

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 18, 2009**  
**Town Hall - 6:30pm**

At 6:30pm, Chr. Jack O'Reilly called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

**Present:** Chr. O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, AA Beatrice Marconi, Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Smart, Larry Haas and Chris Cross.

**Spaulding Turnpike Dover/Newington Bridge Project**

Mr. Cross, who represents Newington's interest in this project informed the Board that the plan options have not altered in 1.5 years. In March 2010, the process will begin and will have three Phases. There will be 8 lanes (4 northbound, 4 southbound) going over the bridge side by side. The General Sullivan bridge will stay. The Federal Government does have some money set aside. The Northbound Newington side is slated to be first under construction. Chris explained that throughout the project, the trees in the median will be removed. Roadway will be suppressed. Arboretum will be involved in the exchange. No more emergency turnarounds. Selectman Stuart didn't feel for the money going to be invested that it would solve the congestion problem. Chris noted that several studies have been done. 25% of the traffic coming off the Newington Dover bridge goes to Rte 4. 25% goes to Dover. Therefore, there will be a phase dedicated to the Dover/Rte 4 ramps. The toll bridge is not involved in this project. Selectman Stuart again stated that the traffic problem won't be addressed with 8 lanes coming into 2. Jan also wanted assurances that the ramp going on to Spaulding North, at Rockingham Electric would still be there. Chris said yes it would be. Option 13 is the plan the State has decided upon. Sidewalks and bike path to be built into the project if the town maintains them. Chris stated that federal regulations mandate that they must be plowed within a week of the storm. Woodbury and Arboretum will continue to be State Roadways as well as the on and off ramps to the Spaulding. The State will build a road extension to access Mitchells and what ever else goes back there, however will then turn it over to the Town to maintain. The State has ownership of the former outdoor movie site. They may put something there some day. The road extension would then service that site too. Chris tells the Board that the town asked for certain sidewalks. He asked the Selectmen to support the Planning Board's recommendations. Regarding escrow accounts, Chris suggested the Selectmen talk to the Planning Board as they too have some thoughts. The mitigation plan has not been agreed upon yet with the State. Three options are now on the table. 10 acres. There is a brook considered at Pease, there is the Watson property for preservation of the land from development also Knight Hill is considered. The State will pay for appraisals. Selectmen need to think about this. Chris suggests that Newington establish a points person with easy access with the project manager when concerns come up. This will take 4 to 6 years to complete.

**Minute Approval:**

*Selectman Stuart moved to approve the minutes of March 30 (both public and non public).*

*Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Selectman Stuart moved to approve the minutes of April 20. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 2-0 (Jack abstained as he was absent)*

**Old Parsonage Roof Project**

This item was tabled at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. After Mr. Haas looked closer at the job, he found his original proposal of \$ 7,800 was not going to be enough and that \$ 16,300 was more

reasonable. The square footage that needs to be addressed is not 480, rather 1,215. *Selectman Stuart moved to approve the revised proposal of \$ 16,300 for the roof work at the Old Parsonage.* The bidding process is being waived due to the history Mr. Haas with previous preservation projects in Newington and his former work on the Old Parsonage. Chr. O'Reilly felt, as far as funding, that if need be, the Selectmen can utilize the Capital Reserve. *Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

### **Meeting House Complaints**

Selectman Iocovozzi stated he continues to get complaints on the Meeting House. This time he stated it was the bathrooms. Charlie Smart, heading up the renovations project there stated that if it's the bowl they are talking about, it is not debris, it is merely the porcelain is scratched from it being snaked last time it was addressed. Larry Haas and crew continue to work at the Meeting House. Custodian Rick St. Laurent leaves the Meeting House til Friday afternoons to clean because of the week long construction. He leaves at 3:00pm. Haas continues to work a few more hours generally and tries to leave the place presentable. Should be completed in July. Selectman Stuart suggests that perhaps the Church consider hiring cleaning people who could dedicate their time to strictly their needs and asks the Board to make that recommendation to them. Selectman Iocovozzi will bring it to them verbally and will speak to the Reverend but for now Rick is to continue on as usual until further notice at the Church.

### **Safe**

The Board felt the best use would be to place it in the Town Hall lobby for use as an end table next to the couch.

### **Storage Shed in Horse Shed**

Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Smart got three estimates for a storage shed for Meeting House materials to be stored in a stall in the horse shed. The Historic District Committee asks that it be in the second stall down. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the purchase of a pine 8 x 12 shed not to exceed \$2,100 from REP. Selectman Stuart seconded and the motion passed 3-0.*

### **Appointments**

HDC – Exp March 2010	Clifford Abbott		
Recreation – Exp Mar 2010	Pete MacDonald	Keith Frizzell	Susan Carroll
	Darryl Brown	Brian Haberstroh	Tom Rossi
	Chris Bellemare		
CoDirector Em Mgmt	Chief Roy Greenleaf	(January vote reconsidered 2-1 passed with Selectman Iocovozzi against) *	
Exp Mar 2010			
Exo Mar 2010	Chief Jon Tretter		
Highway Safety Comm	Chief Jon Tretter	Len Thomas	
Exp March 2010			
Ballot Clerk-Exp Mar 2010	Elisabeth Connors	Lynda Bullock	Evangeline Brawn
	Margaret Lamson		
Conservation Comm	Dorothy Watson – Life Time Honorary Member		
	Doreen Stern – exp March 2012		
Fox Point Bldg Steering	Brian Haberstroh	Luanne O'Reilly	Gail Pare
Committee-exp Mar 2010	Rick Stern	Matthew Morton	
PDA-Newington Rep	Margaret Lamson – exp March 2012		
Deputy Treasurer	Laura Coleman – exp March 2010		

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax C Theresa Tomlinson – exp March 2010

Transfer Station Supervisor Craig Daigle – exp March 2011  
Assistant Ken Pickering – exp March 2011  
Road Agent Len Thomas - exp March 2010  
Dock Master John Frink – exp March 2010

*Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the above appointments. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0. \**

#### **Tree Cutting at Pease – Turkey Buffer**

Selectman Stuart reported to the Board of her meeting at Pease to talk about the 50' strip of trees they want to cut in hopes that the turkeys will stay clear of the run way. Jan stated that it was part of Newington's noise barrier. She felt the turkeys would not be effected with this cut, (which could lead to more cuts), but the people would. They could not give any guarantees that this cutting would solve the problem. The Board felt a letter addressing their concerns should be sent to the PDA. They would also like to do a presentation on Sand Pipers to the Town residents as they are looking for interested people to be part of a growth program. Selectman Stuart suggested this issue be deferred to the Conservation Commission.

#### **Tree Cutting – Library and Adjacent to Cemetery Wall**

Tabled due to 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal coming in that differed from first. Chr. O'Reilly wanted to look further into the difference.

#### **Stone Wall – J. Richardson**

Tabled

#### **Meeting Schedule**

Chr. O'Reilly stated that there are 5 meetings in June and that the Board should utilize that 5<sup>th</sup> one and skip the first Monday in July due to the Holiday.

#### **Municipal Services Agreement**

The AA was asked to get appendix #3 (not attached to our copy of the agreement) and Chr. O'Reilly was going to look into it further and report back.

#### **Town Facility Use Applications**

Church Picnic-Grove & OTH- 9:00am til 1:00 – June 14 – Chris Cross

Audi/DeRochmont Room-Aug 14 thr 27- Census - 8:00 – 4:30 15 to 18 people

*Selectman Stuart moved to approve both requests waiving both fees. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

#### **Law Suit with the PDA – Noise Litigation**

Chr. O'Reilly notified the Selectmen that the Noise Litigation between the Town and the PDA has been dropped (as promised).

#### **Emergency Management Stipend Discussion**

Chief Greenleaf, former Co-Director for Emergency Management felt he should be entitled to the full Stipend because of the amount of work performed in the Emergency last December. Based on the Selectmen's last vote, it will stay at 50% of what the Director is getting.

**Barbed Wire**

John Frink would like to retrieve the barbed wire and posts that is in the vicinity of the Stone School in a part of the forest. The Board had no objections.

**ACO**

Chief Tretter submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen that stated that he would like to delay the hiring of a new Animal Control Officer at this time until he has had a chance to see how his department is effected with the handling of the calls.

*Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:41pm Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.*

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi  
Administrative Assistant