

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

**September 27, 2004
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Building Inspector Charles Smart, Road Agent Lenny Thomas, Recreation Committee Keith Frizzell, Pete MacDonald, Resident Mike Mazeau and AA Cynthia Gillespie.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order 6:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to accept the minutes of September 8th and 20th. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

Selectman O'Reilly stated that he was concerned about a purchase order to Tom's Team Sales that was sent in with no signatures from the Recreation Committee. Mr. Keith Frizzell said that it is signed now. Selectman O'Reilly asked how the soccer nets got purchased without any signatures on the purchase order. The Board of Selectmen had not authorized the purchase. Peter MacDonald said the old soccer nets had been destroyed and needed to be replaced. Mr. MacDonald added that last year the Recreation Committee budgeted \$2,000 to buy new soccer nets for behind the Old Town Hall. Keith Frizzell added that the Rec. Committee was able to persuade the Portsmouth City soccer league to purchase the nets, so the Rec. committee didn't need to purchase the additional nets and the money that was budgeted can be used to replace the missing nets. Chairman Stuart said that her understanding was that Mr. Dave Sweeney took down the soccer nets and cut them up, destroying them with Selectman Iocovozzi's approval. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that he instructed Mr. Sweeney to contact Pete MacDonald before he did anything with the nets. Mr. MacDonald stated that Mr. Sweeney never contacted him. Pete MacDonald said that Mr. Iocovozzi told him to go buy new nets. Mr. Iocovozzi denied saying this. He added that he would never tell anyone to purchase something without a purchase order. Mr. Frizzell stated that he got the purchase order before the nets were ordered and then turned it in once the merchandise was ordered. He assumed that the nets were partly the Selectmen's responsibility because of the way the old nets were disposed of. Chairman Stuart said that from now on, anytime something is being purchased or being disposed of, the committee needs to come before the Board and not act on the word of one Selectman. The Board of Selectmen signed the Tom's Team Sale Purchase Order.

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There was discussion that the Board had asked Dave Sweeney to paint the Recreation shed. Keith Frizzell said that the Rec. committee has already purchase vinyl siding for the shed. However, no one has had the time to put it up. AA Gillespie was instructed to call Dave Sweeney and cancel the painting.

There was discussion on the YMCA summer program. Because of this years attendance, Selectman Iocovozzi asked if it would be more effective to have Newington children go to the Camp Gundalow program instead of Newington hosting the program. Selectman Iocovozzi recommended that the Rec. Committee research this before budget season reviews. Mr. MacDonald said that a Recreation Director is needed to organize all the activities that people want to see. The current Rec. Committee just doesn't have the time necessary.

Mike Mazeau addressed the Board concerning their decision on the current use penalty on the lots he sold on Beanne's Lane. He had previously addressed the Board regarding this issue at the September 20th meeting. After further consideration by the Board, Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to assess a current use penalty of \$17,500 for each lot sold by Mike Mazeau. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Road Agent Thomas said there are several roads that need striping done. The striping costs will be \$1480.00 per mile for two white and two yellow lines. There is \$9,800 left in the account for re-striping of Town roads. Road Agent Thomas estimated that the cost will be around \$8000 to do Beane Lane, McIntyre Road, Little Bay Road, Fox Point Road and Old Post Road. The stop lines at the intersections will cost \$15.00 each. The Board instructed RA Thomas to make arrangements with the company to get the job done and to have a purchase order signed by the Board.

Three tax liens were discussed. AA Gillespie was instructed to call NHMA regarding tax liens on railroads. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to authorize all three of the tax liens pending the legalities of taxing railroads. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

There was discussion on the Personnel Plan revisions. Selectman O'Reilly moved to adopt the amended version of the Personnel Plan revised September, 2004. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

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The bids for the Fire Department mezzanine were reviewed. Questions from the September 20th meeting were answered. Chairman Stuart made a motion to award the bid to Ricci Construction for \$37,900. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Vote 2-1.

There was discussion on the Fox Point Property. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to rent the Fox Point Property for \$1000 per month to an individual that is qualified to fulfill the position of property caretaker. Responsibilities of the caretaker will include the security of the grounds and buildings, general maintenance and repairs and mowing and trimming. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

Chairman Stuart stated that she had read the letter from Dennis Acton and she was very impressed with him. She added that she feels he is the best qualified to take care of the property and would like to see the Board accept him as a tenant. AA Gillespie was instructed to call Mr. Acton to schedule an interview with him and his wife as soon as possible.

Building Inspector's Communication

A memo was read from BI Charles Smart regarding Chimney Cleaning of the Town Hall. The Board authorized BI Smart to have the Town Hall Chimney Cleaned.

There being no further business before the Board:

Adjourn 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie
Administrative Assistant