

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

**October 18, 2004
Newington Town Hall
6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Resident Irving Beebe and AA Cynthia Gillespie.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Motion made by Selectman O'Reilly to accept the minutes of October 4, 2004 and October 7, 2004. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Town Resident Irving Beebe spoke to the Selectmen about Patterson Lane. Mr. Beebe asked about the amount of litter on Shattuck Way and who would take care of it. He also complained about the traffic at the end of Patterson Lane and Shattuck Way. Mr. Beebe suggested that the Police Department have coverage in that area during the evening rush hours. Another issue Mr. Beebe spoke of is changing the speed limit to 20 miles per hour on Patterson Lane (currently it is 30mph). Chairman Stuart agreed that a Police officer placed there may help the situation. Mr. Beebe also pointed out there is a lot of road side growth facing Rockingham Electric coming out of Patterson Lane. Selectman O'Reilly said this will be brought to the attention of Road Agent Lenny Thomas.

Chairman Stuart made the motion to change the speed limit on Patterson Lane to 20 mph. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Vote 3-0. AA Gillespie was asked to write a memo to Police Chief Loomis and ask Road Agent Thomas to change the speed limit sign on Patterson Lane.

AA Gillespie told the Selectmen about the LGC Benefits workshop that she attended last week. The Local Government Center is requiring all of their members to fill out a statement indicating what health insurance coverage (if any) the Town will offer to a surviving spouse of a deceased retiree. Selectman O'Reilly made a motion that the Town of Newington will offer coverage for surviving spouses of deceased retirees provided that the spouse pays for the coverage. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

The Medical and Dental renewal rates from the HealthTrust effective January 1, 2005 were reviewed. The over all increase in the rates was 14.6%. Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to continue the Medical and Dental coverage for 2005. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

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A memo from the Conservation Commission regarding the use of Brine solution on the roadways as a wintertime treatment to melt snow and ice was reviewed. The New England Chapter APWA will be hosting the 2004 Snow & Ice Conference in Rochester, NH on November 3rd. The Board feels that this road treatment will be very expensive however, Selectman Iocovozzi said that he will do some research on the product. He stated that the City of Portsmouth is using the product and he will contact them for information.

A memo was read from Fire Chief Greenleaf requesting permission to store a 6X12 utility trailer for the Portsmouth Rotary Club in the Town parking lot for an indefinite amount of time. The Selectmen denied this request.

Selectman Iocovozzi instructed AA Gillespie to have Chief Greenleaf contact the ambulance company and tell them they have one week to get the old ambulance out of the Town parking lot as well.

Police Chief Loomis recommended that Sea-3 and Sprague Energy be put on the Police radio frequency. (Fox Run Mall is already on the Town's frequency). Chief Loomis said that this is because of the new security policies with Emergency Management and Home Land Security. Chairman Stuart stated that the reception and communication of the current frequency is bad and that there is a need for additional repeaters. Selectman O'Reilly recommended that the Police Chief negotiate with the two companies to have them purchase the additional repeaters.

There was discussion on the new Town Hall floor. Town Custodian Rick St. Laurent recommended that the Selectmen think about investing in a good floor cleaning machine to take proper care of the new floor. It was decided to budget a floor machine in next year's budget.

The Board instructed AA Gillespie to have Building Inspector Charles Smart place town seals on the Town's Admin car. Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion that all Town vehicles must have identification on them to signify that they belong to the Town of Newington. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

A letter was read from Theresa Donnelly regarding the transfer of ownership on her cemetery plots. She is requesting that the Board allow her to transfer the ownership to William A. Donnelly. Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to change the deed as per the request of Mrs. Theresa Donnelly. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

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Signatures and Approvals

Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to approve and sign Veterans' credits for Robert Scharff and Norman LeClerc. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A letter of agreement changing the terms of employment for Building Inspector Charles Smart's was reviewed and signed.

Town Hall Use

A Town Hall Use form from Luanne O'Reilly for a December 7th rehearsal was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form from Kathy Reinhold for a December 11th event was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form from Great Bay Coast Watch for a November 9th event was approved and signed.

There being no further business before the Board:

Adjourn 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie
Administrative Assistant