to serve beer and wine inside and outside. Selectman Stuart feels that it should not be sold in a residential area. Jack felt that the liquor commission more or less dominates what happens inside. Selectman **Stuart made a motion** to deny their request. **Chairman O'Reilly seconded** the motion. So voted 2-0, **motion passed.** The Board also felt that the State Liquor Commission did not allow the Town ample time to respond to their original request of serving beer/wine at all. Beatrice is to contact the State to let them know of the Board's thoughts on the issuance of this permit in a Residential Area both inside and out.

Pike/Fox Point Road Shoulder Report

Administrative Assistant, Beatrice Marconi reported on the Pike update for shoulder work whereas the original estimate was for \$ 3,500. After seeing they spent less for the road project itself, and after seeing that Len felt Pike should do it rather than he and John if the cost was right, Bea reported that Chris from Pike was going to do their best to keep the entire project, including the shoulders to the approved cost of \$ 43,440. Jan couldn't stress enough the importance of getting the shoulders done as the road is experiencing damage from wash out.

Request for Sunday School Sign

Ms. Bowser asked if a sign could be put on the church property stating that Sunday school will be at the Library. The Selectman both agreed that the code for the Library alarm system should be given to Luann Tung.

Being that there was no further discussion Selectman **Stuart moved** to adjourn. **Chairman O'Reilly seconded** the motion. So voted 2-0, **motion passed.**

Meeting was adjourn at 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant