

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2006
Newington Town Hall

approved Aug 21, 2006

After a non-meeting with counsel, Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to accept the minutes of July 24, 2006. Chairman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0 as Selectman Stuart was absent that meeting.

Present: Jack O'Reilly-Chair, Jan Stuart-Vice Chair, Cosmas Iocovozzi-Selectman, Beatrice Marconi-Administrative Assistant, Len Thomas-Road Agent, George Fletcher-Treasurer, Laura Coleman member of HDC and Cemetery Comm, Rick Stern and Gail Pare-members of the HDC, Jean Bowser, and Barbara McDonald.

Old Town Hall Bond Balance

George Fletcher asked the Board to consider charging the hydro-seeding of Old Town Hall to the Bond as he felt that it would not have happened if the renovation project hadn't have occurred. The Board directed Beatrice to create a journal entry and remove the cost from Old Town Hall Maintenance and charge it to the bond for Old Town Hall.

We have approximately \$32,000ish left over from the \$850,000. The Board wants to buy misc furniture ie tables/chairs for the second floor. George felt it would be a worthy consideration to put unused funds back into the principal. The discussion lead to just possibly considering tables and chairs. Bea was asked to speak to Rick about storage of the tables & chairs and report back. Jack said that we may be spending 8 or 9 thousand and would let George know when to move the balance to the principal.

Highway Truck

Len Thomas looked at a couple of different sizes of trucks. Selectman Iocovozzi feels that the slot we must fill should be a 1 ton. George Fletcher felt differently. Jack looked at the finances and the capital reserve. We have \$ 58,000 in Selectmen's Out lay and approx \$ 75,000 in Cap Reserve. The Board wants to keep all the trucks in service. Cos felt that the smaller the truck, the less problems and costs to run and maintain. George was concerned on the availability of parts if we buy a GMC or Chevy. After a long debate, ***Jan Stuart moved to defer the purchase of this town vehicle until further information is known regarding the Town's need. Jack seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Facilities Use Request Application

Chairman O'Reilly explained the reasons users (including residents) are charged a fee to utilize the different facilities ie: Town Hall Auditorium. It was to cover maintenance, insurance, heat, lights, etc. Compared to other places for room rental, Jan felt our costs were more than reasonable. The Board wanted to take more time to think about setting the fees and indicated that it would again be discussed at the work session scheduled for Aug 14th. Once the fees are set, then they should be published.

Oil Bids for 06-07 Season

The Board reviewed the building fuel oil bids and determined that HomeTown Oil had the best fixed price of \$ 2.45 p/gal. The Selectmen asked that Administrative Assistant to contact that company along with the Better Business Bureau to get a sense of their business history.

Tennis Court Lighting

Building Inspector, Charlie Smart submitted a letter to the Selectmen along with a suggested bid profile. The Board tabled this discussion until the workshop slated for Monday, August 14.

Blue Latitudes request for Beer & Wine License

A copy of their letter dated July 28 has been forwarded to both the Police Department and to the Planning Board for review. The Board wished to table any discussion on this matter until they hear back.

Jacques Whitford Report on Highway Site

Selectman Iocovozzi summarized the report from Jacques Whitford on the monitoring of the soil at the Town Garage. The State completed their findings and state that it is basically clean after their periodic testing. JW plans to cap the pipes and dismantle the monitors and ask the Selectmen if they could leave the pad and the building in place. The Board felt that by leaving the pad and bldg behind would be beneficial to the Town. Cos will let JW know. Cos felt that JW owned the bldg and Chairman O'Reilly wanted something from Jacques Whitford indicating ownership will become that of the town.

Letter from Peg Lamson re: Pease-Port Ad Hoc Committee

This letter of thanks from the Newington members Matt Morton, Skip Link and Larry Wahl for their service was read by the Chairman of the Board.

Facilities Use Request

Jeb Bradley Representative for Aug 30 9-10am for discussion of any community issues in the DeRochemont Room – **Approved 3-0.**

Old Town Hall – Historic District Commission - 4th Thurs of every month for meetings 4:00pm-6:00pm - **Approved 3 – 0.**

Old Town Hall – Historic District Society - Sept 16 Town Wide Yard Sale 9am – 2:00pm. – including bathrooms. – **Approved 3 – 0**

Fox Point Shoulders & Striping

Lenny was asked to contact Pike for a price on the shoulder work on Fox Point Road as Jan was concerned about wash out. Regarding Striping, it was decided that a single center stripe should be placed down the middle for plowing ease. Lenny was going to contact Markings Inc to schedule start up of road striping.

Cemetery Patching Piscataqua Patching and Highway Salt Shed Estimates from Pike

Lenny was going to contact Pike for estimates and report back.

Laura Coleman asked if the Board had found an arborist to examine the trees at/near the cemetery. Bea was asked to contact Pace to have him contact a member from the Cemetery Committee, Meeting House and HDC to meet him on site to examine their (the trees') condition.

Work Session August 14

A work session is scheduled for Monday August 14 to discuss several pending issues.

Church has money to give to Town

Treasurer George Fletcher spoke of the money that the Church owes the Town. Regarding the Parsonage, currently they are tax exempt, however George felt that a Payment in Lieu of Tax. might be inline. The Board suggested we get an appraisal done to determine the assessment then to exclude the State Utility Tax. *On a motion by Cos Iocovozzi to get an appraisal done to determine a fair tax, seconded by Jan, Motion passed 3-0.*

Selectman Stuart moved to go into non public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi, so moved by a roll call 3-0. Motion passed.

At 9:05pm, Selectman Stuart moved to come out of non-public. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Roll Call 3-0 Motion Passed.

Jan briefly spoke of her concerns of the highway truck purchase big truck vs little truck and how she felt more info was needed.

Selectman Stuart moved to seal the minutes for 6 months (review). Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Roll Call vote, motion passed 3 – 0.

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 9:06pm. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. So voted 3-0 motion passed.

Respectively Submitted

*Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant*