

**Newington Board of Selectmen  
Meeting**

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**February 22, 2005  
Newington Town Hall  
6:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Chairman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cos Iocovozzi and Town Secretary Brenda Foster

***Pledge of Allegiance***

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Miscellaneous**

Danna Truslow from the Seacoast Land Trust addressed the Board of Selectmen regarding the Trickey Cove Conservation Easement. The terms of the original easement between the Town of Newington and the Seacoast Land Trust specifies that the proceeds from a taking or condemnation will be divided between the Grantor and the Grantee in proportion to the fair market value of the land. The NHDOT will be taking a portion of the Trickey's Cove easement for the expansion of the planned changes to Exit 4 off the Spaulding Turnpike and drainage from the newly routed ramp. A NHDOT appraisal valued the land at \$2,200. Ms. Truslow proposes that the Seacoast Land Trust receive \$1,241 and the Town receive \$959. It was agreed that the State should cut one check to the Town of Newington. The check will be deposited into the Conservation Fund before cutting a check to the Seacoast Land Trust for \$1,241. Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Seacoast Land Trust on the split of proceeds from the NHDOT, with \$1,241 going to the Seacoast Land Trust and \$959 going to the Town of Newington. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

Selectman O'Reilly said that Town Planner Tom Morgan should call Brian Sanderson at NHDOT to confirm this decision.

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to accept the minutes of February 7, 2005. Seconded by Chairman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

There was discussion on a letter written by Resident Michael Mazeau. This letter states Mr. Mazeau's concerns about the intersection of Fox Point Road and Nimble Hill Road. The Board recommended calling a special meeting of the Highway Safety Committee to discuss this issue. Secretary Foster was instructed to write a letter of response to Mr. Mazeau.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve a Hardship Abatement Agreement as recommended by the Town's contracted appraiser. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

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Mr. Bill Nickerson from NH Ice Melt discussed the possibility of Newington using Magic-O on Town roads. Chairman Stuart asked if there is any type of dye in the mixture, so the run-off can be monitored. Mr. Nickerson answered that the mixture turns the salt a brown, cinnamon color. The mixture is eight gallons per ton of salt. The process consists of Newington purchasing the salt and then NH Ice Melt will apply the treatment onto the salt. This eliminates brine and sand completely. The cost is \$26 per ton of salt for treatment, with a 25 ton minimum. In Southern NH, Keane, Ashland and Hancock are currently using this treatment. This is the first season that the treatment is being used.

Selectman O'Reilly asked for clarification on the process. Mr. Nickerson said that the salt is treated with a magnesium chloride mix that totally saturates the salt. This reduces the corrosiveness of the salt by 90%. This product is a by-product of vodka distillation. Chairman Stuart asked about the safety to animals and the environment. Mr. Nickerson said that there is a 100% guarantee of safety to animals and the environment. Selectman Iocovozzi reminded the Board that this will reduce the amount of salt being used because fewer treatments will be needed on the roads.

Selectman O'Reilly asked if there was any capital investment involved. Mr. Nickerson said no, there are no capital investments involved. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested that the Town try this treatment on one load of salt. The salt in the truck needs to be cleaned out first, because it is already mixed with sand. Chairman Stuart asked about the odor of the treatment. Mr. Nickerson said it has a smell like molasses, not offensive at all.

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to use this treatment on the next load of salt. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Vote 3-0.

Mr. Matthew Scott, owner of NH Ice-Melt entered the meeting. Chairman Stuart asked about the molasses smell and where that comes from. Mr. Scott replied that the smell comes from the vodka plant. There are two kinds of solubles; distilled (from distillery) or brewer (from breweries). This product is from a distillery. Brewer solubles do not have the low temperature tolerance that distillery products do. There are over 500 distilleries worldwide that were tested and only 3 were able to be used for this product.

Selectman O'Reilly asked again about the treatment process. Mr. Scott said that this treatment has the same corrosive index as distilled water. The definition of brine is when

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salt gets wet. When the salt is sprayed with the Magic-O treatment the corrosiveness is neutralized. It's 50% distilled soluble and 50% magnesium chloride. This product is pasteurized and every load is consistent because of this. When the liquid is handled and gets on hands, gloves, shoes, clothes...it is water soluble and washes out with cold water. Direct rain will affect the treated salt but horizontal rain is not enough to affect it. The salt should be covered with tarps or some sort of protection.

Chairman Stuart stated that she was very pleased with the job the Highway Department did on snow removal this weekend. The roads were great.

**Building Inspector's Communication**

A memo was read from Building Inspector Smart regarding Wilcox Industries was tabled until an opinion from BI Smart could be obtained.

**Town Hall Use**

A Town Hall use form from PHS Track team for a February 24<sup>th</sup> event was approved and signed.

A Town Hall use form from Strafford Regional Planning for a March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved and signed.

A Town Hall use form from Douglas Reed for a March 17<sup>th</sup> Celiac Sprue meeting was approved and signed.

A Town Hall use form from Richard Rines for a March 18<sup>th</sup> event was approved and signed.

There being no further business before the Board:

Adjourn 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenda Foster  
Town Secretary