

**Newington Board of Selectmen
Minutes of August 8, 2005**

Accepted Aug 15, 2005

Chairman Cosmas Iocovocci called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

Present: Chairman Iocovocci, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Treasurer George Fletcher, Administrative Assistant (AA) Beatrice Marconi and various members of the public and press. (see attached attendance sheet).

Old Town Hall Bond Information

Town Treasurer Fletcher distributed a bond cost schedule to the Board showing 5, 7, and 10 year costs to consider when going for funding. (see attachment #1). Mr. Fletcher then provided information from Devine & Millimet regarding a bond attorney. (see attachment #2). He explained that the Town must provide this attorney information from both the Tax Collector and the Board. Although a commitment for the length of term does not have to be made immediately, he recommended that the Board consider signing the engagement letter so that the bond attorney can begin his facet of the work required. He estimated that the cost would be somewhere around \$1,500 for the attorney.

Jack O'Reilly moved to engage Devine & Millimet to represent the Town as Bond Counsel for the funds for Old Town Hall (\$850,000) not to exceed their fee of \$1,500. Jan Stuart seconded. On a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.

Tennis Court Project

Recreation Committee Member, Brian Haberstrom said that his committee would volunteer to help in the inspections of this project in an effort to have more frequent presence on site. They have been in contact with Altus Engineering and will work with them as much as possible. Chairman Iocovocci asked that when a representative of the committee is on site to identify themselves to the project manager. After negotiations over the last 3 weeks with Advantage Tennis Courts and Altus at the instruction of the Board, ***Jack O'Reilly moved to approve the bid of Advantage Tennis Inc for the tennis court project at a cost not to exceed \$66,508. Jan Stuart seconded. On a roll call vote, their bid was accepted and motion passed 3-0.***

Hydrant installation on Shattuck Way

Discussion followed regarding a letter from Charles Schmidt (Chief of Design Services) from the Dept. of Transportation (see attachment #3) whos letter informed the Town what he would need to have these 2 hydrants put back in to the plan. Rick Stern of 1223 Spaulding Turnpike spoke with the project supervisor and that the State is required to supply water to the Boulanger property. Chairman Iocovocci will speak with the Fire Chief, DOT, and the City of Portsmouth in an effort to see fruition of this project.

Short Family/BTLA award for land taking

AA Marconi informed the Board that Brian Short contacted the Town to ask the Selectmen if the Town would contact the Board of Tax and Land Appeals to issue his check (\$8200) to just the Short Family and Bank and remove the Town's name to make cashing simplified. The Town was named as an interested party as we had at one time an easement over the land in which the State needed for the Shattuck/Spaulding project expansion. Planner Tom Morgan reported that the papers were in order and he saw no harm in signing off in the settling of this appeal.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to authorize AA Marconi to send a letter to the BTLA on behalf

of the Short Family Ltd Ptnshp indicating that the Town did not object to Newington's name being removed from the check. Selectman Stuart seconded. On a roll call vote, motion passed 3 - 0.

Letter to Spaulding Turnpike Advisory Committee

At the recommendation of Planner Tom Morgan, the Conservation Commission Chair and the Planning Board Chair asked that the Chair of the Board of Selectmen sign a letter to the Spaulding Turnpike Advisory Committee to recommend that the elevation be minimized for this project. (see attachment #4)

Jack O'Reilly moved that the Chairman of the Board sign the letter to the Spaulding Turnpike Advisory Committee which recommends the elevation be minimized. Seconded by Jan Stuart. Motion passed 3-0.

Shattuck Address Change Letters

The following letters were signed informing property owners of their new addresses to coincide with the Enhanced 911 requirements. ***New Address for all is 436 Shattuck Way Map 7 Lot 12 Mail Force***

Elite Computer Solutions

Bay Auto Body

EastCoast Heating and Air Conditioning

IMMI

River Road (Bloody Point end) Rename

AA Marconi provided the Board with a map showing the configuration of Shattuck and River Roads and now how River Road is split with Shattuck in the middle. Planner Tom Morgan was in contact with the Postal Service and found that the properties on the Bloody Point end of River Road were still carrying an address of River Road. Upon recommendation of Mr. Morgan, ***Jan Stuart moved to rename that particular end to Bloody Point Road. Seconded by Jack O'Reilly. On a roll call vote motion passed 3 - 0.***

Town Hall Use

Rockingham Planning Commission for Law Lecture series approved with fee waived for October 19 and 26 and November 2 6:30 - 9:00pm ***on a motion by Jack O'Reilly, seconded by Jan Stuart. Motion carried 3 - 0.***

An Article from Aug 8 Fosters was presented to the Board congratulating Leonard Kerekes, Newington Police Officer for his fine work in capturing a wanted person. (See Attachment #5)

Public Comment Session:

Barbara McDonald submitted an editorial from the Concord Monitor dated June 19, 1972 regarding Compliance with the Law. "It must be recognized that it is easier for boards, commissions and agencies to conduct the public's business behind closed doors. They don't have to account for their actions; their reasoning doesn't come under questioning; they don't have to be cautious or even fair, if the public isn't watching. But, government-by-secrecy-also is undemocratic."

Non-Public Session 7:05pm

Selectman Jack O'Reilly moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Legal. Selectman Jan Stuart Seconded. On a roll call vote, motion carried 3-0.

**At 7:29pm, Selectman Jack O'Reilly moved to come out of non-public and to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Stuart. On a roll call vote, motion carried 3-0.
No Votes Taken**

Tom Morgan spoke briefly about the River Road renaming.

Jack O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 7:37pm. Seconded by Jan Stuart. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

**Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant**