

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting

August 15, 2005
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.

Approved 8/29/05

In attendance: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Cote, Recreation Committee Chairman Pete McDonald and various members of the public and press. *(see attached attendance sheet)*

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Minute Approval

Jack O'Reilly moved to approve the July 19, 2005 public and non-public meeting minutes - (not sealed); July 25, 2005 public and non-public (sealed) meeting minutes and August 08, 2005 public and non-public (sealed) meeting minutes. Seconded by Jan Stuart, roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Hydrants on Shattuck Way

Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi begins the discussion of the Hydrant installation project on Shattuck Way. Dennis Cote Assistant Fire Chief updated the Board as a result of a meeting held last week with himself, Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Tom Cravens of the City of Portsmouth, and 2 representatives from NH DOT. The best route to take right now was to get Wright Pierce involved (the engineers Portsmouth is using for the job) to engineer plans as required by the state to get the 2 hydrants configured while the road is being constructed. Because the project could cost upwards of \$100,000 (not currently funded), the consensus of the meeting was to at minimum get the engineering done with a projection cost now for a sleeve under the overpass then later to consider budgeting for the project in 2006. Mr. Cote states that there was a request put in by the Fire department to connect the residential and industrial side with a water main which will improve the hydrant on the highway for fire protection purposes. One new hydrant will go in the area of Rick Sterns property where the new Shattuck Way intersects. ***Jack O'Reilly moved to engage Wright Pierce to engineer the cost to install a sleeve along Shattuck Way, motion seconded by Jan Stuart. Roll call vote 3-0 motion approved.***

Cable Company Negotiations

Beatrice Marconi states that there was a letter received from Rob Chindella from Tucker Donahue and Chindella in Exeter. Ms. Marconi would like for the board to consider to appoint someone in community or one of the Selectmen be apart of this committee.

Beatrice also stated that she hoped that it was possible to budget some money for Mr. Chindella to review the contracts when the time comes. Selectman O'Reilly stated that there was money already in the budget for that particular company. The Selectmen asked that a notice be posted to any interested person to contact Town Hall.

Baseball Field Bids

Pete McDonald (Recreation) had concerns about the costs of everything and states that there will be another meeting with Mr. Fernandes. Chairman Iocovozzi states that Mr. Fernandes explained to him that the list that was provided just gives choices and that any of the one could be picked. Mr. McDonald was under the assumption that all choices listed had to be chosen. Now that he has a better understanding of the letter that he received when the Recreation Committee meets this can be one of the topics for discussion.

Mr. McDonald states that a date for the **September Fest** has been set for September 24, 2005 at Fox Point.

Regarding **Bridge Blocks**: The Board of Selectmen said there was no problem with Recreation committee picking them up when a question came from the audience.

Painting of Meeting House ceiling

Beatrice Marconi state that she had called FA Gray and they said that they would hold the price of \$2355.00 which was last year's price if the Board could wait until December 2005 to have the ceiling painted. Jack O'Reilly suggested to Beatrice that she ask them how long it would take to complete being that the job would be during the holiday season. FA Gray stated that it would take a little less than two weeks and a question was raised by Ruth Fletcher, if whether or not the painting could wait until after the holiday season. There was a unanimous agreement *to wait until after the holiday*.

Heating Fuel Bids

The Town received 2 responses to our request for bids for heating fuel. Downeast and Hartmann. After discussion, *Jack O'Reilly moved to accept the bid from Hartmann Oil. Jan Stuart seconded for discussion. On a roll call vote 2-1. Motion to accept Hartmann was approved.* Jan Stuart voted no.

Stop Signs on Fox Point Rd

Marty Leighton feels the stop signs should be put back up because of the near misses of late. David Sweeny feels as if the road should be striped properly with just one sign erected. One of the main concerns is the safety of children. Jan along with the safety committee will re-address the situation.

Bond for the Old Town Hall

After much discussion on tax rate effect vs. savings of interest costs, **Jack O'Reilly made a motion for the Treasurer to negotiate with the bank to bond the Old Town Hall renovation for seven years.** Jan Stuart seconds. Conversation is continued and George is asked his opinion and he would like to see the bond term set at five years. Roll call vote for the Treasurer to negotiate with the bank for seven years. 0-3, **motion failed.** **Jack O'Reilly made a motion for the treasurer to negotiate with the bank for a five year (5) term. 3-0, motion passed on a roll call vote. (up to \$ 850,000)**

Correspondence

There was a letter *from the Fire Department from Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Cote about the Town's property at Fox Point* and concerns he had along with a report of strong odors. The tenant will be contacted by Selectman Stuart who will report back to the Board.

Cliff Abbott sent an e-mail to the Board of Selectmen stating that there is a good possibility that *the posts going in at the cemetery* will not be finished in time. Cosmas states that this issue should be discussed with the Cemetery Board. Beatrice Marconi is to get with Cliff Abbott and set up a meeting with the Board to discuss this and to address the *grant 3rd quarter report by LuLu Pickering.*

Town Hall Use

Jack O'Reilly made a motion to approve the use of Fox Point by Pete McDonald for the September Fest on September 24, Senator Martha Fuller Clark to use Town Hall on September 7 (fee waived), and Thermo Electron on August 18-19, 2005. Jan Stuart seconded. Roll call vote on all three requests, **3-0 motion approved.**

Beatrice Marconi summarizes two letters received from *IHOP* requesting 1). to stay open 24hrs a day and 2). that there be an extension after Labor Day so that they can start advertising. Selectman Stuart suggested that before this request can be granted there needs to be verification from the Police and Fire Departments to see if there were any safety violations with the restaurant. The other Selectmen concur.

New Business

There is announcement from Gale Pare of the **26th Annual Town Wide Yard Sale** on September 17, 2005 from 9am to 2pm sponsored by the Newington Historical Society.

Selectman Jack O'Reilly adds that there is a **street light on Old Post Rd. that stays on** 24hrs a day. To solve this problem we should call PSNH so they can come out and fix it.

Public Comment Session

Barbara McDonald wished to speak to the incident at Old Town Hall which happened July 13, 2005 at the Board's Informational Forum with CMA. The Chair said that the issue was closed by the Police Dept and that we were not going to bring it up again. She then talked about the Town not having the CMA contract. Cosmas Iocovozzi informed Vincent Frank and Ms. McDonald that the Board may have not had the contracts there on June 20th at the meeting but they are at the Town Hall on file. Mrs. McDonald then spoke of the decisions to restore the Old Town Hall re: public hearing and acceptance of Austin Plan. Cosmas states that he just received a letter from CMA that addresses some of the questions previously asked. Copies of this will be printed up and made public. There was continued debate about the request of particular minutes from Mrs. MacDonald.

Jack O'Reilly states that the next meeting will be on Tuesday September 6, 2005 at 6:30pm as Monday is a Holiday. Then it was suggested that we tentatively set a meeting for Monday Aug 29...and see how agenda looks...as we can decide at that time.

There being no further business before the Board, **Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:10pm. Seconded by Selectman Jan Stuart. Motion passed 3 - 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant