

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2009
Town Hall 6:30pm

Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, the Board honored the military men and women who were there that day and the memory of lives lost on December 7th, 1941 with a moment of silence.

Present: Chr. Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Cosmas Iocovozzi, AA Beatrice Marconi and Craig Daigle Transfer Station Attendant.

Single Stream Recycling

Transfer Station Attendant Craig Daigle explained that not only would this method of recycling be more cost efficient it would be easier for the participants. All tins, aluminum, paper including newspaper, cardboard and magazines, most plastics etc etc (no trash) would be placed in the single container and Waste Management has a conveyor belt and sorters. When we have separate bins and find someone has mixed trash in with it, the entire load is then thrown into the land fill. Turnkey is looking for participants. Craig has mentioned this to many of the Saturday crowd and feel they are on board. The hopper with 3 bins will be removed at the end of January and a single stream container be placed at the Transfer Station. It may create more traffic but there is adequate space. At the transfer station, it can be monitored well and if people have questions, either Craig or Kenny can help. Selectman Stuart stated we all knew moving the Highway container was unavoidable as she has seen several out of state vehicles at the site. Perhaps Wednesday hours in the summer could be increased if need be. An educational letter will go out to be effective about Feb 1. Craig is having an open house the Saturday before Christmas. All invited.

Fox Point House Demolition Reconsideration

Selectman Stuart moved to rescind the vote to demo of November 17. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Selectman Iocovozzi feels after listening to the people who attended the demo public hearing in November, he continues to be concerned about any liability which may be on the Town incase of fire, etc. The business side says the Town is not in the real estate business, yet those speaking at the public hearing spoke of many reasons to keep it there. He wants them to have renters insurance. Chr. O'Reilly agrees with Selectman Iocovozzi about the Town not being in the rental business but listening to the people the understood their concerns and is willing to support what the people want. Selectman Stuart also wants the unit to stay as when Ms. Stern mentioned 'a certain sense of comfort and safety knowing someone was right there' made total sense. Selectman Iocovozzi stated he would like to revisit the issue in a few years however Selectman Stuart didn't want to see a black and white limit. Chr. O'Reilly felt that each new Board of Selectmen should have the right to revisit at will and this board shouldn't set time stipulations. When the Chair called for the vote, *Selectman Iocovozzi voted no, Selectman Stuart voted yes and Chr. O'Reilly voted yes. Motion to rescind the vote to demolish passed 2-1.*

Prescription Benefit Rider

The Board again discussed this issue at length. The Local Government Center needs to know from the Town if we are going to sign on another year with no change. The Board is very concerned about a double whammie especially with no C.O.L.A. as they do not know what is coming down the pike. Selectman Stuart was very much against any change. Chr. O'Reilly proposed that the Board go with the RX adjustment and that we cap the out of pocket expenses at \$500. He would be happy to meet with the employees to address any concerns. Chr. O'Reilly

noted that historically, if employees are asked to contribute to a health plan, their salaries are off set to compensate as with the teachers, etc. Grandfathering would be an ideal consideration. Selectman Iocovozzi felt the Board should consider taking steps of offset any health contribution consideration in some manner. Although asked to abstain from the vote, Selectman Stuart wanted her opposition known. Chr. O'Reilly strongly felt a study committee to examine the situation would be ideal. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adopt the adjusted RX Rider known as the 10/20/45 plan with cap pending it is not a violation of any intent of a past warrant article or personnel policy. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passes 2-0-1 with Selectman Stuart abstaining.*

Facility Use Requests:

Estey, Cooke, and Watson – all approved

S. Newington Playground Survey Proposal

Items 1 – 6 on the Knight Hill Proposal was approved by the Board in the amount of \$ 1,200 pending Mark West work along side with Mr. Hislop.

Mott Pond

D. Brown spoke to Town Hall about the water rising and would like it dropped 1 to 2 feet. Beaver trapping will continue when possible. We have had a lot of rain. Mr. Frink and Josiah of Fish and Game will be contacted.

At 7:56pm, Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adjourn. Selectman Stuart seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi

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