

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2006
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.**

Preliminary

Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

In attendance: Chairman O'Reilly, Selectman Stuart, Selectman Iocovozzi, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Barbara McDonald, Pete McDonald, Jean Bowser, Lisa Zhe (Portsmouth Herald), Mike Mazeau, Rick Stern, Dave Sweeny, Gail Pare(at 7:10pm)

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute Approval

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 5th. *Selectman Stuart seconded the motion*. Roll call vote 3-0, *motion passed*. Minutes of June 12th were tabled until next meeting.

The meeting of July 3rd was moved to July 10th due to the holiday, with the second meeting set for two weeks later.

Old Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen discussed the finished renovation of the Old Town Hall and how it can be presented to the public for the first time. The HDC volunteered to help with the grand re-opening. Pete McDonald of the recreation committee was asked if they would like to get involved. He stated that he had little time to assist. The conversation continued as to when and what type of work needed to be done. Selectman Iocovozzi felt as if the opening should not be rushed. It was left with no date set but were looking at late summer or early fall. Regarding rugs, it was decided that maybe the town could purchase rugs and have Rick (Town Maintenance Manager) just vacuum as needed rather than paying General Linen. Selectman Stuart stated that she agreed with Beatrice with the rental of Port-a-Potties for 2 months so that dirt and mud from the baseball games, soccer games, and other recreational facilities won't mess up the Old Town Hall floors or bathrooms causing more work for Rick. Regarding fees for the use of the Old Town Hall. The Board decided to table this discussion until later. There were objections to the quantity of people allowed in the Old Town Hall (177) and especially on the stage area (7). Chairman O'Reilly stated that he will speak with the Fire Chief in regards to this.

Tennis Court Sign

The Board discussed the sign that is currently at the tennis court which states Newington Residents have priority. The Board felt it should specify RESIDENTS ONLY. Pete MacDonald of recreation said that was the consensus of his committee and that the play was limited to 1 hour. The Selectmen will come up with the wording and forward it on to Recreation as for the Police to enforce, the rules had to be clear.

Tennis Court Bid Proposals

Before we forward the lighting bid request and power bid request to the newspaper, Selectman Iocovozzi had concerns on wire replacement, conduit requirements and whether we will be using a code entry system that will need power. This topic will be tabled until further information is obtained by Cos.

Fox Point Road Paving

After reviewing both Pike and Bayside bid proposals, *Selectman Iocovozzi moved* to accept Pike to do the job and not to exceed the amount of \$43,440.00. *Motion was seconded* by Selectman Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0, *motion passed*. Before any decisions are made for Brickyard Way there needs to be a meeting setup with Altus. Eric will be invited to attend a future meeting.

Road Markings

The Board would like to go with Markings Inc at .031 cents per linear foot, but before they make any decisions they would like Markings to come and do a formal proposal. The Board would also like to see if Markings will give an estimate for the Police and Fire Department parking lots as well as Town Hall. L & D Markings Corp submitted a price of 7 cents and 11 cents per linier foot and Seal Tec Coatings with 8 cents and 10 cents per linear foot.

Tidal Permit

Selectman Stuart will meet with Eric Weintraub from Altus Engineering to do a site walk in regards to the erosion at Fox Point.

Highway Truck Purchase Update

Iocovozzi felt Ron Currier should come in from Hill Top (got State bid) and Len Thomas, our Road Agent will be invited to come to the meeting on July 10th to discuss the specifics of our new highway truck.

Careno Letter

Chairman O'Reilly read the letter aloud, (attached to record) which expressed how Mr. Careno (the owner of Careno Construction) and his business partners were very disappointed to read in the news papers slanderous comments made by Vincent Frank in regards the work performed by Careno Construction at the Old Town Hall. Mr. Careno is asking that the Board of Selectmen make a public comment retracting the statement in the newspaper. The Board wrote a letter to Mr. Careno which stated that Mr. Frank did not and does not speak for the Town of Newington. The comments made by Vincent Frank were that if his own. A copy of the letter at Mr. Careno's request will be sent to the news paper.

Grove Use

Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to approve the use of the picnic grounds July 8 for a birthday party requested by the Klanchesser family. *Motion was seconded* by Selectman Stuart. So voted 3-0, *motion passed*.

Resident Stickers

The Board would like it stressed in the town newsletter that if residents would like to use Fox Point, Tennis Courts, the Grove, Transfer Station and so forth the sticker must be displayed on their vehicle or could be subject to towing at the owner's expense. This makes it easier to identify residents who will use 'resident only' facilities in town.

Selectman Iocovozzi gave a special thanks to Linda Khalsa and Marlan Frink for keeping the transfer station open after the attendant Cliff Abbott was injured and taken to the hospital.

Selectman Stuart stated that she has been to the cemetery a few times and has noticed that there is no water in the water bucket and that there really should be. The Board all agreed and Bea will inform the right person.

Gail Pare- Use of Old Town Hall

Gail Pare requested to use the Old Town Hall for a 90th birthday party for her mother July 14th. The Board wanted to check with Rick to see if it will be available – as the floors are yet to be coated.

Dave Sweeny- Mowing

Dave Sweeny asked if the branches at Fox Point near the road could be trimmed back. Chairman O'Reilly suggested Len Thomas look at the splitting that the Board previously looked at to the left of Town Hall and ask Len to take it down if possible. Dave then asked if the Tennis Courts were paid for. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the Engineers and the tennis court company will be negotiating because of the terrain concerns.

Dave voiced his concerns about the Police being called at the last meeting. He continued to say that there was nothing out of order at the meeting. Selectman Stuart stated that she personally will not stand for foul language and the call is that of the Board.

Selectman Stuart made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion. So voted 3-0, motion passed.

Being that there was no further discussion before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant