

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2009
Town Hall 6:30pm

Chr. O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Code Enf. Officer Charlie Smart. Mr. & Mrs. Jocks, Jim Kerrivan of Altus Engineering and Rick & Doreen Stern. *Selectman Jan Stuart – absent*

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the minutes of May 18, 2009 and June 1, 2009 (both public and non public). Seconded by Chr. O'Reilly. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting House – Bathroom Add on

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the proposal by Larry Haas not to exceed \$ 6,810.00 for add-on work for the reconfiguration of the bathroom at the Meeting House as recommended in a memo dated June 15, 2009 from the Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Smart. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Shed at Horse Shed

C.E. Officer Charlie Smart reported to the Selectmen that the shed is due in this week and will be placed in stall #4. The Board felt the crushed stone he suggested to be placed to keep the critters out should be done.

Assistance Agreement with Portsmouth - Welfare

The City of Portsmouth has offered to process welfare requests and will provide Newington the software needed to track and process which will be installed on Portsmouth computers to keep our need traceable and independent from their records. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the proposal pending receipt of a certificate of liability. Selectman O'Reilly seconded but will hold off signing agreement until the Certificate is received. Motion passed 2-0*

Plants/Bushes around Town Bldgs

Selectman Iocovozzi asked Beatrice to contact Northeast Shade & Tree to look at our bushes and plants and to make a recommendation as to what should be trimmed and when, what should be removed and what should be planted. He is to give us a price and provide a long term plan.

Police Cruiser – Retiring from Service

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the retiring cruiser to be given to the Fire Department for the Chief to use and it will be the Fire Chief's car being sold. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Highway Department's Air Tank

In a letter dated June 8 from Travelers Boiler and Machinery Inspectors which are subcontracted by LGC (our insurance carrier), they stated that our Air Tank is 55 years old and has exceeded its useful life. Their recommendation is to replace it. The Board moved to have the Road Agent put a sign on it that states 'out of order and out of commission'.

Town Facility Use Request

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve Linda Bowser's request for use of the Town Grove (no fee) for June 27. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Letter from Rick & Doreen Stern – Easement & R.O.W. on Shattuck

A letter dated June 15, 2009 to the Selectmen from the Sterns informed the Board of their concern with Planning Board actions on a proposed plan regarding the development of two lots on Shattuck. They were concerned about the placement of the Conservation Easement and their driveway fearing that their driveway could become a public access point.

They felt that there was a change in the original agreement somewhere between the Planning Brd actions and the attorney. The Selectmen will forward a copy of Mr. Stern's letter to the Planning Board and ask that they report back to the Selectmen on their decisions.

Portsmouth Library

A request from a Newington Resident to see if the voucher program covers her joining the Portsmouth Library was denied as the voucher program is for qualifying recreation programs. Our library belongs to a book co-op with area libraries and also offers passes and discounts to various venues.

AirPort Road

Jim Kerrivan, our engineer from Altus, tells the Board that this road is 2,300 feet long. Currently it is 17' wide with little or no shoulder. Prep work will be preformed this year with a top coat pave in 2010. 2 surfaces will be pulverized for strength. Jim could not see the benefit in totally ripping it out and rebuilding. He'd like to utilize what is there. Airport Road has a 39' R.O.W.. Jim suggests they excavate for shoulder work and add crush gravel approx 3' out on one side and 2' out on the other. There will be at least a 6" swale. There will be 2 headwalls at the culvert. They will dispose of materials at the transfer station. Jim estimates Phase I to be around \$50,000. He will proceed to put bidding packets out. Mr. Jacks, who lives on Airport is having a water line put in and wanted to ask Jim how many feet off the road should he have the shut off valve placed. Jim suggested 16' to 18' would be fine. Regarding driveway pitches, Jim says a 3" crown should take care of that. The Guard Rail will be fixed in the project and the contractors will not be allowed to use McIntyre Road.

Traffic Light @ McDonalds

C.E. Officer Charlie Smart informed the Board that that traffic light is maintained by Newington. He is working with East Coast Signals to see if upgrading the bulbs to LED rather than conventional would be in the Town's best interest. Also, he is working with them to formulate a service contract for all the lights they maintain. Two solar lights will be budgeted for next year for Shattuck.

Fire Station Generator Pad

Young will give the town a revised placement cost and plan for generator as new conduits are coming. Can't do conduits until the insurance company is satisfied. Guy will rip off roof and pad. Costs from Verizon, Comcast, PSNH and alarms are still unknown.

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Grading of Dirt Road to Fox Point

The dirt road to Fox Point is in tough shape. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested the Town look to Arthur Hartford who does grading for Pike. Charlie will get a price and also talk to Len. It
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was also suggested that the highway crew throw some gravel along McIntyre to address the shoulders.

At 7:50pm Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adjourn. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0

Respectively Submitted,



*Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant*

Town of Newington Board of Selectman

6-15-09

I am writing this letter to let you know what is happening with the plan to develop two lots on Shattuck Way. The planning board after much work and time had come to an agreement with Todd Adelman and myself in the exchange of property next to my home. One of my requests was to have room for a septic system on the property that was to be deeded to me and put in Conservation. When my attorney and Bernie Pelech had a conversation with Peter Loughlin he suggested keeping it cleaner by removing some property from the easement. We cut out a 50ft strip in front of my house to the beginning of Shattuck Way. I also asked later for a strip of 15 ft to one side of me to give me a buffer between me and the conservation easement. The board seemed to be in agreement with the plan and a new plan was displayed. The board asked that the property be labeled to each respective owner. The last meeting was set to look at the map again with names in place and approve or disapprove the lot line adjustment. Then a letter arriving at the last minute from attorney Loughlin stating that we were only to get a 75x50 piece of land out of the conservation easement and not our driveway. The driveway would become access to the conservation land. It has come at a great expense to me and my family to work out this plan and the whole thing changed with this letter. My attorney spoke to Mr. Loughlin on Wednesday of last week and was told that the removal of the property from my original plan was what the town wanted. I question that. If the request was made by the planning board chairman does he speak for the town? As far as I know this was never discussed with the full board in a public forum. I feel once again that the board is not dealing with me or Mr. Adelman in a fair and upfront way. Loosing my driveway to become a public access point is not acceptable for me. There is plenty of access to the lot thru town property and a sidewalk. As you know this is not the first time I have had to contacted you for this problem. I hope we can work this out.

Rick & Doreen Stern
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