

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

Amended & approved

**July 10, 2006
Newington Town Hall
5:30 p.m.**

The evening began with meeting with Counsel at 5:30pm. The public portion opened up at 6:30.

In attendance: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Rick & Doreen Stern, Ron Currier of HillTop Chevrolet, Road Agent Len Thomas, Joe Mitchell, Jean Bowser, George Fletcher, Barbara McDonald and Gail Pare and Helen Maldini at 7:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the Audience when Meeting is in session

Chairman O'Reilly stated that there have been comments that some residents felt as if they are being treated unfairly when asking to speak at meetings. Chairman O'Reilly stated that the meeting must be conducted in such a manner so that items can be attended to in a business like type of setting. Therefore no unsolicited comments/questions will be accepted while business is being conducted.

Determination of Patterson Ln/River Rd.

Selectman Iocovozzi stated that he had a conversation with the Town Planner, Tom Morgan. Tom Morgan and the Assistant Fire Chief expressed some concern about just where one road ends and the other begins because of the new configuration. After a brief discussion Selectman ***Stuart made a motion*** to extend River Rd. around to the intersection of Shattuck Way. (From there towards the Piscataqua, Patterson Lane would begin.) ***Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.*** Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Minute Approval

Selectman Stuart made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 12th and 19th. ***Motion was seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi.*** vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Town Vehicle Purchase

Ron Currier from Hilltop provided some information about the proposed truck. It is a 2007 CC5500 2 Ton 4x4 Chevrolet. It comes with a 3 to 4 year warranty. There is a Dump Body, 9' Fisher Plow and 3' municipal sander. (This would be a State contract) We could up date to a Stainless Steel sander for \$ 1,500. This is pre-emissions Jan 2007 new mandates. Cost \$ 55,036.

Selectman Stuart asked for an explanation about state contracts. Ron informed her that each year the State of New Hampshire solicits bids for various things. GM and Dodge will give concession prices - meaning that this state contract gives a town a volume discount. George Fletcher presented information on an International Truck. The cost was \$58,900 excluding the rear bed, plow and sander. It was a larger GVW and would require the driver to hold a CDL. Selectman Iocovozzi asked that Len Thomas measure the Highway bays and to look at both trucks and report back. George was going to look at a truck more similar to Hilltop's and bring back a quote.

Poison Ivy

Lenny Thomas asked about the Poisson Ivy and stated that some residents have been complaining about how bad it is around town. Lenny asked if he and John could spray, however the Board asked that he check with Mike Morrison of Municipal Pest to see if a licence is required and if so, tell Mike of the problem areas and have him give us a price.

Lenny also brought up the issue of Planet Aid box at the Town Garage. The Board feels that this issue should be brought to the Planning Board and the HDC.

Lenny was also asked to get repair estimate from Chappell Tractor.

Fire Department Grant

The Fire Department received a \$4957.00 grant for the purchase of protective gear for wildlife firefighting. It is a 10/90 percent match. George Fletcher, Town Treasurer was given a copy of the letter which explained the details. This is a Department of Interior's Grant.

Gift Acceptance

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept a gift card from WalMart in the amount of \$50.00 (for bunting) and a \$500.00 ck (for landscaping) for the renovation for the Old Town Hall. *Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart.* vote 3-0, *motion passed.*

Signs for Old Town Hall Parking

The Board felt that Road Agent Lenny Thomas and HDC Chair Gail Pare could decide the specifics on the "additional parking at the Town Garage" sign and where it would be placed in the vicinity of Old Town Hall.

School Sign

The Newington School Supporters have raised money for a sign to be put in front of the Elementary school. *Selectman Stuart moved* to approve the placement of the sign. *Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.* vote 3-0, *motion passed.*

Old Town Hall

The Board decided to have the walk through opening of the Old Town Hall on Monday July 17th 1 – 3 and 6 - 8. The Town Facility use form and fee issue was tabled until July 24th.

PSNH License

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the PSNH pole license. *Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.* vote 3-0, *motion passed.*

Appointments

Selectman Stuart made a motion to appoint John Lamson to the Historic District Commission. The length of term will be defined by Gail Pare to ensure the members are on a staggered term. *Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.* vote 3-0, *motion passed.*

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to appoint John Welch as an Honorary Retired Dock Master. *Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart.* vote 3-0, *motion passed.*

Road Striping

The Board of Selectmen want the job to be priced out and suggested the Road Agent meet with a representative for a ride through to give us a concrete price.

Correspondence

Barbara McDonald submitted a written request for the qualifications of the contractor, engineer and architect who worked on the Old Town Hall project as well as other items. Chairman O'Reilly informed her that we are in the process of replying to her and that the information that the town had would be forthcoming.

Mrs. McDonald gave a brief overview of what happened while she was on the phone with the town planner. Barbara went on to say that she only was trying to convey information to the Board of Selectmen to inform them on a certain issue, when the town planner was asked to get off the phone with her by Selectman Iocovozzi and not to type her memo due to the fact that he is not the Conservation Commission's secretary. Barbara stated that RSA 673:16 enables the commission to utilize help to enable them to meet their needs. She also stated that one selectman does not have the power and that the Board had to vote as a whole. After a long debate, ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved that Town Planner works for the Board of Selectmen and is not anyone's secretary. Selectman Stuart seconded. 3-0 vote, motion passed.***

Barbara McDonald left her recording device on the table by the Selectmen. Selectman Iocovozzi informed Barbara that she has to ask permission to tape the meeting or at least make sure that the Board is aware of her taping. She stated that she is not aware of that and she will look it up. However, it was brought to the Board's attention by her that there is an RSA that states that recording devices are permissible in public meetings and she read it aloud.

HDC Letter

Chairman O'Reilly read the letter aloud. (attached) Gail Pare, Chairman stated that any outside changes in the historic district should include input from the HDC. She also felt that the trees in the Historic District should be evaluated by a professional.

Town Hall Use

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve the use of the Old Town Hall by the Brownies on July 13 & 27 and Aug 10 & 24. ***Selectman Stuart seconded the motion.*** vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Selectman Stuart made a motion to table the use of the Town Hall Fire Dept for a charity luncheon on Sept 9 until their exempt tax ID number was given. ***Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.*** vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Selectman Stuart made a motion to approve the use of the Town Hall by the Recreation Committee for the senior luncheon on Aug 12 (set up) and 13th. ***Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi.*** vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Selectman Stuart motioned to approve the request of Gail Pare for the Old Town Hall for and HDC meeting and birthday party on July 27. ***Selectman Iocovozzi seconded.*** He then suggested she start her use of the bldg at 5:00 due to the Brownies. 3-0 motion passed.

Con ED

After a summary of what transpired regarding the Shattuck/Con Ed Escrow Negotiation extension, Selectman Iocovozzi stated that \$ 55,000 shall be earmarked for Shattuck Way road improvements and \$ 2,000 dedicated to landscaping for a total of \$ 57,000. ***Iocovozzi moved*** to accept \$57,000.00 release of bond to be deposited in its own account to be used for the Shattuck Way road improvements and landscaping. ***Seconded by Selectman Stuart.*** vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Hot Top Trenches-Cemetery

Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the company that installed the water lines does not do the hot top over the cuts in the pavement so the Town has to find a company to do this. When this job is scheduled, both Cliff Abbott and John Frink should be notified.

Shrub Bids

It was decided to table this issue until the next meeting.

Computer Needs

The Administrative Assistant brought to the Board a memo from Town Planner Tom Morgan who stated we needed an upgrade of drivers on our server. The cost would be between \$1,000 & 1,200. The Selectmen all agreed that Tom should go forward.

Old Town Hall

Beatrice Marconi stated that the 17th is a payroll day and that this may cause some conflict as to the setting up everything for the opening of the Old Town Hall. The Board all agreed that no food would be necessary and that something bigger could be done later.

Contractual Help

Selectman Iocovozzi gave the Board a proposal from RG Young for Contractual help rates which they accepted to place on file to consider when needed.

Being that there was no further discussion before the Board, ***Selectman Stuart moved*** to adjourn. ***Motion was seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi.*** Roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant