

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Town of Newington Town Hall
April 17, 2006

Approved 5/1/06

Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, with Planner Tom Morgan arriving at 6:14pm.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to go into non-public at 6:01pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Employee Matters. Selectman Stuart seconded and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.

At 6:30, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi moved to come out of non-public and called for the sealing of the minutes. Selectman Stuart seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.

Public portion of the meeting was called to order 6:31 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute Approval

Selectman Stuart made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 28,2006. *Selectman Iocovozzi seconded* the motion. Roll call vote **2-0, motion passed** (*Chairman O'Reilly was unable to attend that meeting with DES/DOT.*)

Selectman Stuart made motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 3,2006. *Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.* So voted 3-0, **motion passed**

Sears Donation-Old Town Hall Renovation

Chairman O'Reilly opened the public hearing at 6:37pm in regards to accepting a gift from Sears for the Old Town Hall renovation project in the amount \$912.00. Rick Stern asked if all future donations dedicated to the Town has to have a public hearing. Chairman O'Reilly answered by stating that for money coming into specific projects rather than the general fund, if they qualify, those donations need to have a public hearing which must be posted 14 days prior to. The public hearing was left open.

Prime Wetland

Justin Richardson presented a letter of request from the PDA to DES asking for them to invalidate a portion of the Prime Wetlands delineation. Chairman O'Reilly asked exactly how many wetlands parcels were in question. Justin answered 9 out of the 18. Justin also stated that since the time of the letter there was a Conservation Committee meeting whereas the Committee voted for a \$2,000.00 retainer fee for legal advice. This lawyer (Attorney Ransom) will work under the direction of the Conservation Committee but for the Town. Justin said that the Costs could conceivably go beyond \$ 2,000 but they are hoping for otherwise. After further discussion *Selectman Iocovozzi moved* to authorize the Board of the Selectmen Chairman to sign the legal agreement. *Selectman Stuart seconded motion.* The motion was then modified and seconded for all of the Selectmen to sign. Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Peggy Lamson discussed a letter that was sent from John Ahlgren dated March 29, 2006. Peggy stated that she wanted Mr. Ahlgren to understand that the Conservation Committee had no time to make a comment on the Dirty Dirt issue. Peggy Lamson also wanted it stated in the minutes that she recluses herself on anything dealing with the Prime Wetland issue as she is Newington's Rep to the PDA.

Shower Repair for the Fire Department and Fox Point Erosion

The Board of Selectmen decided to conduct a site walk to Fox Point and the Fire Department to see what needs to be taken care of. This was scheduled for Saturday April 22 at 9am.

Paving Project on Shattuck near Asia to Seam

Selectman Iocovozzi approached S.U.R., who is working for the State on Shattuck to give us a price for Town paving needed on certain parts of Shattuck Way while the road job is in progress. The State indicated that the Town's portion would be \$70,456.50 with \$28,651.50 slated from the Bond. Selectman Stuart moved to contact SUR to go ahead with the project on behalf of the Town in the amount not to exceed \$ 70,456.50 with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

Town Flag/Seal

Gail Pare spoke on the issue of the dates on the town seal. She stated that Newington was established in 1713 but never incorporated. The debate on this issue is to change the seal to say established instead of incorporated. The date that is currently on the seal is incorrect (1764). The Board of Selectmen all decided to accept the date of 1713 when the town actually held the first Town Meeting August 6, 1713 as it is more correct than the 1764 date of incorporation.

Smart Start

Town Building Inspector Smart presented the information on the energy audit. Smart Start is this municipal program. This program will help save annually \$5,400.00 on all three buildings energy costs. The price of \$9,200.00 can be paid up front or deducted from the savings amount, which will take about 26 months to pay off. Their light bulbs are guaranteed for two years and they will come out and replace any other lights. *Selectman Stuart made a motion* to approve the Smart Start program. *Selectman Iocovozzi seconded* the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, *motion passed*.

Careno Project

Charlie Smart stated that Careno Construction is more than halfway finished with the Old Town Hall renovations and that the bills from now on do not have any retainage taken off. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved* to give the first half of the retainage to Careno Construction. *Selectman Stuart seconded* the motion. So voted 3-0, *motion passed*.

Noise Ordinance

Town Ordinance 74-02 was amended by the Board of Selectmen to include not only excessive noise from vehicles themselves but also the noise from loud radios/music devices within vehicles and to also raise the fine from \$25.00 to up to \$1,000.00. Said amendment is to be effective immediately (temporarily) until placed before the voters at the next Town Meeting. Selectman Stuart moved to accept these modifications with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Roll call vote 3-0, *motion passed*.

Appointments

Matt Morton submitted a written request for the Selectmen to consider Jill Newick as a member on the Board of Adjustment. *Selectman Stuart made a motion* to approve the request. *Selectman Iocovozzi seconded* the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, *motion passed*.

George Fletcher submitted a written request that the Deputy Treasurer - Laura Coleman be reappointed. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved* to approve the request. *Selectman Stuart seconded* the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, *motion passed*.

Misc

The Newington School Supporters submitted a request for their annual Road Race on September 9th. **Selectman Iocovozzi moved** to approve the request and forward to the Police Chief for his approval. Selectman **Stuart seconded the motion**. Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Mike Morrison presented the Board with a notification that he will be beginning the mosquito control program beginning April 24.

Town Hall Use

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve Sue Bowles request for the town hall and kitchen Apr 30. **Selectman Stuart seconded** the motion. Roll call vote 3-0. **Selectman Iocovozzi moved** to approve Tiffany Spinney for the use of the Picnic Grove May 28 (rain date June 4). **Selectman Stuart seconded** the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***. **Selectman Iocovozzi moved** to approve Linda Kahlsa for the use of the town hall and kitchen Aug 19. **Selectman Stuart seconded** the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***. **Selectman Stuart moved** to approve the Harp Circle May 14. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded** the motion. Roll call vote 2-0, (Chairman O'Reilly abstained) ***motion passed***.

Flag Pole

Charlie Smart gave a brief overview of the proposal by High Flying Flags. Charlie stated that the cost of the flags are; \$42.00 each for 25 flags, \$39.30 each for 50 flags or \$32.60 each for 100 flags. A Screen charge of \$85.00 is added to all of the listed prices. These flags could be offered for sale in an effort to raise money to pay for the poles. Charlie gave commercial pole costs. **Selectman Iocovozzi moved** to table the issue so that more prices (residential) could be retrieved. **Selectman Stuart seconded** the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Flood Plain

Chairman O'Reilly read the Proclamation out loud. Town Planner Tom Morgan spoke briefly on this. Tom Morgan explained that in order to join the program the resolution has to be adopted. The Board of Selectmen decided that they would like to hold on to the Proclamation to better understand it. Tom was to revise with date and leave with Administrative Assistant. **Selectman Stuart moved** to table the discussion while taking time to read. Chairman O'Reilly signed pending Tom providing a date following no objection. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded** the motion. Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Public Hearing – Sears

Chairman O'Reilly then closed the public hearing in regards to the Sears donation at 8:03pm. **Selectman Iocovozzi moved** to accept the Sears donation in the amount of \$912.00 which will be dedicated to the Old Town Hall. **Selectman Stuart seconded** the motion. So voted 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Being that there was no further discussion before the Board **Selectman Stuart moved** to adjourn. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded** the motion. So voted 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant