

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 22, 2007**  
**6:30pm**

***Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.***

***Present:*** Chairman Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi and Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Building Inspector Charlie Smart, Eric Weintraub of Altus Engineering, Dave Philbrick, Road Agent Len Thomas (at 6:45), Dennis Hebert (at 7:14).

The Board began the evening with a brief discussion about the non-coverage for hazardous spill insurance on the land of a third party which came about from a call from Sprague Fuel indicating we needed it to be in compliance with their requirements. Beatrice is to get a price from another carrier and report back to Board. There is also the possibility of placing a 1500 gallon tank in the future at the Highway garage area if insurance costs are excessive.

**Conceptual Design Plans – New Highway Building**

Eric Weintraub of Altus Engineering presented the Board with the first draft of plans for the new Highway Building to be located on the site where it currently is. Some of the highlights include:

30' wide 2-way main access; 8 to 10 head-in parking spaces; main building to be 60' x 100'. Salt Shed to be 60'x 60' but will be rethought to enable a pay loader to operate with consideration given to a ramp. Eric mentioned the curb limitations upon exiting the salt shed area which may cause the tractor trailer to pull forward then reverse and cut prior to leaving but will work on the layout by possibly off setting the door. There are not plans for a separator at the present time but an outside holding tank was planned. Selectman Iocovozzi wasn't totally happy with a 300 gallon septic tank. Inside the building will be an area for animal control. Currently, the plans are calling for a 1500 diesel tank for our vehicles – doubled walled with a spill prevention plan (with alarms). We will need to plan for a generator. The Selectmen will speak to Craig Daigle about future recycling bin location as well as meet with Road Agent Len Thomas on particulars.

**Captain's Landing**

This roadway is in disrepair. Needs overhaul. We may have a problem plowing it as the culverts have collapsed. The electric lines are in the way of the swales. We need engineering as the Board did not want a quick fix. It will have to wait until the '08 paving. Eric will map the wet lands, survey the site, and provide a geo-tech report.

**Gundalow/BrickYard Way**

Although the project is well underway, the contractor has come up with concerns and between the engineers and the Selectmen, was waiting for direction. The left side of Gundalow Circle has soil problems. Thought was given to close that side of the circle to save in costs however, upon further consideration between the neighbors, the Board and the Engineer, we would create non-conforming lots and still be subject to the utilities ROWs along that area. After much discussion, the Board decided to complete the project correctly this year. Eric was going to work up prices. ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to vote to continue with the Chairman forwarding the new costs to the Board for decision. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

**Fire Station Paving Sinkage**

Selectman Iocovozzi explained to both the Engineer and Selectmen that approximately 10' out back of the Engine 1 stall, there is a chambered septic tank and because of the weight and build, the pavement was sinking. Eric felt it was probably sinking due to the fact it was built on sand and overtime, it was not unexpected. He said baring relocation, to solve the problem, he recommended approx 6" of crushed stone replace the sand, however, will take a site walk and make a formal recommendation on moving it, enlarging it or fixing it.

As far as engineering priorities, BrickYard/Gundalow is number 1 (this week with change order and pricing), with engineering to follow for Captain's Landing, followed by the Fire Station tank concern and Highway building plan design.

**Minutes Acceptance of October 1, 2007**

*Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the minutes of October 1, 2007 as written. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

**Cemetery Issues**

*Selectman O'Reilly moved to table the Cemetery Issues in the absence of Cliff Abbott. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. So moved 3-0.*

**Public Hearing Cable TV Contract and Mailing**

The Selectmen reviewed the questionnaire that the Cable Contract Advisory Board wished to send out attached to the next newsletter. After making amendments regarding stating potential costs, the Board agreed. The Administrative Assistant was asked to contact the Advisory Board to get their thoughts on the suggested amendments.

**C.O.L.A. for 2008**

*Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve a C.O.L.A. of 2.4% this year for eligible employees. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

**Tax Rate - \$ 8.91 p/thousand**

Chairman Jan Stuart announced that our Tax Rate for 2007 has been set at \$ 8.91 which represents a decrease of 16 cents per thousand. The papers will be notified.

**Violation of Right to Know Law**

Barbara McDonald entered the Selectmen's meeting at 8:04pm informing them of her opposition of the Planning Board Meeting with the PDA currently being conducted. She felt the notice did not meet the requirements set forth in 91-A with it not being posted in S. Newington. She also noted her protest to the Planning Board meeting held last week whereas it stated a start time of 5:30pm yet didn't start until 6:30pm. The Selectmen stated that tonight's meeting was timely posted 2 places at Town Hall AND in the newspaper. The Administrative Assistant was asked to look into notices placed in Rick's box for S. Newington and if not timely hung by him, it was the responsibility of Planner Tom Morgan.

In speaking with Dennis Hebert, Chair of the Planning Board at 8:20, Mr. Hebert assured us it was properly posted per State laws. He noted that after speaking to Mr. Morgan, RSA 91 states that meeting notices must be posted 24 hours in advance in two public places OR in a newspaper of general circulation in the town – thus, the Town was in compliance.

**Dock at Fox Point**

Dock Master Rick Stern has informed the Selectmen that the bolt hinges at the dock are wearing and that it should be addressed. A price of just over \$4,000 was gotten for repair from Great Bay Marine. The Selectmen were going to inspect it and consult with the Road Agent to see if it could wait until spring or not.

**Tennis Court Night Patrol**

Chairman Stuart tells us at the request of the Recreation Committee they would like to have the Police Department patrol the Tennis Court to ensure it was Town Residents utilizing that facility and its lights during evening hours. The Board, however, felt the Police Department should not take away from their many other duties.

**Town Facility Use Applications:**

TH Audi – Nov 7 & 13 - 8:30-1:00 - Border Patrol Testing – R Fletcher  
TH Audi – Thermo Nov 1 10-11 Meeting  
TH Audi – Dec 5 8am-12 - meeting tech adv comm. NH DES  
TH Audi – Nov 4 – Piscataqua River Brass

***Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the above requests and waive the fees for Border Patrol Testing, Piscataqua RB and NH DES for Facility Use Applications. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

***At 8:25, Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.***

Respectively submitted,

Beatrice Marconi  
Administrative Assistant