

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

**March 29, 2005
Newington Town Hall
6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Road Agent Leonard Thomas, Town Planner Tom Morgan, Assessor Wil Corcoran and Administrative Assistant Cynthia Gillespie

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Hearing opened by Chairman Iocovozzi 6:25 p.m. Pursuant to RSA 231: 161-163, the Newington Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing relative to the amending of all presently issued and outstanding and/or future pole licenses or improvements made on Town owned lands and right of ways. The amendment shall seek to add the provisions of RSA 72:23 I(b), providing for payment for properly assessed real and personal property taxes on Town owned property used by, under the license agreements, public utilities servicing the Town of Newington. This meeting is being held to determine if the public good would be served if the Town taxes the easements over public lands licensed by public utility companies. This public hearing will be open for one hour.

Assessor Wil Corcoran spoke to the Board regarding the pole licenses. The companies in Newington are conducting business over public land and occupying space that the Town owns. The poles and stations provide a public utility but are on public land and also provide an obstruction for sidewalks and roadways, etc. The amendment would offset any cost to the Town as these roadways and sidewalks are maintained around the poles. There would be more wear and tear on the public vehicles that work around these obstructions. For these reasons, Mr. Corcoran urged the Selectmen to consider compliance to RSA 231: 163 and find that the public good is met by this and other testimony and that the Selectmen move to amend all current and future licenses to provide for the payment of property taxes under 72:23. Chairman Iocovozzi made note that the Town of Newington does not have sidewalks but will be planning them soon. Chairman Iocovozzi asked what if there was a pole on the land where the Town is planning to develop, does the Town pay for the removal of the pole. Mr. Corcoran said that the company that owns the pole would be subject to the fees attached to removal of that pole.

Town Planner Tom Morgan spoke to the Board regarding changing the addresses for properties on Shattuck Way. Mr. Morgan stated that the Fire Chief will notify the post office and 911. Selectmen Iocovozzi recommended that the businesses be notified and given 6 months to make the change.

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Mr. Morgan presented the Board a Quit Claim Deed to Trickey Cove. The deed will transfer title of the property to the State of New Hampshire department of Transportation. The deed was reviewed and signed by the Board.

Bay Ring Communications was discussed. Chairman Iocovozzi made the motion to sign the service agreement between the Town of Newington and Bay Ring Communications. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

There was discussion on the "Share the Roads" signage project. Chairman Iocovozzi suggested talking to the Police Chief and the Road Agent about this before making any decisions. Chairman Iocovozzi would like to have the Police and the Road Agent monitor the roads for 60 days and report on how much bicycle traffic there is in Town and at what locations.

Selectman Stuart asked that a meeting be set up for the Safety Committee (Police Chief, Fire Chief and Road Agent) to discuss the letter from Mike Mazeau regarding the Fox Point/ Nimble Hill intersection.

There was discussion on the painting bids for the Fire Department. The Bids were as follows:

Loranger Painting	30% to start balance	\$4,860
Apple Painting		\$7,800
Garrison Painting	Payment on completion	\$4,745

Selectman Stuart made the motion to accept the bid from Garrison Painting for \$4,745. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0.

There was discussion on the flooring bids for the Fire Department. The Selectmen prefer no payment due upfront. The company will also need a certificate of insurance.

Northeast Flooring	\$20,575.10
Firehouse Flooring	\$22,060

Chairman Iocovozzi made the motion to accept the bid from Northeast Flooring for \$20,575.10. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

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There was discussion on a bid from Maher Irrigation for the digging required for Bay Ring Communications. This was tabled in order to obtain additional bids.

AA Gillespie mentioned that the Board needs to appoint two people to the Rockingham Planning Commission. The Selectmen decided that Gail Klanchesser should be appointed.

There was discussion on the TANS and AA Gillespie's meeting with Paul Martel, a representative from Banknorth. The Board reviewed and signed the note to obtain the TANS.

Chairman Iocovozzi closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Selectman Stuart made the motion to accept and sign the resolution to amend current and future licensing agreements with the utility companies (see attached). Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. No discussion. Roll call vote; Jan Stuart- AYE, Cosmas Iocovozzi- AYE. Vote 2-0.

Signatures and Approvals

Chairman Iocovozzi made the motion to accept and sign coin operated game machine permits for Toys R Us and Chuck E Cheese. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Vote 2-0.

Selectman Stuart made the motion to accept the minutes of March 21, 2005. Seconded by Chairman Iocovozzi. Vote 2-0.

A Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Town of Newington and John Frink, Lydia Frink, Sara Ryder and Helen Frink was reviewed and signed.

Town Hall Use

A Town Hall Use Form for UNH Marine Docents for events on October 21, 2005 and April 21, 2005 were approved and signed.

Non-Public; Personnel according to RSA 91 A:3,II

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Adjourn Non-Public 8:38 p.m. No votes were taken. The Selectmen accept with regret the resignation of Administrative Assistant Cynthia Gillespie.

There being no further business before the Board of Selectmen;

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Gillespie
Administrative Assistant