

Board of Selectmen Meeting - Minutes

Town of Newington Town Hall

approved Feb 21, 2006

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iovocozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Assistant Fire Chief Cote, Steve Sabines & Ruth Fletcher-Fire Engineer, Building Inspector Charlie Smart

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into a non-public session under **RSA 91 A:3, II (a)** employee matters at 6:03 pm. **Selectman Stuart seconded** the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed 3-0.**

This portion of the meeting was held in the Town Planner's Office.

At 6:20 pm **Selectman O'Reilly moved** to come out of the non- public with no votes taken. **Seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Warrant Article for Fire Truck

Assistant Fire Chief Cote passed a hand out from First Capital showing the Fire Truck at a rate of 4.26% for five years or 4.27% for ten years. Mr. Cote spoke of the type of payments that could be made, \$13,000.00 would be saved making monthly payments vs. one payment a year. There is the option of not making a payment until the following year, which would push the payments into 2007. Selectman Stuart asked when the estimated delivery date would be; Mr. Cote answered six to nine months. There was much discussion about the company building the unit and if they are a good company and wont go out of business like many other companies have. Dennis Cote stated that if they did keep the current ladder truck that would be more money for repairs and as of right now \$12,000.00 would have to go into it.

Chairman Iocovozzi voiced his concern on the spending of this large amount and whether this was a need or a want. Chairman Iocovozzi feels that if the current truck is repaired it can still be used as a secondary ladder truck. Dennis Cote stated that they don't use the truck as a primary one but when they do use it more money has to be spent to repair it. There was much discussion as to if this truck is really a necessity. **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to recommend the Warrant Article for the lease/purchase of the ladder Fire Truck. at a cost of the truck not to exceed \$575,000. **Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly.** Roll call vote 2-1, **motion passed with Chairman Iocovozzi voting against.**

SCBA- Fire Department SCBA Fund

This is a Warrant Article request by the Fire Department to establish a capital reserve fund in order to replace the SCBA equipment. **Selectman O'Reilly moved** to recommend this warrant article. **Seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed 3-0.**

There is also a request to raise & appropriate the amount of the SCBA Fund at \$40,000.00. **Selectman O'Reilly moved** to recommend. **Seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Doors at the Fire Department

Dennis Cote went over what needs to be done to the doors at the Fire Station and stated that the only bid that came in was from Bernier Corporation in the amount of \$30,000.00. Dennis stated that he is still waiting on two other bids.

Work on Town Hall Roof

Charlie stated that an extra \$2,200.00 is needed to finish the roof work at the Town Hall for repairing the roofline / flasher. Charlie Smart gave a brief overview on what his main objective is which is to stop the rain from coming in. There was also discussion on the destruction of some bushes in front of the Town

Hall due to the roofers throwing debris from the roof. Charlie also gave the Board an estimated time frame as to when everything will be done which he stated was at the end of the following week. As far as the use of the kitchen stove due to the exhaust fan replacement, it would probably be in about four to five weeks. **Selectman O'Reilly moved** to accept the extra chimney repairs to the roof costs not to exceed \$2,200.00. **Seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed 3-0.**

Charlie Smart presented a letter from Careno Construction regarding the structural reinforcement in the Old Town Hall on both floor levels. Charlie Smart gave an overview on what is to be done and also stated that this would not be adding extra money. Board of Selectmen gave their approval for Careno to do what was needed.

Board of Selectmen Budget

Chairman Iocovozzi stated that he doesn't believe that the Selectmen should push getting an increase in stipends and if there is an increase request it should come from the floor. Selectman O'Reilly gave a brief overview on who receives stipends and stated that he sees nothing wrong with it.

Selectman Stuart brought Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi's salaries and how she puts in a lot of extra hours and how she should get more than COLA plus \$.53. Chairman Iocovozzi asked Beatrice how she felt about her raise and she stated that she was grateful but she feels that she should come up more. Chairman then brought up the fact that Ms. Marconi is up for her annual in May and that this is something that could be brought up then.

There was discussion about the Town maintenance manager as to what he should get by way of merit. Jack mentioned that more responsibility has been placed on Rick with other Building needs and Highway. It was decided to wait til his next review and decide then.

Town Report

It was discussed on how much Brenda Foster should be paid for doing the Town Report. The amount agreed on last fall was \$1,000.00 and the Board accepted that.

Town Hall

Beatrice Marconi stated that Charlie Smart recommended renovation being done to the new Town Hall totaling \$150,000.00. Currently the Town Hall building budget is at \$50,000.00. The Board all agreed to stay at \$50,000.00.

Assessing Services

Corcoran gave a price of \$60,000.00 but that does not include Sansoucy. Selectman O'Reilly asked how much was budgeted, which was \$65,000.00 and he then stated leave it at that.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:25 which was seconded by Selectman Stuart. On a roll call vote, the meeting ended.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant