



**Town of Newington
Board of Selectmen
November 19, 2001 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS), Chairman John (Jack) O'Reilly (R) & Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi (I); also, Executive Assistant Robert M. Belmore.

Chairman O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. The BOS voted 2-0 to accept the meeting minutes November 5, 2001.
2. Signature Folder.
 - a. The Board discussed the 2001 tax rate - \$15.88 and they issued a Press Release in regards to it. Of particular note was the amount of town funds being sent to Concord, including next year's Statewide education property tax warrant just received, Newington will be sending \$6,404,767.
3. New Business & Correspondence.
 - a. The Board discussed recently received Coalition correspondence regarding a meeting set for December 4, 2001.
 - b. The Board voted 2-0 to set temporary town hall Selectmen office hours of Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.
 - c. The Board reviewed recent correspondence received from the town auditor Robert Vachon.
 - d. The Board read a notice received from the PDA regarding the prohibition of hunting on Tradeport property.
 - e. The Board noted that Paycheck backed out of their quote to provide payroll services because their software could not handle NHRS – State Retirement deductions and deposits.
 - f. The Board approved placing an AD in the newspaper for the HDC regarding consulting services for the archeological survey.
 - g. The Board voted 2-0 to solicit bids for printing of the Annual Town Report in an 8 ½ x 11 format.
 - h. The BOS reviewed the results of the Fall HHWCD – household hazardous waste collection day held in Portsmouth.
 - i. The Board discussed two personnel actions; accepting Belmore's resignation letter with regret. The Board voted 2-0 to keep EA Robert Belmore on as a part-time employee at \$20.00 per hour during the transition period of finding a replacement. The Board also confirmed their decision to advertise for the position with the new title of administrative assistant. The Board voted 2-0 to appoint Renato Maldini as the part-time electrical inspector for the Town.
 - j. The Board reviewed a Planning Board Memo recommending the release of \$2.4 million of the \$2,795,000 ICR Bond release request received from Newington Energy LLC. Motion by Selectman I, 2nd by R, 2-0 vote to authorize the release of \$2.4 million from the ICR/Industrial Corridor Road Escrow Fund Bond.

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Meeting was recessed at 6:00 pm.

Chairman O'Reilly called the reconvened meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Selectmen O'Reilly and Iocovozzi (notes taken by O'Reilly).

- The Board discussed the open Selectman position and the fact they had not yet received any letter/s of interest. The Board consensus was to appoint the first qualified interested individual who submitted a request to fill the open seat.
- Motion by Selectman Iocovozzi, 2nd by Selectman O'Reilly, 2-0 vote to reappoint Mrs. Margaret Lamson as Newington's Representative on the PDA/ Pease Development Authority for the next term.

Newington Energy LLC Permit Request to Work on Sundays

The Board reviewed Newington Energy's request to perform limited construction activities on Sundays. Mr. Walter Beck, Site Project Manager, met with the Board and he had submitted the request in writing. The Board noted a letter of objection received from Irv & Ann Beebe of 54 Patterson Lane and a letter stating no objection to the Sunday hours from Paul Harris of StandUp Gardens. Mike & Dedee Walsh voiced their objection to granting the approval.

Discussion.

Motion by I, 2nd by R; 2-0 vote to approve trench and pipe installation work on the Sundays of December 2nd & 9th, 2001 from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Newington LLC Reps. (Con Ed) agreed to notify the Board when commissioning work will be done; they said it would probably start soon. The company also agreed to provide better traffic control at Patterson Lane & Old Dover Road, particularly at 6:30 am, at lunch breaks, and at shift changes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Belmore