

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting

October 3, 2005
Newington Town Hall
6:15 p.m.

preliminary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi at 6:24.

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi.

Selectman O'Reilly motioned to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation at 6:25 with Selectman Stuart seconded and with a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.

Selectman O'Reilly motioned to come out of non-public at 6:29 with a second from Selectman Stuart and with a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi called the public portion of the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

On a roll call vote, the Board voted to seal the non-public minutes. Motion passed 3-0.

In attendance: Chairman Iocovozzi, Selectman Stuart, Selectman O'Reilly, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Fire Department Chief Greenleaf, David Low, Keith Frizzell, Chris Bellmare, Mark Phillips, Laura Coleman, Barbara McDonald, Vincent Frank, Brian Haberstroh, Alan Smith, and Rick Stern.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute Acceptance

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes from September 19 and the revision of September 6, 2005. *Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.* Roll call vote 3-0, *motion passed.*

Bay Ring Emergency Response-Fire Department

Chief Greenleaf stated that both the Fire and Police Department have been notified and are aware of the situations and no further problems are expected. Chairman Iocovozzi wants the Road Agent to be notified as well.

Ice Melt Proposal

Chairman Iocovozzi briefly informed everyone of the salt mixture that was used last winter and stated that the same company that was hired last year has sent a proposal over. A representative will be asked to attend the next meeting.

Fernandes Estimate for the Ball Field

A representative, Keith Frizzel, for the Recreation Committee spoke on this issue. He stated that they were looking for option number two with hydro seed instead of sod. Recreation Committee would also like to see some money allocated toward the maintenance of the

field after this is done. *Selectman O'Reilly made a motion* to accept the Fernandes proposal for the ball field not to exceed the amount of \$6,070.00. *Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart.* Chairman Iocovozzi made the statement that in order to get option number two they had to get option number one. After review, *Selectman O'Reilly withdrew his first motion and made a second motion* to approve the Fernandes proposal option one and two not to exceed the amount of \$ 8000.00. (The Rec people were going to contact Fernandes and get us a firm agreement indicating desired scope of work) *Selectman Stuart seconded that motion, Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.*

Library Artifacts Appraisal

Regarding special artifacts, Selectman O'Reilly stated that the library should be informed to add that to their budget request for next year.

Fox Point Lease

Selectman O'Reilly stated that in the lease the tenant is required to maintain the property. With this modification, attached, the town has now defined the area for use for tools and materials needed to fore fill the lease. *Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the new revised modification. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart.* Roll call vote 3-0 *motion passed.*

Old Town Hall Moving-pricing and appliances

Selectman Stuart made a motion to appoint Laura Coleman as the moving coordinator. *Motion was seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Roll call vote 3-0 motion passed.* After much discussion it was decided that Laura would get all the information and come back to the Selectmen letting them know re: library storage vs. carriage house vs parsonage and what needs to be done and will contact Gail Pare.

Fire Alarm Cable Installation

David Low stated that the total price for moving the fire alarms is \$12,053.00. Newington Fire and Rescue is responsible for \$6,043.00. Chief Greenleaf received a phone call from Utility Engineering and they informed Chief Greenleaf that they want the Fire Department to pay for it all and later be reimbursed. After much discussion it was decided that the town will pay for its portion when possible, however for a letter to be written to the State asking them to utilize a force account until we can budget for the expense in 2006. David Low will get with Beatrice Marconi the tomorrow so that a letter can get sent out from the Selectmen asking the State to pay now until we are funded.

Shattuck Estimate Engineering Water Line Project

Chairman Iocovozzi asked Chief Greenleaf what will happen if nothing was done right now and would Newington be hurt. He stated we had enough capability to run hose to any fire in that area. After much discussion it was decided to send SUR a letter saying no thank you to their proposal of \$ 197,350. Chief Greenleaf suggested that a letter from the State giving permission to dig under the bridge be acquired. *Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to notify SUR that their services are not needed and not to proceed with the project this year. Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.* Roll call vote 3-0 *motion passed.*

Alan Smith-Trucks on McIntyre to Fox Point to Help with Harvesting

Mr. Smith spoke on how he needs to travel on McIntyre Road for the transportation of agriculture items and the truck is has to use this year is larger than what is normally allowed. After discussion **Selectman O'Reilly made** a motion to grant Mr. Smith the use of McIntyre Road to transport his goods. Motion was **seconded by Selectman Stuart**. Roll call vote, **3-0 motion passed**. Beatrice Marconi is to write up a letter stating that the Selectmen give their permission for the use of this road to give to the Police Dept.

Altus Engineering Permitting Process

Altus engineering has given an estimate of \$3-5,000 for the permitting process for town wide blanket. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to accept this estimate for the completion of the Wetland permitting for Town culvert work. **Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart**. Roll call vote, **3-0 motion passed**.

Airport Road Culvert Repair Bids

This is in regards to repairing a culvert on Airport Road. There were 3 bids that came in. Bayside Paving, (\$9,905); Hartmann Enterprises (\$11,943); and RG Young, (\$ 5,087). Repair to be made before October 14, 2005. After discussion **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to accept the bid from RG Young providing that a 2 inch base with a 1 inch top is installed not to exceed \$5,087.00. **Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart**. Roll call vote, **3-0, motion passed**.

East Coast Signal Stop Light Proposal

Regarding the intersection of Nimble Hill & Fox Point Road, the Traffic & Safety Committee met and felt that a 24 hour red blinking light on a stop sign may bring more attention to the stop requirement. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to purchase one (beacon) signal light not to exceed \$2,440.00 from East Coast Signals. **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion**. There was a question as to if this flashing beacon is better than a flashing red or yellow stop light above the road. Selectman Stuart stated that after a study was done, it was discovered that it is against the law to put Town lights over State roads. Roll call vote, **3-0, motion passed**.

Irving Oil Letter

Selectman O'Reilly summarized the letter which stated that Irving Oil had offered a total of \$50,000.00 in free oil to several Seacoast towns with people who feel they may be eligible. If people think that they are eligible they should call Rockingham Community Action 436-3896. Notice will be posted.

Steel Door Replacement-Kitchen at Town Hall

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion for Chairman Iocovozzi to sign contract for new steel door with Ricci Construction. PO was signed at previous BOS meeting in the amount not to exceed \$ 4,377.

Floor Job at the Library-Letter

Selectman O'Reilly read a letter of complaint from Dot Noseworthy, a Trustee for the Library stating that the gentleman and sole bidder for the job didn't do the quality work expected and the letter went on to comment how the Town should set a new bidding policy.

Town Hall Use

Newington Fire Department would like to use the auditorium and kitchen on Oct 4.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Bossie - Fox Point – Sept 16, 2006 - Selectman Stuart stated that the use of Fox Point is for Newington residents only. After much discussion ***Selectman Stuart made a motion to deny the use of Fox Point, no second. Motion failed. Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to table this discussion until October 17, 2005. Seconded by (muffled) Motion passed 2-1 with Selectman Stuart voting against.***

US Senator Gregg requested the DeRochemont room to set office hours October 12 12:30. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the request. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0. Motion passed.***

Roy Libby would like to use the kitchen hall rental and or Fox Point June 3, 2006. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to providing they take care all necessary requirements i.e.: electricity, porta potties and water. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.***

Celiac Spruce would like to utilize theTown Hall on Nov 17. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.***

Congressman Bradley's office would like to have office hours here on Oct 17. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.***

Thermo Electron requested use of the Town Hall auditorium on Oct 21. Selectman Stuart expressed concerned about the parking and asks that the granting be contingent upon leaving ample spaces for residents business and suggests they car pool if possible. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve. Selectman Stuart seconded. Roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.***

Misc Signatures:

Re-signing of Homeland Security Grant (Fire Dept request) whereas a public hearing is scheduled for October 17 Board meeting per RSA 31:95-b modification.

Thank you letter for John Walsh for being Dock Master.

Public Comment Session

Ms. Barbara McDonald stated that tonight's meeting was illegal due to the fact that the agenda was posted after 9:00 this morning. Beatrice Marconi noted that the agenda was posted within the RSA requirements however there was a mistake on the posting date as it showed 'posted Sept 2' when actually it was posted Oct 1. (Saturday). Mrs. McDonald stated that she did not see it posted after checking throughout the weekend. Beatrice Marconi said that Selectman Stuart was present when she posted the agenda outside of the Town Hall on Saturday. Ms. McDonald went on to question what time it was posted and

Beatrice answered about 4:45 in S. Newington on Saturday. Vincent Frank mentioned that it was not posted as of this morning and Barbara said you could not count Saturdays and Sundays. However, Ms. Marconi went on to say that Saturdays did, in fact count, but not Sundays. Both Selectman Stuart and O'Reilly protested strongly the insinuations by Ms. McDonald alluding that Ms. Marconi was lying. The conversation ended with the gavel.

Chris Bellmare asked questions in regards to the tennis court and its progress. Chairman Iocovozzi asked if there was a top coat picked out yet. Tennis blue (infield) and red (out of bounds) was decided by the Recreation representatives after speaking with their members. They also stated that they preferred to have it done this season vs next.

Selectman Stuart spoke of the loam situation and a conversation she had with Johnny Mo. The Recreation Committee responded to her question. *(muffled)*

There was yet more discussion by Ms. McDonald as to how and when the agenda should have been and was posted as she continued to insist it was not posted. Ms. McDonald again mentioned the RSAs. Selectman Stuart defended the date and time once again. The gavel ended this discussion.

Mark Phillips, resident spoke of his conversation with City of Portsmouth crew attempting to find the water main. He spoke of a compactor situation whereas he ended up calling the City of Portsmouth foreman. He was concerned about installation of lines by Portsmouth. Cos spoke about the excavation permit process and traffic control and felt the info relayed was going to be helpful in his conversation with Mr. Jenkins.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant