

Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Newington Town Hall
May 15, 2006

Preliminary

Present: Chairman O'Reilly, Selectman Stuart, Selectman Iocovozzi, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Wil Corcoran, Len Thomas, William Murray & Erin McCarthy, Dave Sweeney, Laura Coleman, Jean Bowser, Barbara McDonald, Town Fair Tire Representatives, Rick & Doreen Stern, George Fletcher and Keith Frizzell.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Chairman Jack O'Reilly.

Pledge Allegiance

Selectman Stuart made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 1, 2006. **Motion was seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Will Corcoran Contract

Mr. Corcoran's duties include everything except utility assessment. Mr. Corcoran gave a brief update on what will take effect in 2006. In 2003 we were at 100%. 2004 was a Certification year and another update was done. In 2005 due to lack of activity of sales, no update was done. It looks like we are at 84% in his estimation. Each year one fourth of the town is inspected. We will continue to do 25% of the town this year. But this year all values will be adjusted. **Selectman Iocovozzi moved** to accept Will Corcoran's contract. **Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Wildlife Refuge

Mr. Murray submitted a letter to generate throughout the town regarding the impending threat of staff reduction to our refuge for Wildlife. The Board decided that they would indeed submit a letter to area Conservation Commissions expressing concern and also attach this letter from William Murray. George Fletcher felt it was wise to get nearby community Conservation Commissions involved. Residents are urged to contact the US Dept of Fish & Wildlife to express their thoughts on the proposed changes in removal of staff and placing it on the 'preservation' list.

Town Fair Tire

Town Fair Tire is requesting to hold a car show in the parking lot of Town Fair Tire on Sunday, July 16. The spokesman for Town Fair stated that he had spoken with the surrounding stores and has already cleared this with them and the landlord. He has been in contact with the Fire & Police Departments. He will obtain an insurance rider for the day. **Selectman Stuart moved** to allow the car show contingent upon no objection from the Police Department. **Motion was seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Passed 3-0.**

Jake Brake-Trucks on Shattuck

Chairman O'Reilly stated that once Newington takes over Shattuck Way a noise ordinance should be generated. There was a brief discussion in regards to this.

Mrs. Stern stated that she noticed a lot of trash around the underpass. Mr. Stern mentions that lights are definitely needed on that road.

Windows at Old Town Hall

HDC feels that the windows should be dismantled and the glass saved. Selectman Stuart asked why the windows are being saved. It was because one resident requested that the windows be saved. Laura Coleman stated that old fashion glass like that could be purchased if we found a preservationist. It was mentioned that Dave Adams should be contacted to see what should be done with the old windows. Meanwhile they are to stay upstairs in Old Town Hall until we determine their significance.

Closing of Ramps

A public hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 to discuss the closing of the Woodbury/Patterson Lane ramp. Patterson Lane owners will be notified and the meeting posted in the paper and 2 public places.

Flag-Invisible Fence

Dave Sweeny stated that the town should consider having homeowners remove the flags around their yards due to the fact that it looks offensive. He also added that he spoke with the company who stated that keeping the flags up is not necessary. Selectman Stuart stated that they couldn't dictate what people put in their yards. There were mixed feelings about this issue amongst the audience. Selectman Stuart stated that there is no way that she would vote in favor of supporting a motion to tell home owners what they can put in their yards and when to remove them. Barbara McDonald added that she had an invisible fence for her dog that she used for training and said that the flags eventually can come down. Laura Coleman felt that the complaint a few years ago was dogs on the loose. Now that the invisible fence is popular, its unsightly flag trash and commented that this was trivial.

Gutters

There was a proposal submitted for the Gutters at the Library. The company sent two proposals one for copper and the other for aluminum. The HDC prefers copper, as does the Library Trustees and the Chairman. The copper is priced at \$728.00 and the aluminum is at \$388.00. There was a brief discussion as to the look and the quality of copper. Selectman Stuart stressed her concerns on which would last longer and Selectman Iocovozzi stressed his concern about the copper turning green. **Selectman Stuart made a motion to go with the copper. Chairman O'Reilly seconded the motion and Selectman Iocovozzi was opposed.** Roll call vote, 2-1, **motion passed.**

Careno Letter-Re: Treasurer requests

Chairman O'Reilly read the letter aloud which stated that Mr. Careno of Careno Construction would need a written request of what George Fletcher is asking for by means of detail to back up invoices. George stated that he feels as if this is a rip off as Mr. Careno stated that the extra work goes beyond the realm of the contract but would provide the information via a change order which he felt would add \$2,500 to \$ 3,500 to the project in time and effort. Barbara McDonald stated that the Town has the right to know what they are paying for. Cos stated that because it is design and build, the job is bid on, the specs are negotiated and a price set for the end of the project. The Board did not want to spend the extra money on this change order.

To be on the Agenda

Chairman O'Reilly spoke of an e-mail that was generated regarding an item request to be placed on the agenda that was vague in detail or direction when placed by George Fletcher. He asked that from this point on that the Board be made aware of the details of the discussion so that the Selectmen can be prepared for the topic that evening. George felt that he did reveal the topic properly to the Administrative Assistant.

Prime Wetlands-Justin Richardson

Justin Richardson stated that the town is going to wait until DES makes a decision either in favor of the Town or of the PDA regarding the disputing of the Prime Wetlands designation by the PDA. Once the DES makes a decision, Attorney Ransom will then decide what needs to be done. The costs of this legal issue is running higher than anticipated, however, Justin felt it was well worth it.

Trash Disposal

Lenny Thomas-Town Road Agent asked the Board of Selectmen if trash could be dumped at the Town transfer station this week as when he deposits in Rochester, due to this unusual rain, his vehicle sinks. After a brief discussion the Board said no.

TANS Warrant Article

Chairman O'Reilly read the Warrant Article passed in 1994 which indicated that the Selectmen were given the power to authorize application of a Tax Anticipation Note if the need arose annually and perpetually unless recinded by another town meeting vote. This item was placed on the agenda due to discussion at the Selectmen's May 1 meeting by the Town Treasurer who suggested that this question be placed annually for a vote.

Appointments

Chairman O'Reilly read off the appointments. Darryl Brown, Susan Carroll, Peter McDonald, Keith Frizzell, Jack Anderson, Chris Bellmare, Dennis Acton, Brian Haberstroh are to be appointed to the Recreation Committee. Lynda Bullock, Elisabeth Connors and Jean Bowser are to be appointed as Ballot Clerks. All for a one year term. **Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to approve the above appointments. Selectman Stuart seconded motion.** Roll call vote 3-0, **motion passed.**

Light at Basket Ball Court

There was a request to have a light put in at the basketball court in South Newington so that kids can have light to play basketball in the summer at night. Beatrice was asked to work with PSNH and proceed.

Tax Warrant

Chairman O'Reilly read off the tax warrant in the amount \$3,090,813.66 to be sign with Tax Bills sent when printing complete with a due date of: on or before July 5th.

Barbara McDonald asked if the Town adopted a Competitive Bidding Policy as stipulated in RSA 95.1. She questioned if the town was not in compliance with the hiring of our plumbing & electrical inspectors for the Old Town Hall project. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that these are sub-contractors hired by the contractor, not the Town.

Dave Sweeney mentioned the dead wood behind the library.

The Board would like to meet with the Cemetery Committee in a non-public – perhaps at the June 5th meeting.

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:38pm. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant