

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 20, 2009
Town Hall 6:30pm

Preliminary

Selectman Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Present: Selectman Jan Stuart (*acting as Chair in the absence of Selectman O'Reilly*), Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi and Road Agent Len Thomas.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2009 as written. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 2-0.

Trash Bin at Fire Station

Len asked for the Board's thought on repair or replacement. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that it was ok to repair and paint. Selectman Stuart agreed. Len thought it needed some welding and will contact Croteau.

Branch Road Side Clean Up

Len reports that the town wide effort began today and noted many residents put brush out road side. Selectmen Iocovozzi and Stuart spoke of the town maybe buying a chipper but cautioned that chippers require a lot of maintenance. The Board will talk about it further at budget time.

Town Garage - WARNING -

With the Road Agent at the meeting, Selectman Iocovozzi stated that he didn't want staff working inside the building because of its condition and that if maintenance had to be done on the vehicles to plan accordingly and work outside.

Facilities Use Requests

Selectman Stuart read the following applications.

Dept of Labor to use Town Hall Auditorium May 21 for a seminar on Labor Laws

Borkland Bridal Shower – Old Town Hall – 2nd fl & kitchen – May 31 – all day

Carter 90th Birthday Party – Old Town Hall 2nd Fl & kitchen – June 13 – all day

Borkland Wedding & BBQ – June 21 – Grove and Grill – Picnic Area

Immigration Testing – Town Hall Auditorium – May 27 and June 9 – 8:30 – 1:30pm

O'Brien – Seacoast Mothers Assn – Old Town Hall – May 23 – all day

Note: The Board asked the Administrative Assistant to check with the DAV regarding a memorial service and to ensure that the Bridal Shower does not conflict. Also to ask about the Flag placement on the Veteran's graves and to let the Cemetery Committee know our findings. Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the above requests waving the Dept of Labor's fee, Immigration Testing and Seacoast Mother's Association's fee provided their non profit certificate is submitted. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 2-0

Porta Potties will be in place on or before May 1 at Fox Point, Old Town Hall, and Tennis Court.

Welfare - Selectman Stuart strongly felt that individuals getting assistance from the Town should participate in the Work Force Program to work off the help given. She felt asking for approximately 4 hours per day is reasonable. The participants should not use machinery, climb high ladders, and have the necessary supervision. Safety First. Cos agreed. Gloves, vests, boots when necessary. Regarding setting Market Rents for our Guidelines, the Board suggested we send out a questionnaire to the landlords of town to get actual amounts to get a true picture. Anyone receiving

assistance who are the owners of the property shall have a Welfare Lien placed against their property to be recorded. Selectman Stuart hoped that the Guidelines could be adopted this evening and tweaked as information comes in, therefore *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adopt the revised*

guidelines as is noting that this document could be revisited and updated. Selectman Stuart seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed 2-0.

Municipal Services Agreement

In a memo from Planner Tom Morgan he states that the Selectmen have the option of re-visiting the 1998 PDA/Portsmouth/Newington/Greenland agreement - as the former Pease property develops, more revenue is being lost from this development in lieu of the waiving of certain service coverage and road maintenance. Currently, per this memo, the income to Portsmouth for the Newington entities is \$461,000 annually. The Board would like information from the Police Chief as to coverage at the Tradeport and information as to the inspection income/time from Charlie. Selectman Stuart stated that this land should be generating more money to THIS town than what it is.

New Hampshire Magazine- Editor Rick Broussard sent an e-mail dated April 17 asking all NH Cities and Towns to submit information to be incorporated into an article they are working on regarding local landmarks. Both Selectman Stuart and Iocovozzi felt the Meeting House or even the Parsonage were worthy of noting. Beatrice will work on the request.

Non Public

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) and (c). Selectman Stuart seconded and on a roll call vote, so entered at 7:57pm 2-0.


At 8:04pm, Selectman Iocovozzi moved to come out of non public – seconded by Selectman Stuart and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 2-0. He then moved to seal the minutes with Selectman Stuart seconding – motion passed 2-0 on a roll call.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 8:06pm with a second from Selectman Stuart with that motion passing 2-0.

Respectively Submitted



Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant

TO Board of Selectmen
FROM Tom Morgan 
RE Municipal Services Agreement (MSA)
DATE April 20, 2009

As you know, the Town of Newington, the City of Portsmouth, and the Pease Development Authority (PDA) entered into an agreement some years ago regarding the delivery of municipal services on the Pease Tradeport. The agreement requires the PDA to pay Portsmouth \$1 per square foot (annually) for every square foot of building area on the tradeport. The City then assumes responsibility for fire, ambulance, and road maintenance services in Newington, and forwards us an annual payment of \$45,720 for police coverage in Newington.

The table below breaks out income that Portsmouth derives from Tradeport buildings situated in the Town of Newington.

Building	Square Feet	Annual Payments
2 International Drive	85,000	\$85,000
1 New Hampshire Avenue	110,000	\$110,000
100 Arboreteum Drive	60,000	\$60,000
72 Pease Blvd. (Celestica)	206,000	\$206,000
Total	461,000	\$461,000

I believe that it is just a matter of time before the Town decides to re-negotiate the MSA so as to capture a greater share of the revenue for properties situated in Newington.

Eventually, the PDA may be disbanded, as was the Legislature's unambiguous intent back in 1990. In that event, the properties situated in Newington would be subject to Newington property tax assessments.

It is in this context that the recent boundary skirmish with the PDA's legal department assumes greater significance. As you know, the PDA asserted in February that the town line is forty feet further north than was agreed upon by Portsmouth and Newington in 2003. The City now claims a position of "*neutrality*" in this matter, but who can blame them? Were the line to move north, as the PDA demands, approximately one third of the 85,000 sf building at 2 International Drive would move from Newington into *neutral* Portsmouth. At any rate, the PDA has no legal standing whatsoever to be making claims on our municipal boundary.