

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

**November 15, 2004
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi (arrived at 7:15), Building Inspector Charles Smart, Town Planner Tom Morgan, Chris Belmare, Laura Coleman, Gail Pare, Rick Sterns and AA Cynthia Gillespie.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order 6:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Gail Pare spoke on behalf of the Building Advisory Committee. Mrs. Pare said that the Committee would like to have two Warrant Articles, one for each building (Old Stone School and Old Town Hall) for \$850,000 each. The Warrant Articles would ask for the Town to approve Bonding in that amount. There was discussion on if there should only be one Warrant Article for both buildings. It was decided to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 16th to inform the public about the Old Stone School and Old Town Hall.

Town Planner Tom Morgan spoke to the Board regarding the renumbering of Shattuck Way. This renumbering will facilitate response time by emergency vehicles and mutual aid responses. This will also help tourists and visitors locate the industrial and office facilities. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to approve the new numbering of Shattuck Way and have Chairman Stuart sign the letter to the property owners. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to approve the minutes of November 1st and 9th. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

The Treasurer's Report for September was reviewed and accepted.

A letter from COAST Transportation requesting time on an upcoming agenda for a presentation to the Selectmen was tabled.

A letter from Doug Reed regarding his resignation from the PDA Noise Committee was tabled.

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There was discussion on the Safety Policy. BI Smart told the Board that there will be a Safety Committee meeting November 16th and that a report on the Safety Audit will be sent from the State within the next couple of weeks. Chairman Stuart asked the power of the Joint Loss Management Committee. BI Smart said that the committee has the power to recommend to Department Heads and Selectmen safety ideas and solutions. BI Smart talked about the need for safety training throughout the departments, such as how to set up road blocks, etc. There was further discussion on the safety of Town facilities. Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to approve and sign the Safety Policy. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

There was discussion on the cannons at Langdon Library. The United States Army has given the Town Conditional Deeds of Gift for the two M1897 Howitzers. The deeds must be signed by the Chairman of the Board and returned with pictures of the cannons to the Army. Every year hereafter a certificate of Army Materiel Status must be filled out and send to the Army by January 15th. The certificates say that the cannons are still in place in Newington and state what condition they are in. Chairman Stuart reviewed and signed the deeds.

Building Inspector Communications

BI Smart presented a proposal from BMSI for new software for the Building Department that maintains records on building and other permits. The price for the basic software is \$5000. This may be less because Town Assessor doesn't like the bridge system to UNIVERS system from BMSI. AA Gillespie also mentioned that BMSI sent a quote on the fixed asset program. The Selectmen suggested that AA Gillespie hold onto these proposals until the budget is discussed.

Signatures and Approvals

A motion was made by Selectman O'Reilly to approve the 2003 and 2004 Resident Tax abatements on the recommendation of Tax Collector W. J. Mazeau. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

A purchase order for a computer for Building Inspector Charles Smart was approved and signed.

Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to accept and sign the Tax Warrant in the amount of \$3,218,193.39 to be due by December 18th. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

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A cemetery plot deed for Mr. Richard Rines for plot 1 and 8 in the Southern Division (#13) of the cemetery was approved and signed.

Town Hall Use

A Town Hall Use form for Portsmouth High School for a Jan. 7th, 2005 event was approved and signed.

A Town Hall Use form for Helen Reed for church suppers on April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, September 10th and October 8th, 2005 was approved and signed.

A Town Hall use form for Thermo Neslab was tabled.

The Board of Selectman discussed the use of the Town Hall by profit making businesses. Chairman Stuart said that the Town Hall fees should be changed for the New Year for all businesses. The fee for residents should stay the same. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested limiting how many times a business can use the hall in one year. Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to establish a fee schedule for the Town Hall stating that the fee will be \$250 per use and with a limit of ten uses per year. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly. Vote 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board:

Adjourn 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie
Administrative Assistant