

**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 4, 2007
6:00PM Town Hall**

Preliminary

Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Present: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectman O'Reilly, Charlie Smart of Code Enforcement, Beatrice Marconi Administrative Assistant, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi (at 6:07pm)

*Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non public under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Litigation.
Chairman Stuart seconded with the motion passing under a roll call vote 2-0. (Cos arrives).*

Selectman O'Reilly moved to close the non-public. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0. No Votes taken.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to seal the minutes. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and on a roll call vote the motion passed 3-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chairman Stuart, Selectmen O'Reilly and Iocovozzi, Jim Noseworthy, AA-Beatrice Marconi, Charlie Smart-Code Enforcement Officer, Len Thomas-Road Agent, Gail Pare, John Frink and Rick & Doreen Stern at 7:18pm.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to alter the Dig Safe clause with tent companies in setting up at Fox Point stating that if the tent is being put up in the same vicinity each time, Dig Safe does not have to check the area as there are no active utilities. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. So moved 3-0.

Jim Noseworthy of Nimble Hill Road commented on the drainage project recently completed by SWAMP stating that it was done professionally and neat. The Administrative Assistant was to contact Mr. Larry Wahl and ask if his concerns with the water on his side were addressed satisfactorily regarding erosion and rock placement.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the minutes of August 20, 2007. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi – motion passed 3-0.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to re-appoint Charlie Smart as Health Officer with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0. (3 year term)

Chairman Stuart opened the public hearing at 6:58pm on the acceptance of Shattuck Way and Nimble Hill Road which was a continuance of the July 23 Public Hearing dialog on the same topic.

The Selectmen of the Town of Newington have received notice from the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, pursuant to RSA 228:36, that the Commissioner has reassigned portions of Nimble Hill Road and Shattuck Way as Class V highways. In accordance with RSA 230:57, the Selectmen are holding a public hearing on September 4, 2007, at 6:30 PM at the Newington Town Offices to consider the action taken by the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. This is a continuance of the public hearing held July 23, 2007.

The public hearing remained open with no immediate speakers while other items were taken up.

Coleman Drive Paving Project

Code Enforcement Officer, Charlie Smart spoke of the grade and elevation concerns with this area also touching on the cross drains, old culvert system and proximity of some of the dwellings in relationship to the road. Selectman Iocovozzi asked about the swales and the dropping of the road.

Charlie felt it would cause a hump on one side and a bump on the other. Chairman Stuart stated that perhaps engineering should be done. Selectman O'Reilly said we had \$30,000 earmarked for the paving and what ever may be left over from the Brickyard project. Charlie will seek out a surveyor to shoot the grades and elevations to help the contractor. Also, this job should have a bond posted.

Selectman O'Reilly said if this proves to be bigger than anticipated, to do it right perhaps we should address the drainage this year and encumber the left over funds for an '08 paving.

The Board felt Charlie's spec sheet was good and stated the basic engineering work should be done by the paver. Charlie said we should have another spec sheet for a contractor for swale work and grades.

John Frink asked about Marconi's property and stated that a grade adjustment may be necessary along with a pipe under his driveway.

Charlie will make adjustments to his spec sheet and contact Hislop. Jim Noseworthy and Selectman Stuart briefly spoke of a very deep pond in that area which could turn out to be a vernal pool. Charlie added that in the future we should consider contacting the owners in the drain area and seek permission to open up the flow to the bay.

The Chair asked Road Agent Len Thomas for his input. He stated that he has discussed most of these issues and agreed with the actions tonight.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to give Charlie Smart the lead on this by contacting a surveyor to shoot the grades and to adjust the paving specs where necessary. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

WalkWay Paving Project

Bricks and bushes (by the walkway lights) were to be removed by our Highway Department. Loam & seed will be brought in where the bricks are to be taken out. Brick will be piled at Transfer Station. The Board reviewed specs drawn by Charlie Smart. Will go out to bid.

A truss ell will be placed along the stone line to conceal the generator when in the lobby. (not part of paving project)

New Town Hall Sign

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the Reedy sign not to exceed \$4,000 with plans to use our granite posts and to propose budgeting next year to illuminate this sign. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. The Board discussed fixing the existing signs or to acquire a new one and felt with all the difficulty people had in seeing the old style, a new sign was the way to go. ***Motion passed 3-0.***

DM Burns Security Proposal – Old Parsonage

With the price for the new security system coming in at \$7,760.00 the Board asked Charlie to seek out another company's estimate. The system works right now but parts to repair are unavailable. The Board tabled this issue until more costs are brought in.

Resignation of Cliff Abbott from the Budget Committee

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept Cliff Abbott's resignation from the Budget Committee with regret to cure the town's violation of RSA 673. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi – Passed 3-0

Continuance of Public Hearing for the Acceptance of Nimble Hill & Shattuck Way

The Board discussed the punch list as prepared from the Site Walk July 14 and the first portion of the public hearing July 23. Selectman O'Reilly hoped we could break the vote into two motions, one for each road. Jack wanted the work to be completed before accepting. Selectman Iocovozzi disagreed. They spoke of sidewalk plowing, the guardrail concern (which they will not be the State's responsibility), spoke of the striping, signage, plans which was followed by the motion below. The Administrative Assistant was asked to compose a letter to the State asking for a confirmation date for road striping.

John Frink asked for more information on the sidewalk mandates for plowing. The administrative assistant will research.

Jim Noseworthy asked about a surveying crew he saw recently in that area and Rick Stern replied stating it was for the 10 acre parcel in that vicinity.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept both roads upon confirmation of providing the as-builts from the State and upon completion of the striping of Nimble Hill and Shattuck Way Extension. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Town Facility Use Applications

Sept 14 – Piscataqua Brass Rehearsal – Town Hall Audi – 6:30pm -9 – approved fee waived
Reapers use of Old Town Hall on various Tuesdays-approved contingent upon no conflicts-fee waived
GirlScouts – Town Grove – Sing a long and grill – Oct 19 – 7:00pm – 8:00pm – approved no fee

Oil Bids

Oil Bid requests will be requested once again due to no response the first time.

Town Forest

Selectman O'Reilly filled Gail Pare and the Board in with the latest information regarding the town forest and informed them that the verbiage in the deed has been negotiated to the Town's liking and now it is once again with the FAA. He felt that at the end of the year we would have it in hand.

Nimble Hill Drainage

A very professional job was done by S.W.A.M.P. Selectman Iocovozzi wanted us to talk to Larry Wahl and SWAMP regarding surge rock placement on the north (Larry's) side of Nimble. The AA will see to it that this is done.

The wood's road/farmer's access over the replaced culvert in front of Manness property will be loamed and seeded by our Highway Dept if not all ready done.

On the Noseworthy property, Jan asked the Board - if Jim wanted a woods road, would the Town be responsible for making one? Selectman Iocovozzi answered no and that we were fixing our drainage problem and that the culvert on the Manness property was pre-existing.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:36pm. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant