

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting

August 29, 2005
Newington Town Hall
6:00 p.m.

approved 9/6/05

In attendance: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi and various members of the Public
(see attached attendance sheet)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. by Chairman Iocovozzi.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to go into non-public at 6:01pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Litigation. Seconded by Selectman Jan Stuart. On a roll call vote, ***motion passed 3 – 0.***

At 6:10pm, **Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to come out of non-public.** Seconded by Selectman Stuart and on a roll call vote, ***motion passed 3 – 0.*** No votes taken.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Stuart and on a roll call vote, ***motion passed 3 – 0.***

Selectman Jack O'Reilly made a motion for the approval of the August 15, 2005 meeting. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote ***3-0 motion passed in the affirmative.***

Carriage Shed

Selectman Stuart made her report on the Carriage Shed as a result of the letter from Dennis Cote, Assistant Fire Chief dated August 9. All chemicals have been removed; however the current tenant still wants to utilize the lower part of the shed with a small workbench. The Fire Department would like the exposed wires to be taken care of if the tenant is allowed. Selectman Stuart feels *the lawn mower* should be allowed to be stored in the Carriage Shed due to the fact that the tenant takes care of the mowing for the entire property. Discussion was moved to the terms of the lease. Selectman Iocovozzi states that use of the Carriage Shed as a workshop was never discussed and the only thing that was presented by the tenant to the Board was the shed being used for storage only. The tenant also offered to pay \$100.00 more to utilize the shed. ***Board of Selectmen will look at lease.***

IHOP

IHOP has requested to stay open 24hr. operation on Fridays & Saturdays past Labor Day and also the day before a Holiday. Selectman Stuart states that there have been no problems reported from the Police or Fire departments. ***Selectman Stuart made a motion***

to approve their request based on the fact that IHOP is only asking to stay open late on Fridays, Saturdays and nights before holidays. **Selectman O'Reilly seconds**, roll call vote **3-0 motion**.

Cable Contract

Two people volunteered to be part of the Cable Contract Negotiation Advisory Board. Gail Pare and Cliff Abbott. **Selectman Stuart made a motion** to approve the appointment of both Gail Pare and Cliff Abbott to serve. (Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi and Town Planner Tom Morgan will also serve.) **Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly**, roll call vote **3-0. Motion passes**.

Veteran Exemption

Chairman Iocovozzi moved conversation to the approval of Veteran Exemption for Lawrence Vietas. **Selectman O'Reilly made the motion** to approve the exemption for the 2006 year. Motion is seconded by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote **3-0. Motion passes**.

Pease Cell Tower

Beatrice Marconi states that she spoke with Tom Morgan and he said that Peggy Lamson will keep the Board informed as this item progresses. At last week's PDA meeting, it was tabled. This being watched by the Planning Board.

Historical Books

Chairman of the Historical District Commission, Gail Pare states that after the review of this year's project with Browns Preservation that she found \$900.00 left over. Mrs. Pare presented the idea of using this money to restore two maps from the early 1800's. There is no objection to this by the Board as long as it is within the budget.

CMA-Old Town Hall

Craig Musselman of CMA stated (regarding on whether or not we should have an elevator) that renovation for the first floor only could be done but the second floor would have to be cut off completely to the public if we chose not to install one. He also said that there would be no need for even partial renovation done to the second floor if that's the route we choose. If the first floor only is renovated it would be relatively cheaper but the use of the entire Old Town Hall would be limited. CMA is prepared for the next step-that is, getting the bids out. Selectman Stuart states that while listening and reading the meeting minutes from March 2005, she says that the residents of Newington were under the impression that the renovation would be for the entire building. Laura Coleman thanked CMA for the research they have done and for putting it on paper, but she still had a question. Mrs. Coleman's question was about the 50% rule. CMA spokesman states that they could not find the 50% rule. Her second question about the level to which these requirements had to be met. Can a chairlift be put in rather than an elevator? CMA said being that this is a public setting a chairlift may not be adequate compared to an elevator. Laura Coleman wants answers to the chairlift question scenario and if the stairs are wide

enough for the chair. CMA will get answers to us for the next meeting. Barbara McDonald spoke with the President of the Newcastle Historical Society who is also involved with Strawberry Banke. She goes on to state that if this building is used for public functions it must be handicapped accessible. After much discussion it is decided that a decision will be made on September 6, 2005. CMA will send over more information for the Board to consider.

Cemetery

Lulu Pickering spoke of the cemetery fence post hole work schedule. She stated that 25 of the 95 posts have already been put up. When asked about extensions, LuLu felt that the Grant people would be forgiving of a time certain, providing we are working diligently to complete the project shortly thereafter. September 30 is the completion date. LuLu thought with the work schedule of Len & John, that it could be done timely. Unfortunately, the rock wall project will have to be set aside so that the posts can be put in on time. Lulu believes that they can stay under the budget. Lenny Thomas will bring a third person in to help the highway crew finish by the deadline. The Board agreed.

Correspondence

Administrative Assistant, Beatrice Marconi presented a letter to the Selectmen from Nancy Zimitz to the Building Inspector, Charlie Smart thanking him for all his help and professionalism shown with the work on Shattuck Way. A copy will be placed in his personnel file.

Town Hall Use

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve the Town Hall use by the New Hampshire DOT on September 28 and October 12 fee waived, Portsmouth City Soccer use of cemetery field and school field for several dates between August- October 1 fee waived, and Winn family use of Town Hall auditorium Oct 7 for a rehearsal dinner. ***Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.***

Gillespie Engineering

The Planning Board at the recommendation of Altus Engineering presented a PO for \$6,350.00 for the Shattuck Way connector project. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve*** the project not to exceed the \$6,350.00. ***Selectman Stuart seconded*** roll call vote, ***3-0 motion passed.***

Wright Pierce Engineering Contract-Hydrant Project Shattuck Way

Beatrice Marconi states that the City of Portsmouth has asked the Town of Newington to commit the money for the engineering of the sleeve that needs to go underneath the General Sullivan bridge over pass for the fire hydrants. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion*** to authorize the Wright Pierce Engineering not to exceed \$2,500.00 for this portion of the engineering. ***Seconded by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.***

Non Resident Use of Fox Point Request

A gentleman named Mr. Colliton from Greenland requested permission to fish on Fox Point due to his age and ability to access water with no incline to climb. Selectman Stuart states that according to the town policy, it says that it is for Newington residents, but the Selectmen can make special consideration on a per case basis. ***Selectman Stuart made a motion*** to allow Mr. Colliton to fish at Fox Point providing he register his plate number at Town Hall and Police Station. ***Selectman O'Reilly Seconded.*** Roll call vote, ***3-0 motion to approved.***

Open Discussion

Gail Pare states items in the Old Town Hall need to be inventoried and eventually moved.

There being no further business before the Board: ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Stuart seconded.*** Roll call vote, ***3-0 motion approved .***

Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant