

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 17, 2007
Town Hall 6:30pm

Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Present: Chairman Stuart, Selectman O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Smart, Mike Garrepy, Linda & Gurubhaik Khalsa, George & Ruth Fletcher, Selectman Iocovozzi (at 6:39), and Rick Stern (at 7:00pm).

Pledge of Allegiance

Resignation of Ballot Clerk

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept Jean Bowser's resignation as Ballot Clerk (with regret) which was seconded by Chairman Stuart. Motion carried 2-0.

Appointment of Ballot Clerk

Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint Krista Low to replace Jean Bower as Ballot Clerk - which was seconded by Chairman Stuart. Motion carried 2-0. Term to expire March 2008.

Texas Road Hse – Request to Serve Alcohol on Patio

Selectman O'Reilly moved to authorize Texas Road House to serve alcohol on their outside patio. Chairman Stuart seconded. Jan went on to say that the Planning Board indicated they had no objections to this. Motion passed 2-0.

Oil Bids 2007-2008 Season

Lamprey Brothers 2.449 per gal, Hartmann 2.50 per gal, HomeTown Oil 2.549 per gallon.
Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the contract with Lamprey Brothers at \$2.449 per/g. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Motion passed 2-0.

Wiring Proposal – Old Parsonage

Maldini submitted a price for misc wiring for the Old Parsonage. (Cos arrived) *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the wiring bid in the amount not to exceed \$775 from Maldini. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.*

Minute Approval

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the public & non-public minutes of Sept 4, 2007. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.

Garrepy/Khalsa Request for Relief from LUTC 7.11 Ac

Mike Garrepy appealed to the Selectmen for consideration of approval of his abatement request for relief from paying the \$35,700 for the 7.11 ac not purchased at Town Meeting. This parcel does not qualify for current use. He stated that it was his belief that the Purchase & Sales agreement covered this clause. It was the Board's belief that the P & S was null and void if the sale did not go through. As it was left, the Selectmen would relay his thoughts once again to the Town's Attorney and await reply. The Board will contact Mike once we hear from Matt Upton.

School Funding Report – Selectman O’Reilly

Selectman O’Reilly attended a meeting with the Governor and Coalition members last week and as it stands, by February the cost for an adequate education has to be calculated and then, it must be decided upon how it is funded. The battle between donor/receiver ie: funding issues is far from over. The Governor strongly stated he would not support a sales or income tax to fund but has not ruled out specific gaming alternatives, beer tax, payroll tax, cigar tax, or even a homestead tax. The governor feels very strongly that if a constitutional amendment isn't passed to target aid, Newington stands a good chance of again becoming a donor town.

Winter Maintenance Policy

Upon consulting with our liability insurance company and the LGC legal department, it was suggested the Town create and adopt a Winter Maintenance Policy. The Highway Safety Committee will review various sample policies provided and along with a representative from the Planning Board, come up with a document that suits the needs of Newington.

Dock at Fox Point Regulations

Identifying boat owners is a difficult chore due to the privacy act, per Rick Stern. Great Bay Marine will not tow and store a violator’s vessel as they cannot obtain the owner’s name. Chairman Stuart questioned our authority to have boats towed. Discussion went on between the Board and Rick pertaining to sizes, and who should tie up there. It was agreed upon that the end of the dock is for ‘loading and unloading only’ and that use of the dock is restricted to Newington Residents only. Beatrice will get signs made up. Mr. Stern strongly felt a decal system is the way to go. He also stated that 8’ dinghies is too small of a restriction to tie up. The dock was originally built to serve Fox Point Mooring owners who were Newington residents. Rick spoke of tiller driven boats and felt they too are small enough to be allowed to tie up. Chairman Stuart stated that this was never a problem in the past and that she felt the residents just didn’t know the rules and that once they do, the issue will fade away. In the end, Selectman O’Reilly suggested Mr. Stern formally draw up a policy dealing with all the concerns for Board consideration.

While on the topic of boats, Charlie Smart wanted the Board to be aware that the boat ramp at Patterson Lane was eroded and that we should consider repairing if you want it to be usable. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested that next time Duncan Mellor came before the Board, they could discuss this ramp as well.

Fox Point Concerns – Letter from Chris Bellmare

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept and place the letter in the Fox Point file. Selectman O’Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ruth Fletcher questioned the letter and asked who actually rented there and if it was being taken care of. Chairman Stuart answered by stating that the three names appearing on the lease were living there with Jim Heinz spending the least amount of time there. She added by saying she felt the place was taken care of. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the letter made certain statements that the Board wanted to follow up on. Mrs. Fletcher suggested the Selectmen contact those that lived closest to hear if they had any complaints. George Fletcher added that he walks there regularly and that he never really saw anything bad other than an occasional broken window or occasional fire pit debris.

AA Marconi was asked to seek out prices on lighting off the Carriage House as the Rec people had mentioned that it would be nice to have a pole light there for events such as Sept. Fest.

Town Hall Walk Way Bids

Three bids were received Bayside Paving, \$3,000; Durell \$4,500; and Dixon \$4,780. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the Bayside Paving proposal for sidewalk repair in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0*

Town Facilities Use Applications:

Fox Point – Aug 3, 2008 – Wedding – All Day – (Abby Hood is Bride)

Town Hall – Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16 – 2:30-6pm – Piscataqua R. Brass

Town Hall Audi & Kit– Sept 30 – Memorial Service Gathering – Florence Smith - Noon – 5

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve each of the above requests while waiving the fees for Town Hall use. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion pass 3-0

New Business:

Selectman O'Reilly informed the Board that he had asked the AA to contact Mike Morrison for information regarding Tick Treatment as he had read an article which indicated Municipal Pest Control had a program and thought perhaps the Board may consider this in the Mosquito Treatment process budgeting next year. There were far too many Lyme cases reported this year with 5 people on his very street that he knew of.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 7:58pm. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi Motion passed 3-0

Respectively Submitted

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant