

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

**September 20, 2004
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Building Inspector Charles Smart, and AA Cynthia Gillespie.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order 6:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Ted Blood of Portsmouth spoke to the Board of Selectmen about damage his car received due to a manhole cover on River Road. The Selectmen suggested that Mr. Blood call the Sewer Department and discuss this issue with them.

A letter was read from Nancy Bunker and Jeanine Biskaduras requesting permission to plant a tree in memory of Pam Blevins. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to approve this pending a decision from the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0. Chairman Stuart said that a good idea may be to plant the tree out at Fox Point, because Pam loved the Point so much.

A request was made by Mark Phillips to paint the South Newington Bulletin Board. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to allow Mr. Phillips to paint the South Newington Bulletin Board. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

A request was made by David Sweeney to paint the Recreation shed. Motion made by Selectman Iocovozzi to allow Mr. Sweeney to paint the Recreation shed green. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

AA Gillespie was instructed to tell Road Agent Thomas to move the Ballpark mix (infield mix) at the Tennis Court to behind the Town Garage.

The only bid received for the Town Gravel Pit re-sloping was from Hartmann Enterprises of Exeter for \$3,710.00. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to approve Hartmann Enterprises for the re-sloping of the Town Gravel Pit. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0. AA Gillespie was instructed to send the signed paperwork to Hartmann Enterprises and let them know that Tom Morgan has the plans for the Gravel Pit.

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A request from Evangeline Brawn for a cabinet to be put at the Town Hall for storage of church supper supplies was tabled until the workshop on September 27, 2004.

The e-mail regarding White Cane Safety Day was tabled until the workshop on September 27, 2004.

The Selectmen reviewed and accepted the July 2004 Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Cliff Abbott, Cemetery Commission, brought chain link samples for the Selectmen to review. The Selectmen reviewed the samples. There was further discussion on the chain link fence to go around the cemetery.

Mr. Abbott also asked if the Selectmen would return seventy-five dollars to Theresa A. Donnelly, who would like to sell her lots (#30 southern division) back to the Town. There was discussion. The Selectmen decided to purchase the lots back from Ms. Donnelly and the money will be withdrawn from the Cemetery Trust General Fund. Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to buy back the lots of Theresa A. Donnelly for \$75.00. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the request from Mike Mazeau from the September 6th Selectmen's meeting. The Board reviewed several comparable lots and explored three different options. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to base the current use penalty on the currently assessed value. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

<u>Map/ Lot</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Current Use Penalty</u>
#11-14-4	\$201,500	\$20,150
#11-14-5	\$209,700	\$20,970
#11-14-3	\$192,200	\$19,220
#11-14-2	\$192,400	\$19,240

It was noted that Mr. Mazeau did a wonderful job with his presentation concerning this issue.

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The Purchase Order from the Recreation Committee for the soccer nets was not signed. The Selectmen asked AA Gillespie to call Tom's Team Sales and cancel the order.

The Board discussed the bushes in front of the Town Hall. It was decided not to pull out the bushes, just trim them down a lot.

Signatures and Approvals

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to appoint Building Inspector Charles Smart Health Officer. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A hardship abatement application was read and reviewed. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to accept and sign the hardship abatement that would make taxes due \$400.00 based on the recommendation of Wil Corcoran, Town Assessor. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the flyer for the Public Forum on the Old Stone School and Old Town Hall. There was discussion.

The Board discussed the flooring tile for the Town Hall and chose a color.

The Board approved the schedule for budget season meetings.

There being no further business before the Board Public Session was:

Adjourn 8:40 p.m.

Non-Public in accordance with RSA 91 A:3 Personnel and Legal. No Votes were taken.

Non-Public adjournment 8:55 p.m.

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to accept the Personnel Policy with said changes. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

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There being no further business before the Board:

Adjourn 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie
Administrative Assistant