

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 2, 2009
6:30 pm Town Hall

Chr. Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Charlie Brewster – Cemetery Committee Trustee, Ruth (Moderator) and George (Treasurer) Fletcher, Bob Vachon of Vachon & Clukay Auditors, Dave Sweeney (at 6:55), and Rick (Cemetery Trustee) & Doreen Stern (at 7:32).

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute Approval Oct 19, 2009

J. Stuart moved to approve. Seconded by C. Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.

2008 Financial Audit Review

Bob Vachon of Vachon & Clukay spoke to the Board at length about the Town's finances. In summary, he stated Newington is in a good position showing a strong growth annually with limited debt.

No Parking – Gosling Road

The letter from the Planning Board dated Oct 20 regarding request for no parking from Woodbury Ave running east on Gosling was voted to refer to the Traffic & Safety Committee in ***a motion from J. Stuart and seconded by C. Iocovozzi. Passed 3-0.***

Town Hall Parking Lot

In a motion by C. Iocovozzi and a second from J. Stuart the board voted to proceed with the preliminary Altus Engineering portion of the Town Hall Parking Lot expansion consideration not to exceed \$1,500. Passed 3-0.

Fox Point Erosion Project – Riverbend Masonry

Two proposals were received 1). 90' shoreline stabilization \$ 29,748.10
2). Boat Ramp \$ 35,689.38

After discussion about the eroding embankment just above the boat ramp area, the Selectmen voted to table both proposals for further research on the 90' and to see if in the boat ramp project that embankment stabilization was included in the price along with proper permits.

Wastrom Proposals

▪Stone Walls: (Stone Wall – Eastern Meeting Hse Perimeter Wall)

With Cliff Abbott seeking out additional proposals, the Board is holding off acting on this until all the info is in hand.

▪Stone School: Exterior stone wall mortar joints, lintel and chimney.

The Board felt a second proposal would be wise. Charlie Smart to get 2nd price on both the chimney and wall repair.

▪Below Stage: Wall repair Town Hall Auditorium
Board would like a cost on Wanes Coddling.

Stone School Oil Tanks - removal: The Board felt this project should be prioritized and asked that Charlie Smart be asked to seek out a company to do so.

Highway Air Compressor Proposals – Brentwood Machine

Selectman Stuart moved to approve the model Wib Goins recommends. C. Iocovozzi seconded. Motion Passed 3-0.

Fire Station Phone System

J.Stuart moved to approve the Bayring proposal not to exceed \$ 4,700 for the Fire Station phone system. C. Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cemetery Sexton

Rick Stern and Charlie Brewster, Cemetery Trustees felt the \$ 500 stipend is inadequate when you look at the amount of time needed to complete numerous tasks. After discussion, the Board stated there was a Sexton appointed until March. During budget time if the Trustees felt the stipend should be increased, be it flat or per hour, then justify it by showing the reallocation of the work. Mr. Abbott has done an extraordinary job devoting a great number of hours. Selectman Stuart wanted assurances that as duties or titles change, that John Frink be on board.

PDA Letter re: Installation of solar blinking light-Arboretum Intersection

The Board asked the Administrative Assistant to e-mail Maria Stowell back indicating that there was no objection on Newington's part.

Facility Use Requests

Piscataqua River Brass Nov 15, Dec 6 – Town Hall Audi

SAU 50 Training – Nov 4 – Town Hall Audi

The Selectmen approved both requests with fee waived.

Announcements-Selectmen Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, November 17 – 6:30 Public Hearing – Fox Point Pavilion/House Demo

Monday, November 23 – 6:30 Budget Workshop various departments, boards, etc

Monday, November 30 – 6:30 Highway Garage Workshop with various boards

Misc:

Dave Sweeney regarding police logs on Fox Point-copy e-mailed to Board-Selectmen accepted and placed on file.

Dave Sweeney mentioned white birch trees next to Transfer Station that may be in peril. Board asked that Len Thomas or Craig Daigle look at them.

More regular trash found in recycle containers at Highway site. Craig to be contacted to begin the process. Also, Selectmen hope that the residents know that leaves are not picked up roadside and that they must be brought to the transfer station.

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:00pm – seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant