

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

**October 21, 2002
Newington Town Hall
7:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Representing the Recreation Committee, Peter MacDonald, Keith Frizzell, and Marty Layton, David Sweeney, Road Agent Leonard Thomas, Building Inspector Charles Smart, Board of Selectmen Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and AA Cynthia Gillespie.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of October 7, 2002
2. Signatures & Approvals
3. Conferences and Workshops
4. Town Hall Use
5. Building Inspector Communication
6. Miscellaneous

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman C. Iocovozzi

Minutes of October 7, 2002

J. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7th. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Signatures & Approvals

Time off for Leonard Thomas was approved. J. Stuart made a comment that L. Thomas did an excellent job cleaning the Carriage Shed.

A letter addressed to the Open Space Committee, from the Board of Selectmen was read. J. O'Reilly made a motion to put the Open Space Committee services on an as-need basis, at the discretion of the Selectmen. J. Stuart seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. L. Thomas asked what the Open Space Committee did. J. O'Reilly responded by explaining the way that the Committee helped land owners realize their options as to what they can do with their land other than developing. Chairman Iocovozzi asked how this information would get to the public if it did not come from the Open Space Committee. Selectman O'Reilly explained that the work will revert back to the Conservation Commission.

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J. O'Reilly made a motion to approve Richard Spinney as the Fire Warden. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A motion was made to approve Shannon Pouliotte's appointment to the Recreation Department. Vote 3-0.

Health Trust Employee Benefit Renewal Rates were discussed. The rate for Health Insurance for 2003 will have an increase of 5%. Dental Insurance will increase 5.2%. Cosmas Iocovozzi made a motion to sign and approve the Renewal Rates. Vote 3-0.

There was discussion on the New Hampshire Retirement System's, Group II position certification. New Hampshire Retirement requires all Group II positions to be certified. Currently there is a need to certify the position of Assistant Fire Chief and the three Fire Lieutenant positions. C. Iocovozzi made a motion to sign the certifications. J. Stuart seconded. Vote 3-0.

Nine agreements from Verizon were reviewed regarding utility pole licensing. A motion was made to sign the agreements. Vote 3-0.

There was information read about a new payroll procedure through BMSI. A proposal to BMSI from the Selectmen was read stating that the new system would be in place and operational starting January 1st. There was a motion to approve the proposal. Vote 3-0.

A notice to the Residents of Newington, regarding the current revaluation status and the tax rate setting was reviewed. J. O'Reilly made a motion to sign the notice and send it out. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Conferences and Workshops

A seminar for The Essentials of Managing the Front Desk was not approved.

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Town Hall Use

A meeting for Volunteers for the Great Bay Coastal Watch was approved for November 13th.

A meeting for the Office of State Planning was approved for December 11th.

A Support Group Meeting was approved for November 21st.

A meeting was approved for November 18th.

Building Inspector Communication

A memo was read from BI Smart to the Selectmen describing the mold situation in the Vault. The rain goes down the roof and down the outside wall. This causes moisture to leach inside the vault and causes mold on the back wall. The Selectmen discussed with BI Smart ways of fixing this. Two methods were discussed, a downspout and resealing the wall. BI Smart was instructed to call Bisque Awning and Siding for their opinion and an estimate.

The Stipend for the Electrical and Plumbing Inspectors were discussed. Currently they fill out time sheets and are paid twice a year for their services. BI Smart suggested that they do not need to fill out the time sheets, that they should just receive a stipend bi-annually.

The Selectmen read a memo from BI Smart from June regarding the Watson open well. BI Smart addressed his concerns for public safety with the large well open. He explained that it was about 6 feet across. The Selectmen agreed and approved covering the well. L. Thomas, Road Agent, is to go discuss the matter with D. Watson and cover the well with the help of J. Frink, Highway Department.

Miscellaneous

A memo was read from R. Rines regarding the generator being serviced. C. Iocovozzi will talk to the company to come do it.

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Great Bay Services payment in lieu of taxes was read. J. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the payment in lieu of taxes. Vote 3-0.

A letter was read from the residents at Captains Landing regarding paving over the culvert pipes. The Selectmen decided that nothing can be done now but possibly next year. The process is too involved because the culverts were installed incorrectly in the first place and have to be reinstalled to fix the road.

A proposal was read from the Recreation Committee. The first proposal was for \$131.60 for purchasing lime for the Ball field. A motion was made by J. O'Reilly to approve the costs of liming the Ball field. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

A quote was read from Porter Outdoor Products for bench seating on the Ball field. J. O'Reilly made a motion to appropriate the amount of \$2,770 to go towards two sets of bleachers. Second by J. Stuart. There was discussion on the safety concerns and how high the benches were.

D. Sweeney mentioned that there is a lack of interest with a lot of people in the Town in regards to the bleachers. He stated that like the playground equipment at the field it would become an inconvenience with grounds keeping. It would have to be picked up and moved every time the field is mowed. He also made mention that anyone that wants to sit on higher ground could sit on the banking. Otherwise people could bring chairs or walk around. He stated that he thinks it is a needless expense that should be denied. He said that he doesn't see the purpose spending taxpayer's money on bleachers for the Ball field.

C. Iocovozzi mentioned that the Recreation committee came to the BOS in January when the line item was changed from the Town Forest to fields and was denied. He said that the Selectmen have since decided to allow this purchase because of all the events the Recreation Committee have held at the Ball field and the great job they have done to fix the field up.

M. Layton brought up the fact that the hill mentioned is too far away from the fields to watch the game comfortably. He also said that Newington is the only field around that doesn't have appropriate seating for spectators. The Recreation committee has been talking about this for years.

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D. Sweeney mentioned that he understands the amount that the Recreation Committee has done for the Town but also feels as many residents that the money should be spent on things that are necessary and not on those that are unnecessary.

J. O'Reilly asked about how portable the bleachers are. P. MacDonald responded that they can be moved from the Baseball field to the soccer field and moved to be used for class pictures at the school. They are 3 rows high 15ft long.

C. Iocovozzi responded to D. Sweeney that they were told by the Budget Committee that if the line item for fields and forest was not spent this year than it would not be appropriated next year. D. Sweeney said that a lot of taxpayers would not see that as a bad thing if it were to happen. C. Iocovozzi said that they are utilizing the field more and he doesn't see a problem with the purchase. D. Sweeney said that maybe he needs to start going to the Recreation Committee meetings. C. Iocovozzi said he thought that was a good idea. The Recreation Committee is not asking for a lot and really put in a lot of work. J. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed \$2,770.00. Seconded by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

There was discussion on the shack by the tennis courts. The Recreation Department wants to upgrade it. If they get wood donated would the Board of Selectman have a problem if they expanded it to be around 10x10. J. O'Reilly made a motion to allow the Recreation Committee to upgrade the field shed. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

J. Stuart mentioned that some of the lights at the haunted house when touched, they shock you. C. Iocovozzi said that they would send Renato Maldini and have him fix them. Vote 3-0.

C. Iocovozzi discussed that there was at one time a plan for getting more light on the roads by clearing out the trees above them. He said that he saw a man working for the highway with a mower that goes 8 feet up that mulch everything too. He charges \$50 per hour. He asked what is left in the roadside mowing. J. O'Reilly said that none has been used. L. Thomas said that they usually come late in the fall, just once for \$1000. J. O'Reilly said that \$2000 has been budgeted. J. Stuart asked if he knew how long it would take. C. Iocovozzi said that as fast as this guy was moving he would guess it would only take him a day to do the whole town or 8-10 hours. He would like the Town truck to follow him to make sure cars can get by and if there are a few pieces left they can pick them up. J. O'Reilly said that they would get an estimate.

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J. Stuart asked when the stripping would be done in town. C. Iocovozzi said that they were just waiting for Bayside to put the last coat on McIntyre Road. He also said that the striping for the Town Hall parking lots is a different company from the roads. He is supposed to come down and give us a bid for the Town Office and the PD and a separate bid for the Fire Department. AA Gillespie was told to call Coastal Stripping on Portsmouth Ave in Greenland.

D. Sweeney mentioned that at the tennis courts there is a transformer that is completely open. He thinks something should be done with it especially because there are kids down there. C. Iocovozzi asked AA Gillespie to call Renato Maldini and go look at it.

J. O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by J. Stuart. Vote 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Nadeau