

Board of Selectmen Work Session Minutes
Newington Town Hall
August 14, 2006

Preliminary

Chairman O'Reilly called the work session to order at 6:33 pm

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Building Inspector Charlie Smart, Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf, Recreation Committee members Keith Frizzell, Jack Anderson, Brian Habestroh, Darryl Brown, Pete MacDonald, Helen Rist, Gail Pare, Rick Stern, Barbara McDonald

Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Department Extractor Purchase

The Fire Department already purchased the Extractor with a grant but the cost of the plumbing and the wiring was not included. Selectman Stuart stated that it would be nice to have all the details on the grant when presented to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.

Chief Greenleaf presented the Board of Selectmen with bids from different companies. After a brief overview of the proposals ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved*** to accept Hart Plumbing's proposal in the amount of \$1,275.00 for plumbing and Maldini's proposal in the amount of \$385.00 for electrical - not to exceed the total amount of \$1660.00. ***Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart.*** So voted 3-0, ***motion passed.***

After School Care Program

Helen Rist stated that she has been asked several times by parents about an after school program. Jack Anderson from the School Board/Recreation Committee thought that maybe the Town, (through the Recreation Committee), and School could come together and form a joint venture. Selectman O'Reilly felt an all day Kindergarten would help alleviate the need. Selectman Stuart asked about staffing and how at minimum 2 people were needed. After a lengthy discussion, Selectman Iocovozzi stated that he feels that the School Board should handle it and it should be set up so that it is self supporting as much as possible. Jack Anderson stated that this is the first that the recreation committee has talked about it and tonight they basically want to know the thoughts of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Stuart stated that most of the Recreation Committee does not have any more time. Jack A. asked about hiring a part time recreation director. Selectman Stuart stated that the Town had a P/T director some years ago but that was when the Rec budget's total was around \$12,000. She stated that if the Rec Committee consider requesting funding for a P/T director in the next budget period she felt it would have a good chance again of passing providing the entire budget request was \$15,000 to \$ 17,000 total for that Department. Pete MacDonald added that with a P/T Rec Director, perhaps more activities could be planned for the older folks. Cos said that if the Rec has thoughts of a Rec Director, the only thing they could do is to request it at budget time and see how it flies. In summary, it was felt that more discussion and thought on all levels was necessary (regarding the after school program) beginning with the School Board and the Recreation Committee. There was mention about a bus being bought. The Recreation Committee talked about how they tried that some years ago but it was never purchased or further followed up on.

Light at South Newington

Peter MacDonald stated that the light at South Newington could not be metered without high costs also that a light deflector would not work. Peter suggested that the light come down-perhaps placed to illuminate Old Town Hall as a trial basis and the Board of Selectmen all agreed. ***Selectman Stuart***

moved to remove the light from South Newington and move it to the Old Town Hall to the existing pole. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.** So voted, 3-0 ***motion passed.*** Pete will move the light to try it out however, if we have to take it down from Old Town Hall area, then the light contract has to be closed with PSNH.

Tennis Court Sign

Pete MacDonald showed pictures of signs taken of tennis courts in the surrounding areas. Pete said that he favors the sign from Greenland. Selectman Stuart stated that the sign should clearly state for Newington Residents Only. Some residents feel that Newington should open the Tennis Courts to all-not just Newington residents. Jack Anderson feels that leaving it as Newington residents only is snobbish. Selectman Stuart stated that having it as Newington residents is in the Warrant Article discussion. Brian Haberstroh came up with the idea of the sign saying “Reserved for Newington Residents”. Brian Haberstroh will redo the sign and bring the finished work to the Board of Selectmen.

Tennis Court Lights/Power

Charlie Smart began by saying that while dealing with interested contractors, he discovered the RFP for the tennis court light project needed more specifics as well as the specs for the power to the courts. Selectman Stuart asked for a number as to how much this would cost. Charlie now estimates this project at \$25,000.00. Charlie stated that the lights will come on and go off at whatever time desired as the controls will be programmable. Charlie was asked to separate the Power bid from the Lighting bid.

Water Fountain – Tennis Court

Keith Frizzell asked if the water fountain could be fixed by the tennis court and Selectman Iocovozzi answered by saying no - that a line was capped and it would require new spigots also resulting in too much cost.

Boat Ramp – Fox Point

Chairman O'Reilly summarized what was discussed at the July 24th meeting which was that the priority is the Erosion Program to save the land. The Recreation Committee will support a warrant article for a boat ramp. Selectman Stuart cautioned that the erosion must be addressed or we will lose the land area where the boat ramp is. The engineering will be covered under the engineering of Fox Point for the Erosion Program.

Patch Work Cemetery – Patch Work Piscataqua – Salt Shed

The Board reviewed Pike's estimate for work at the 3 above locations. Selectman Iocovozzi spoke on this issue and he feels that the town should have a contractor come in and do this kind of work. After much discussion **Selectman Stuart made a motion** that RG Young would be awarded the job to handle the patch work at the Cemetery and the patch work over Piscataqua and that he would be paid an hourly rate. The board decided to have RG do the first two projects on a trial basis. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.** So voted 3-0, ***motion passed.***

Old Town Hall Furnishing

Chairman O'Reilly tabled this discussion until next meeting.

Town Hall Use

Selectman Stuart moved to grant Shirley Alli's funeral reception request at the Town Hall on August 10th. **Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.** So voted 3-0, ***motion passed.***

The Town Facility Use application and fee schedule was tabled until next meeting.

Old Town Hall Parking Sign

Rick Stern briefly brought the Board up to date on the ‘additional parking at Town Garage sign’ and suggested location - towards the end of the building. He suggested the sign could be in brown and white letters with an arrow pointing in the right direction. The Board of Selectman all agreed with Rick proceeding with the purchase of the sign.

Being that there was nothing further before the Board, **Selectman Stuart made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion** So voted 3-0, **motion passed.**

Meeting adjourns at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant