

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 17, 2008 6:30pm
Town Hall

Preliminary

Chr. Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Jack O'Reilly, AA Beatrice Marconi, Library Trustees Dot Noseworthy and Blake Staude, Road Agent Len Thomas, Conservation Commission Chairman Justin Richardson, Recreation Committee Members-Pete MacDonald, Keith Frizzell, Brian Haberstroh, Darryl Brown, and Tom Rossi; Representing the Local Farmers Market – Josh Lanahan, Sara Zoe Patterson and Josh Genz.

Seacoast Eat Local Farmer's Market Facility Request by Michelle Lozuawy

The group is in the process of filing with the State for 'not for profit' status which is different from the Federal 'non-profit' status. Examples of goods to sell are locally grown products ie: eggs, goat soap, yarn, spinning supplies, meats, poultry, honey, etc. It was important to the Board that the goods offered were properly refrigerated. Sara Zoe Patterson explained that they are intimately familiar with State Health requirements. No permit is required through the state to sell, however many regulations apply. Sara assured us that her participating venders abide. No tasting at Farmer's Market. Although they have submitted the fee for use of the room, they were hoping for a fee waive as they are not for profit. Justin Richardson spoke of his experience in attending these events and feels it is a worthwhile benefit to have it here in town. Two dates (Jan 10 and March 7 2009) are the only dates they plan on holding the winter market as other farmer's market organizations run other dates. As far as number of venders, Sara said 50 participate in Dover and for Newington they estimated 18 tables with 4 farms. The Certificate of Insurance is no problem. We will have it in hand shortly. Clean up is done by a group of volunteers. It is held 10:00am til 2:00pm. In the end, it was so ***moved by Selectman O'Reilly to approve use of the Town Hall Auditorium January 10 and March 7 with fee with consideration of rebate if they get their non-profit status. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Library Budget - \$101,218 Proposed

Due to RSA 202-6a whereas the Library Trustees shall have custody and management of the library and property relating thereto, several budget lines formerly falling under the Selectmen have been moved, those being building and utilities. Their budget represents an increase of 7.39%. The Director has been budgeted for a 5.8% increase in salary. A mailing is just about ready to go out for publicity as nothing has been spent with the Director being so busy. Minor bldg repair is going from \$600 to \$2,500 to cover a cleaning person they have coming in. Trash & recycling will be done from within. This will also help free up the Town's custodian as they only anticipate use of his services to let service people in the bldg when closed, to check on the furnace, install and remove air conditioner, clean the gutters with shoveling the walkways, mowing and sanding and salting still being needed to be done by someone from the Town. They established a new line shown as the voucher line which acts as a partial reimbursement for users rather than purchasing passes to various venues (ie: Boston Aquarium, C. McCauliff Planatarium, Museum of Science, etc) which proves very costly. The Trustees will bring in their library usage count at the Public Hearing level. Selectman Stuart stated she would like to see their numbers tweaked down. Chr. Iocovozzi hoped around 2%ish could be cut somewhere. The Trustees stated that they used a lot of their funds this year but would take another look. Selectman O'Reilly noted if they raised each line by merely 5% it would trim approximately \$1,600 off. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to recommend a Library budget of \$101,218 to the Budget Committee. Selectman Stuart seconded (in hopes that by the time it gets to the Budget Committee level that they could trim their bottom line). Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.***

Conservation Commission - \$16,300 Proposed

Justin Richardson, Chairman stated that their budget request is going down from \$20,500 to \$16,300. Regarding the Town Forest sign, the issue is still being discussed. Selectman O'Reilly stated that if not spent in December, to please let the Board know to encumber. Justin also had hoped to encumber Wetland's Consultant line money to get a grant, however we need a signed contract, all accepted with services specified prior to years' end. Regarding their Capital Reserve, they recommend \$50,000 be added. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to recommend the Conservation Commission budget of \$16,300 to the Budget Committee. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.***

Recreation Committee - \$ 59,625

The Committee stated right off the bat to decrease their request by \$4,000 from their General Maintenance line. Regarding the swings currently stored, Keith says installation is on hold until they have a firm plan on what is going on. The Multi-Use field is also on hold. They would eventually like to see S. Newington have a swing and picnic table at the basket ball court area. Len Thomas will point out where the markers are. Voucher program increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 as they anticipate more participants. Regarding summer YMCA program, the extra hour will be built in to the contract this year but as far as going from 4 to 5 days, Darryl Brown was analyzing the survey but had doubts the numbers would work. The Senior Dinner line has not been utilized in a couple of years. September Fest is costly and offers seniors both food and entertainment. The \$2,000 was cut from the Senior Dinner for now however it can be put back in from the floor at the Budget Public Hearing if need be. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to recommend the Recreation Budget of \$ 53,625 to the Budget Committee. Selectman Stuart seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.*** The Chairman thanked the members for a job well done in Recreation. They hoped the Board would encumber \$6,650 for Basket Ball Court refinishing.

Highway Department

Chr. Iocovozzi read an appreciation note to the Board regarding John & Len's dedication to Newington from Krista Low.

Budget: Culverts at \$25,000 to cover 2 on Gundalow or misc failure.

Board hopes to delay buying a new Highway truck and stated if the bed rots or breaks we could use the Capital Reserve. New mower would be a Capital Out Lay item, same thing for truck for that matter. Road striping was cut back by half as we'll be doing half the town each year. Charlie Smart will get a Coleman price so we can encumber paving funds. Chr. Iocovozzi hopes to encumber around \$150,000. \$95,000 was placed in the paving line for 2009 to cover McIntyre dip and Little Bay to Marlin's house. We should be able to address some of Capt Landing (around 200'). The beaver damn problem on McIntyre is threatening the road. Len will look into the problem with Fish & Game and possibly the PDA or DES if necessary.

Regarding picnic tables, Len was told to move forward the ordering 6 at this time however to be paid for under Fox Point.

Salaries: The Road Agent to go to \$22.25 (3%) and his assistant to \$15.00. Regarding a merit bonus for 2008, ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to award Len \$1,000 and John \$750 merit recognition with Selectman Stuart seconding. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote*** with Chr. Iocovozzi encouraging Len to delegate more of the work load. Non CDL license holders to go to \$13.40 and CDL drivers from \$14.00 to \$14.45. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to recommend a Highway budget of \$295,375 to Budget Committee (AA to work out Fica/Medi details to salary line) with Selectman Stuart seconding. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call.***

Mower Prices – will be discussed at another meeting.

Mowing Bids - for Town owned land (grounds care) – ok for request for bids to go out.

Facility Use Request

Sarah Mcquade requested the Town Hall Audi & Kitchen for Saturday Dec 6th - 10am til 6pm
For a birthday party. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve with fee. Selectman Stuart
seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

*Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:40pm. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-
0.*

Respectively submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant