

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 31, 2009 6:00pm
Town Hall

Preliminary

Chr. O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Cosmas Iocovozzi (*arrived at 6:10*), Wil Corcoran, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, and Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Smart (*at 6:20pm*).

Selectman Stuart moved to go into non-public at 6:04pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Negotiations/Litigation followed by a second from the Chair. Motion passed on a roll call vote 2-0.

Selectman Stuart moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0 and the meeting resumed in the DeRochmont Room at 6:40pm. No votes taken.

Present: Chr. O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Cosmas Iocovozzi, AA Beatrice Marconi, the Board of Fire Engineers, (Wib Goins, Steve Sabine, Ruth Fletcher); Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf, Asst Chief Dale Sylva, Conservation Comm Chr. Justin Richardson, HDC Chr. Gail Pare, Len Thomas Road Agent, and Victor McClean of the Highway Department.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Selectman Stuart moved to seal the minutes for the non public session indefinitely and Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

Selectman Stuart took the floor prior to agenda items to state that at the last meeting she worded a statement wrong and although it was not her intent to question the integrity of the Chair, she was very sorry if she offended him.

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the minutes of August 17, 2009. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Command Vehicle – Fire Dept.

The Board of Fire Engineers, Chief and Asst Chief came to the meeting to discuss the Selectmen's thoughts on the purchase of a Command Vehicle for the Fire Department. They used to have a suburban however that vehicle was never replaced. Retired cruisers were forwarded to the Fire Department every other year if there was a need but they weren't meant to be in lieu of a Command Vehicle, they were provided for necessary running around. The Forestry Truck was at one time a replacement of sorts but didn't fit the needs as a command vehicle. Selectman Iocovozzi questioned the use of the Cap Res as the purpose is for 'replacement or repair' as in - are they really replacing a vehicle or are they adding a vehicle to the fleet? As far as funding for next year, it could be through a warrant article process or use of funding under capital overlay, which comes under the Selectmen's budget. Chr. O'Reilly stated that requesting funding via a warrant article is risky given the tone of last year's town

meeting. He goes on to say that sinking \$3,000 to \$4,000 into fitting up retired cruisers is actually not cost efficient. Wib stated that communications is so important on site for not only safety but for addressing incident efficiently. Asst. Chief Sylva noted that this vehicle is not for transportation needs but more for knowledge benefits like pipe diameter via maps – infrastructure, drainage...intricate information on emergencies' site. Selectman Iocovozzi does support a command vehicle, however suggests the town wait and budget next year. Selectman Stuart asked for more of a defined cost. The Fire Department has no immediate plans to approach the Town for another replacement for the 32 year old fire truck.. The Fire Dept does not have the money this year to outfit the cruiser received a month ago. Selectman Stuart stated that with a big ticket item like this it should be brought to the people. A discussion of a used vehicle ensued – however Dale asked how long do you want this vehicle to last before it must be replaced again. The electronics alone are extremely costly to switch over. Asst Sylva will get hard costs for the Selectmen to consider meanwhile ***Selectman Stuart moved to table til more information could be brought forth. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Fire Dept request to use Cap Res for misc 2009 Vehicle Maint

This item was briefly discussed however, ***Selectman Stuart moved to table along with the above item to be discussed at a future meeting. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Acceptance of Donations/Gifts to Town

RSA 31-95:e was brought into the discussion while representatives of the Fire Dept was there to let them know that the Board of Selectmen is the governing body voted in at town meetings to accept gifts on behalf of the Town. (see March 1995 W.A.6). The department will forward the necessary information so that the Board can hold a public hearing on donations valued over \$ 5,000.

Disposition of Town Property

Generator, Cruiser, and old Tractor – Town will be accepting sealed bids & will be put in paper.

Next Meeting

September meetings- Chr. O'Reilly offered the Board a Sept 21 date, however reserving the 14th if anything urgent arises. (*Selectman Stuart will be unavailable misc days this month*)

Town Forest Signs

The HDC is not totally happy with the placement of the 'Town Forest' sign in the Historic District off Nimble Hill Road. They voted to create a smaller, walk-to-read style sign. Selectman Iocovozzi felt Newington had waited long enough and had spent enough money to get it back from the FAA and wanted to be sure it was designated clearly. After discussion of placement angle and distance up from the ground, the Board was confident that both the Conservation Commission and HDC could come to a reasonable agreement.

Beane Lane Paving Petition

The Selectmen acknowledged receipt of a petition signed by 22 people asking the Board to put Beane Lane on the paving schedule for 2010. Chr. O'Reilly stated that at budget time, perhaps the funds not dedicated to bldg maintenance in 2010 could be dedicated to paving. Upon annual review of the paving schedule, Beane Ln will be taken into consideration when prioritizing. The AA was asked to send a letter of acknowledgement to Mr. Adams.

Correspondence

Selectman Stuart moved to accept and forward a copy of the letter received from Susan Smith dated August 24 to our Code Enforcement officer to review. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.

Facilities Use Requests

G. Klanchesser/Girl Scouts – OTH 2nd Fl – Every 1st & 3rd Wednesdays every month -3:00-5:30

Carrie Tammik – Ports Clipper QuarterBack Club – Spaghetti dinner – Sept 4 – TH Audi & Kit (non-profit # on file)

School Supporters – OTH Kitchen & Grove – Back to School BBQ – Sept 2 – 5pm til dark

Charlie Brewster – Bridge Club – Sept 14,21 28 – Town Hall Audi – 9:00am – 2:00

The Board voted to approve each request all with fee waived. Motion passed 3-0

Misc

NH Liquor Commission request for Board comment on the request of La Tonalteca to be issued a liquor license. Located at Fox Run Mall. – The Selectmen offered no objections.

Last Meeting – Chr. O'Reilly wanted assure everyone that from the conversation at the Selectmen's meeting held August 17 that no one was mislead into thinking that the rent at Fox Point was reduced - it still was \$1,100 per mo.

Public Hearings coming up

Proposed Town Garage – November - actual date TBA

Pavilion/Demo – early December – actual date TBA

Fox Point Decal Policy – Info on road designation should come through first - No date set

Recycling Bins at Highway Bldg – Someone once again has placed trash in the recycle bins causing a horrendous odor. Also containers of fat were left behind as well – not good for dogs. In the wooded area, she also noted people are throwing away half eaten scraps which they are leaving for the animals. Unfortunately, this will soon cause a rat problem and asks people to dispose of their debris correctly. After discussion the Board agreed that as time moves onward, it is getting closer and closer to moving the recycling over to the transfer station area.

Brush Cutting along Little Bay Road – Len Thomas has spoken with the property owner and will address the brush along the sides of the road that are dangerous for the walkers and joggers.

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Len tells the Board that some of the dirt taken from the field behind OTH for the volley ball court was brought to the former site of the Mott House. The AA was asked to contact the Rec department to get their thoughts on when the sand would be placed in the court. Selectman Stuart asked Victor McLean of the Highway crew to let his daughter Sarah know that the Selectmen wished her a happy first day of school.

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:19 pm Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant