

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday August 3, 2009 Town Hall

Chr. Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:39pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chr. Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Jack Pare representing Newington's interest in the Tidal Energy Commission, and Justin Richardson Chr. Conservation Commission. *(Selectman Stuart was absent.)*

Minute Approval for July 20, 2009 was tabled til the next meeting.

NH Tidal Energy Report – Jack Pare

Mr. Pare gave the Board an overview of the current status on licensing. Although vendors are optimistic that this will eventually happen, the process is not ready. UNH, who has filed for a preliminary permit with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, are researching around the bridge areas as to the feasibility. Turbines are still being designed. They will be using barges as testing facilities around the General Sullivan and John Rowe Bridges. Should it be determined to proceed, UNH will then apply for various grants. Late July, Jeanne Shaheen announced the availability of funds for research. The matter of taxation was brought up and Mr. Richardson stated that the State of NH has jurisdiction over the bottom, it could mean tax dollars to Newington under certain criteria. He suggests we keep an eye on our interests in that area.

Town Land Use Restrictions and Decal Policy Ordinance 86-02

**PROHIBITED USE OF TOWN PICNIC AREA, TOWN OWNED LAND ON FOX POINT
and CARTER'S LANE PARK and
WHERE DISPLAY OF RESIDENT DECALS REQUIRED**

1). Use of the Town Picnic Area, so called, adjacent to the Old Town Hall on Nimble Hill Road, including Picnic Area, Ball Field and all adjacent Town owned land; and all of the Town owned land on Fox Point and Carter's Lane Town owned land, shall be restricted to Town Residents and their bona fide guests* with such exceptions as the Selectmen shall grant in writing. Town owned lands shall not be used between 9:00pm and 8:00am without written permission from the Selectmen. **(bona fide guests must be accompanied by the Town resident when using facility.)*

2). The use of Motor Vehicles within the Town Picnic area, to include the Picnic Area, Ball Field and all adjacent Town land and Carter's Lane Town owned land shall be prohibited at all times without the permission of the Selectmen. This restriction shall not apply to vehicles actively engaged in town maintenance, police patrol, fire patrol or other vehicles whose presence in those areas shall be required to conduct town business.

3). Resident decals shall be visibly displayed in the assigned vehicle and are required to use certain Town facilities. Town facilities requiring proper decal display are:

All Town owned land on Fox Point, Carter's Lane Park, Boat Ramps, Transfer Station & Recycling.

4). Any person found to have violated any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to ticketing and fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100). This could also result in the towing of the vehicle at owner's expense and loss of right to use any facility.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve this amendment with Chr. O'Reilly seconding. Motion passed 2-0.

Oil Bids

5 oil company's bids were submitted to supply oil to 3 of our buildings. All timely bidders were called prior to tonight's meeting to see if the bid they submitted 2 weeks ago was still valid. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept Hartmann Oil and Propane's bid at \$ 2.199 from Sept 1 through Aug 31, 2010 if they still honored this price. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0 with Lamprey to be accepted if Hartmann went up. AA was to be sure this was not a pre pay situation in either case.*

Flag Pole Proposal – at Old Town Hall

High Flying Flags proposed a 30' pole for \$2,127 (installed) or a 35' flag pole for \$2,600 installed. Conduit for power is all ready in place. Selectman Iocovozzi felt with the flag next door at the cannons that perhaps we could consolidate our flag display needs and illuminate one.

Moved to table by Selectman Iocovozzi stating that two were unnecessary and seconded by Chr. O'Reilly. Motion to table passed 2-0.

South Newington Bulletin Board

With a \$2,700 estimate from Coastal to replace and a \$1,200 Kirby pre-made proposal, *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve up to \$1,200 for the pre-made and our Highway Dept installing. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.*

Rumble Strips on Nimble Hill near Gate

Chr. O'Reilly reported to the Board that HDC stated at their last meeting that they were not keen with the idea. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that he agreed with HDC.

Local Government Center – Law Suit 28-a Constitution Violation

Chr. O'Reilly gave an overview of the 28-a violation and LGC's request to have Newington join in and include a contribution of \$ 822.63. Selectman Iocovozzi is concerned that the State will initiate a sales or income tax and felt that just maybe the State was not being forth right and open with their intensions. He added that out of principal, Newington should join in. Chr. O'Reilly felt that Concord is delusional and he read a quote from an article submitted by Senator Maggie Hassan. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to go along with the NHMA proposal to join the law suit in violation of 28-a in the amount of \$ 822.63. Chr. O'Reilly seconded as he stated he is sick and tired of the State screwing this town. Selectman Iocovozzi is also disgusted.*

Facilities Use Requests

DOT - Aug 4 – Town Hall Audi – Bridges - no fee

Smith – OTH Picnic Grove – August 20 – Navy Yard Picnic - no fee

Historical Society – OTH Sept 19 8:00am – 3:00 Town Wide Yard Sale - no fee

The Board voted to approve all 3 requests

Misc

Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the Town should put together a comprehensive study/cost schedule on roadside brush cutting/branches/dead trees and do 3 or 4 roads per year.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 7:41pm. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi – Administrative Assistant - Newington