

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 2, 2008
Town Hall 6:15pm

Preliminary

At 6:19pm, Chr. Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order.

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi

At 6:20, Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Litigation. Seconded by Selectman Stuart and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to come out of non public at 6:45pm Seconded by Selectman Stuart. On a roll call vote, motion passed. No votes taken.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to seal the minutes for 6 months and Selectman Stuart seconded. On a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.

The Board then relocated to the DeRochmont Room at 6:45.

Minute Acceptance:

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the August 18 minutes as presented. Selectman O'Reilly seconded and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.

Mott Pond/Road Issues

Chief Tretter spoke with Building Inspector Charlie Smart regarding Hazardous Mitigation funds in the form of a grant for repair of culverts which may be available through the State. 50 to 100% would be funded by the State. It would be an '09 project. The Chief felt Newington may qualify for a 50/50 match based on our circumstance that if the road washed out it would take a water main. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to authorize the Chair to sign on the Board's behalf to pursue the research and grant application for Hazardous Mitigation for Mott Pond drainage & flow. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Police Garage

Chief Tretter asked the Board to consider construction of a Police Department Garage for 2009. In the P Station Maint fund, we currently have \$23,000 left. The needs would be to secure impoundment, barricades, bicycles, cones, and cruisers in bad weather. He suggests 38 x 26 with two drive through doors and to hopefully match the station in some manner. Not connected. The Chief was urged to get three or four prices. Depending on funding, the Selectmen will support what can be done with existing balances then consider funding completion for 2009. Will have to also go to Planning Board. Hislop to be approached for survey and layout. May not need engineering but will need plans.

Town Hall Brick Floor Refinishing

Jack Kimball from Great Bay Services briefed the Board on the events leading up to the condition the floor was now in. The sporadic white lines were caused from moisture. The various layers of finish on the Brick (Acrylic *and* Urethane) made it very difficult to complete the project as they had hoped, especially with the severe weather we had all summer long. He asked the Board to consider not putting on a finish coat as that would wear and actually the raw brick looked nice. He will be back to professional clean all the rugs in Town Hall, fix the discolored tiles in the auditorium, and touch up wooded doors/panels. He did not bill the Town for over \$4,000 worth of

services and asks the Selectmen to pay the \$5,115. *Selectman Stuart moved to pay the invoice of \$5,115 contingent upon the rugs being shampooed (written on the invoice). Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Roll call vote passed 3-0.*

Library – Burns – Wireless Fire Alarm

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the DM Burns estimate of (not to exceed) \$2,600 to convert the fire alarm to wireless. Selectman Stuart reluctantly seconded as she felt the costs were exorbitant for a single box. The motion passed 3-0. This is one component of the Hartmann project bringing the utilities under ground across Nimble Hill Road. *Motion passed 3-0.*

Bridge Club Facility Request of Old Town Hall

Charlie Brewster requested that if the Selectmen grant the use of Old Town Hall that during the time the YMCA is using the facility in the summer, could the Bridge people use the Current Town Hall Auditorium. The Selectmen preferred to not tie up the auditorium every Monday for the summer. The Board discussed that the Y could change their field trip day to Mondays. When a key is needed to open the bldg, either a recreation member or a playing resident must pick it up and return it to Town Hall. *Board moved to approve, reviewable every three months.*

Meeting House Lightning Rod Amendment to Contract

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the Lightning Rod contract for an additional (not to exceed) \$625 for lift costs. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Parsonage – Roofing Consideration

Charlie Smart will work with Larry Haas to see what he proposes he can do with the balance of the funds existing in the building maintenance line. Next year, the Board will consider budgeting for the balance needed to complete the job. Charlie will get back to the Board with a partial roof plan.

Oil Bids

Lamprey 3.899

Hometown 3.59

Dead River .22 margin plus base (base was \$3.29 today)

Buxton .33 margin plus base

Although Selectman Stuart felt differently, the Board decided not to commit and to check in again in two weeks.

Local Government Center – Classification Study

This item was tabled for a later date

Tyler Technology – Assessing

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve \$6,000 for Tyler Technology for our Universe annual license for assessing software and for our online valuations set up and annual fee. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

Budget Schedule

The Selectmen briefly went over the 2009 budget schedule

Tire Resolution – as Suggested by NH House of Representatives

Basically, this resolution urged each municipality to offer a ‘free’ drop off tires day in an effort to address standing water for mosquito reproduction. However, as the Chairman explained, in the Town of Newington residents can drop off their tires (with no collection fee) year round whenever the Transfer Station is open.

Town Forest

On Saturday September 13 at 9:00am on Arboretum Drive, the PDA will meet with the Board of Selectmen to formally sign Town Forest deed over.

July 18 Fire Report

The Selectmen announced that available immediately is a three page report authored by the Fire Engineers explaining the coarse of events surrounding the fire at 400 Newington Road. Selectman O’Reilly added that if anyone had any questions, they should put them in writing and forward them to the Engineers.

Town Facilities Use Application:

OTH – Sept 14 – 2nd fl - Noon to 4pm – Sweeney - Approved – subject to fee
Border Patrol Testing – Nov 12 Dec 12 Jan 14 - Town Hall Audi - Approved – fee waived

Misc

The Board of Fire Engineers will be asked if they can attend the next meeting for a brief non public session.

Meeting House Review

Building Inspector Charlie Smart informed the Board of the progress being made with the Meeting House and how he had met with the State’s Dept of Resources on the progression of the grant specifications in the project. The Board indicated that they would like their meeting scheduled for October 6th to be at the Meeting House.

Coleman Drive Drainage/Paving Project

Justin Richardson was asked to look into the Coleman Drive ‘turn-around’ concerns that the Town has, specifically with it being partially on private property. With the engineers preparing for drainage and paving bids, the Town wanted to be sure that it was addressed properly.

Justin added that he would inform the Conservation Commission of the Town Forest ceremony slated for the 13th and ask if they would consider funding shrubbery outside Town Hall at the base of the flags and signs.

At 8:35, Selectman O’Reilly moved to adjourn and Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant