

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2006
Newington Town Hall
6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Chairman Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Beatrice Marconi Administrative Assistant, Police Chief JonTretter, Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf, Police Commissioners Jack Hoyt and Douglas Ross, Gail Pare, Sarah McQuade, Andrew Head, Dennis Cote, Fire Engineers Wib Goins and Ruth Fletcher, George Fletcher Treasurer, Paul Beswick and Mark Phillips-Trustees of the Trust Fund, John Klanchesser, Lisa Zhe, Larry Wahl, and Rick Stern.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Iocovozzi called the meeting to order a few minutes after 6:00 pm.

Police Department Proposed 2006 Budget

Police Chief Tretter gave a brief overview for the 2006 police budget request. The Chief explained that the part time budget went up due to the fact that an officer that was injured in the line of duty in April of last year remains out. His injury has caused more part time officers to cover his shift. Selectman O'Reilly stated that they were considering increasing the stipends for the Town up to 25% and asked if he would like to consider adding in for the Animal Control Officer it was up to him to consider \$1,000 or what ever he saw appropriate. There was a question raised on the uniform budget and whether or not it went up. Chief Tretter stated that there was a request for it to be raised to \$6800.00. Outside detail is money in from out side sources but the town had to vote to appropriate as part of municipal finance. After much discussion ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion*** to accept and send the PD budget request in the amount of \$1,138,725.00 to the Budget Committee. ***Chairman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.*** Roll call vote 2-0, ***motion passed with Selectman Stuart abstaining.***

Chairman Iocovozzi asked if the Fire Department Engineers and the Police Department Commissioners if they had any objections to the publication of the salaries in the town report, which they did not.

Emergency Management

The Board discussed the purchase of generators for the school and other locations that could serve as a place of refuge for the town's people in the case of some type of emergency. They also touched on the grant. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion*** to send the budget request in the amount of \$29,584 to the Budget Committee. ***Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.*** Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Letter from Cemetery Committee

The cemetery committee had three major requests of the Town and of the Trustees of the Trust Fund. One being that \$800.00 be transferred over to them to reimburse the cemetery trust fund for a mistake made earlier in the year, Paul Beswick felt as if this could be done. The other two requests Mr. Beswick had concerns about and felt as if he needed to gather more information about but felt that their third request of a transfer from the Capital reserve back to the town \$ 3,564.41 for Cemetery fence work could be done.

The 2nd request of transferring a total of \$2988 from perpetual care cemetery trust funds to the general fund for grass care for those lots he felt he could not do as that was not the established intent of that fund. (see attachment)

Warrant Articles

Mr. Beswick stated that he would get back to the Board as to Cap. Reserve balance. The Board also states for the record that is a vacancy on the Trustee of the Trust Fund as Cliff Abbott had resigned.

Utility Truck Decision

The Fire Department submitted a letter requesting \$37000.00 be released from the capital reserve fund - Fire Department Vehicle Replacement and or Repair Fund to purchase a utility vehicle which could reach the required height on the new poles. Selectman Stuart is in favor of the purchase of this Truck with money from the Capital Reserve Fund. The Chairman expressed his concerns about this issue and after much discussion ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion*** to approve the purchase of a Utility Truck and authorize transfer of \$37,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the general fund for this purchase. ***Selectman Stuart seconded*** the motion. Roll call vote 2-1, ***motion passed with Cos voting no.***

Vehicle Replacement Issues- Fire Department

There was a brief overview on how the Fire Department is in a predicament where their doors at the fire station are too short to house certain vehicles they were interested in and if they go to smaller trucks they would be more expensive. They would like to see work done on the doors to raise them. The Board felt as if the Engineers should create a warrant article (s) for the Truck (s). There was also discussion of upping the Fire Department Building Budget. Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi will check with Housain, the Town's engineer to see how much it would cost to fix the doors at the station and if it could at all be done.

FEMA Maps Warrant Article

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion for the Selectmen to sponsor a Warrant Article in the amount of \$50,000.00 for a mapping project to designate the flood plain as needed for FEMA to properly list flood zones correctly. ***Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.*** Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Historical Revision Request

After a brief discussion on the revised figure to be presented to the Budget Committee in the amount of \$5,100.00 to \$9,600.00 to cover the CLG grant line. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion*** to send the budget request to the Budget Committee. ***Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart.*** Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

The Board spoke of increased water line size and felt they should set aside \$25,000 to upgrade for Cemetery, Library & Meeting House

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Selectman Stuart Seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant