

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 1, 2007
Town Hall 6:00pm

Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Present: Chairman Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi and Town's Counsel.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) litigation with Counsel which was seconded by Chairman Stuart. On a roll call vote, motion passed 2-0.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to come out of non-public with Chairman Stuart seconding. On a roll call vote, motion passed 2-0 at 6:26pm

No votes were taken.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to seal the minutes with Chairman Stuart seconding. On a roll call vote, motion passed 2-0.

The Chair called for a 10 minute recess.

The meeting reconvened at 6:38pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, AA Beatrice Marconi, Peg Lamson of the Conservation Commission, Nancy Cauvet-arborist, Charlie Smart Building Inspector, George Fletcher, Eric Weintraub of Altus Engineering, Justin Richardson Chairman Conservation Commission, Chris Bellmare and Planner Tom Morgan. Wib Goins, Ruth Fletcher and Steve Sabine – Board of Fire Engineers arrived shortly before 7:00pm along with Darin Sabin, Rick (Dock Master) and Doreen Stern. Selectman Iocovozzi arrived at 7:05pm.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of September 17. Chairman Stuart seconded and the motion passed 2-0.

A Tribute to Clotilde Straus

Peg Lamson was given the floor to say a few kind words in memory of Clotilde Straus. Clotilde passed away last week but leaves behind many grateful communities and conservation commissions who have benefited from her contribution to the preservation of plants and trees. She spoke of the ecological inventory Clotilde did of endangered species on the land known as the former Pease Air Force Base on Arboredum and spoke of a particular rare plant Ms. Straus discovered was growing there. Peg spoke of the many studies Clotilde did on her own time and mentioned her involvement with the Natural Resource Protection Committee and her many contributions. In 2003, a dog wood tree outside of Town Hall was planted in her name as a tribute in her honor. Nancy Cauvet had the honor of working with Ms. Straus also and spoke of the Seacoast Scientists and the Great Bay Discovery Program contributions to which Ms. Straus gave so much time to. Peg asked that the Board to consider planting another tree in her memory – perhaps Shattuck way.

Guard Rails – Nimble Hill Road

Building Inspector Charlie Smart has gone out and brought back two quotes to move the guard rails located this side of Eastern Bearings on Nimble Hill Road. CWS Fence & GuardRails came in at \$ 5,290 and DeLucca's proposal came in at \$ 7,150.25. Charlie gave the Board another consideration to deal with the guard rail. Selectman O'Reilly thought perhaps payment for the rail issue (being so close to the road) could come out of the Air Mitigation Escrow as it is part of the bike path. After hearing him out, *Selectman O'Reilly moved to table the guard rail relocation until Charlie comes back with a price (to install an inner rail with pavement between).* *Chairman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 2-0*

Landscaping

C & R Perennials gave us a \$2,500 estimate on landscaping Town Hall, Police & Fire Stations, Library and Meeting House . *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve C & R not to exceed \$2,500 for landscaping. Chairman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 2-0*

Town Hall Sign Posts

After discussion about granite post costs vs. wood post costs, application of a vinyl sleeve (which is subject to breaks with weed wackers and such) *it was motioned by Selectman O'Reilly to have Charlie Smart proceed with Town Hall sign and to use wood posts with an ornament not to exceed \$300. Chairman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 2-0.*

Coleman Drive Topographical Survey

Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the Knight Hill proposal for the Coleman Drive topographical survey in the amount not to exceed \$2,000. Chairman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The paving of Coleman is being delayed in hopes that addressing the road grades will improve on the outcome of the project. Funds will be encumbered if needed.

Power Box for Fox Point

In an effort to supply enough power at Fox Point for functions, *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve Maldini's proposal of \$1,113 for a power box. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded.* Building Inspector Charlie Smart said that from time to time mystery wiring had been done 'to get by' and having this code approved power source installed, it would take care of the need. *Motion passed 3-0.*

Additional Lighting – Carriage House at Fox Point

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the Maldini proposal not to exceed \$ 2,135 for lighting at the Carriage House. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. This is for installation of exterior wall sconces to the front of the Carriage House to have a motion sensor with an override switch. Also installation of two motion floods with by pass switch to the back of Carriage House. *Motion passed 3-0.* The Rec Committee had asked the Board to consider installation of a pole light, however, *on a motion by Selection O'Reilly, that concept was tabled. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi.* For the time being, the Board wanted to see the difference these lights made then see if the existing pole light down there could just be adjusted. *Motion passed 3-0.*

Carriage House Improvements

Charlie Smart felt the Board should consider a vapor barrier in the basement of the Carriage Hse. He said this needed to be done to fix the doors. Chairman Stuart suggested we look at the roof. There may be need to address the trim or cupulas, lightening rods, wing walls, foundation, etc. Charlie was to come back with a price.

Highway Garage Construction Plans

Eric Weintraub of Altus sat before the Board to get ideas on needs so that he could draw up preliminary plans for a new building. Eric felt the existing bldg could stay up while construction of the new was underway. It was decided that the building will be drive through and to make sure the doors were wide enough for the big trucks with plows. The Salt Shed will be separate and closed approx 60 or 70'ish. That door width & height will be considered. The salt shed will have electricity only. Charlie Smart will provide costs for the building in N Hampton just constructed. It was determined that this new highway building should have easy access yet try to save as many trees as possible. A question came up if it was really in the Historical District or not and Planner Tom Morgan was going to be asked to look into that. Eric will continue with plans. 4 to 5 parking spots should be plenty. Utilities will be planned on underground installation. Holding tanks built under the floor with alarm. May need booster pump for water pressure in that area. Eric will speak to Tom Cravens of Portsmouth. No lifts – not sprinklered. Radiant floor heat. Town Forest should be kept in mind. George Fletcher asked if position of building could somehow utilize solar power in anyway. Eric will bear that in mind and bring back costs and design with panels. A small kitchenette with lounge area and office will be in design.

Reappointment of 911 ALI Data Base Liaisons

Selectman O'Reilly moved to reappoint Fire Chief Greenleaf and Tom Morgan as liaisons to this numbering program. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Board of Fire Engineers Letter dated Sept 11, 2007

With the Board of Fire Engineers all present, the purpose of this meeting was to inform the Board of the amount of probable over spending as addressed in their letter dated Sept 11. They stated that the most probmatic line was the overtime and it looked like the Department may be facing a \$25,000 overage. With the cut of \$68,600 from their original request for the 07 funding, the hardship started there. Selectman O'Reilly mentioned the existence of the RSA which addressed transfer of funds by the Selectmen. Chairman Stuart asked if we had a working Chief and Assistant Chief – meaning fighting fires and attending calls. Steve Sabine answered by saying our Assistant Chief works very hard to save the tax payers money by researching alternate funding sources like grants, etc. He does, however, go to serious events. Once he becomes shift personnel, he then must qualify for time and a half. Wib felt by having an Assistant Chief, the Town was actually saving money as you will find shift fire fighters make more money than salaried officers in most cases. The Engineers said they will work very hard and closely with the department to keep the overage as minimal as possible. The Selectmen thanked the Engineers for informing them of this impending problem and in turn, the Engineers said they would keep the Selectmen abreast.

Town Facility Use Applications:

Flanders – Town Hall Audi – Friday (set up & Funeral Reception Sat) Oct 26 and 27

Great Bay Coast Watch – TH Audi & Kit – Nov 29 11am-3

Girl Scouts - Every other Monday - 3-5pm - OTH Audi- Beginning Oct 1 through Dec

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve these requests with fee waived. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business:

Chairman Stuart announced that Hazardous Waste Day would be Saturday, Oct 13 at Portsmouth DPW 680 Peverly Hill Road Portsmouth 8 til noon. Bring proof of Residency.

Dock Issues at Fox Point

Chairman Stuart mentioned to Rick Stern that another large boat was parked at the dock. Rick will get the numbers and determine ownership and contact that owner. A brief discussion occurred regarding a 'warning sticker' system and who the dock was meant for when originally constructed. (Fox Point Mooring Owners or Newington Resident Boat Owners). Selectman Stuart felt there was a policy in existence. AA will research. Doreen Stern suggested a waiting list when the dock fills up. At a future Selectmen's meeting, all aspects and concerns will be again put on the table for discussion. Rick will get a list of mooring owners from State.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adjourn. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0 8:34pm

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
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