

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2005
Newington Town Hall
6:30 p.m.

approved 10/3/05

In attendance: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Beth Bartlett, George Fletcher, Laura Coleman, Barbara McDonald, Ruth Fletcher, Leonard Thomas, Lisa Tetraolt Zhe— The Portsmouth Herald, Cliff Abbott and Rick Stern

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Iocovozzi at 6:30 p.m.

Minute Approval

*Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes from September 6, 2005. **Motion seconded** by Selectman Stuart. Barbara McDonald states that there is a correction to be made on the Tricky's Cove section, stating that the minutes were worded incorrectly. Chairman Iocovozzi states the minutes will be listened to and corrected if warranted. **Selectman O'Reilly made a motion** to accept the minutes with the appropriate corrections. **Motion Seconded** by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote **3-0, motion passed.***

Old Town Hall Bond

George Fletcher, Treasurer spoke on the Old Town Hall financing. He stated that he recommended the town to go with the five year plan. Paul Martel is no longer with TD Bank North, however, Beth Bartlett was there to answer any questions. She stated that the entire amount could be put into a money market account and the money could be drawn off of that. Beth Bartlett spoke about the interest savings and stated that if it was decided to go fifteen or twenty years then the town will have to go to a Bond Bank. Selectman Stuart is worried that by passing the warrant article not to a 20 year bond may bother some people. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that the original vote was for five years will stand and to go through TD Bank North.

George Fletcher would like to look into installing solar signal lights on Fox Point and Nimble Hill.

George also brought up the balance owed to DES Coakley. The Board would like this information put in the budget for next year and confirm whether or not this is Coakley one or Two.

Road Striping

Three prices were received for road striping. ***Selectman Stuart** made a motion to accept L&D striping's proposal but not to exceed the budgeted amount. **Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly.** Roll call vote, **3-0, motion passed.** Leonard Thomas will be contacting the company to find out if the striping can be done at night and when can it be done.*

Inventory Items at the Old Town Hall

Items at Old Town Hall need to be inventoried and moved before renovations can begin. Chairman Iocovizzi made the suggestion that a storage facility be used and if the temperature is an issue than it might be best to go to a climate control unit. Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi states that she put Gail Pare in contact with Allards moving company. Gail will begin packing and noting what is currently housed in the bldg. Discussion occurred

regarding use of the Old Stone School and Carriage House. Gail will report back after she has more information. Selectman Stuart, Laura Coleman, Barbara Myers and Gail Pare were going coordinate things.

Appointments

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion appoint Dennis Acton the new Town Dock Master. ***Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.***

Selectman Stuart made a motion to appoint Chris Belmore to the Cable Contract Review Advisory Board. ***Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly, roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.***

Motion was made by Selectman Stuart to appoint Cliff Abbott as the substitute transfer station attendant for Ken Pickering. ***Motion seconded by Selectman O'Reilly, roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.*** In regards to the disposal of televisions, Lenny Thomas will look into containers and porta potties and report back to the Board.

Library

Selectman O'Reilly states that the library should be ready for things to be moved in on Thursday. Chairman Iocovozzi states that the appropriate information should be gathered from Dot Noseworthy to be posted on the bulletin so people can volunteer to help with the move.

Fernandes Bid

The Board of Selectmen felt as if a member from the Recreation Committee should be in attendance for the meeting to explain exactly what they wanted. ***Selectman Stuart made a motion*** to post pone the discussion until the next Selectmen's meeting where a representative will be in attendance to further explain what is desired by the Recreation Committee for the renovation of the baseball field. ***Motion was seconded by Selectman O'Reilly, roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.***

School Bug Spray

A letter from the town code enforcement officer Charlie Smart stated, that even though the town has been successfully sprayed for mosquitoes, town residents should take extra precaution and wear bug spray as an effective deterrent from contracting any insect born diseases. Mr. Smart sent another memo stating that he spoke with Mike Morrison about doing additional spraying and Mr. Morrison feels as if the town is in good shape. However, Mr. Morrison suggested that the town should clean out the drainage area around the school for effective mosquito control. Mr. Smart also inquired about some additional spraying for the upcoming outdoor festivities. The Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi will contact Mike Morrison to see that he properly treat all necessary areas.

Benches at Tennis Court

The Recreation Committee made a request to the Selectmen Chairman to move the benches that are currently stored at the Carriage Shed to the Tennis Courts. After much discussion the Board came to the conclusion that they would inform the Recreation Committee that the issue will be addressed in the spring.

Packard Development-Greenland Mall

There are many concerns as far as the increase in traffic and the affect this will have on the environment in Newington. (Regional Impact) Selectman O'Reilly would like us to research as to what the Board of Selectmen agreed on as far as opposing this project.

Personnel Policy

Selectman O'Reilly stated that any Cola adjustment passed by the town shall be retro actively calculated back to January 1st. After a revision, ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion*** to accept the revision to the personnel policy dated September 2005. ***Selectman Stuart seconded the motion***, roll call vote, 3-0 ***motion passed***.

Correspondence

A letter from the United States Environmental Protection agency came, stating that the Newington waste water treatment facility has been awarded as the first place winner of the US Environmental Protection Agency EPA 2005 National Clean Water Act Recognition Award. The award will be presented by the EPA on Monday October 31, 2005 at the National Clean Water Act ceremony in Washington, DC.

Town Hall Use

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to accept the use of the Town Hall by Seacoast Wind Ensemble (Sept 13 & 20), Gail Pare with the Historical Society (October 13), Rockingham Planning Commission (Oct 17) and Thermo Electron (Oct 26). ***Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart*** roll call vote, 3-0 ***motion passed***.

Dead Trees

Selectman Stuart spoke on the issue of several dead trees in front of Kent's house. There is a concern to remove these dead trees before someone gets hurt either by walking or driving by. Chairman Iocovozzi states that we need a RFP to have all five trees removed before this matter can be resolved.

New Business

The *Newington Fire Department* requested and received a grant \$21,634.00 to purchase several new equipment items. This grant 100% funded by the State and the Town of Newington does not have to match this amount. So the Town of Newington will pay and then be reimbursed. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion*** to sign the grant. ***Motion was seconded by Selectman Stuart***, roll call vote 3-0, ***motion passed***.

Ruth Fletcher had a complaint that Bay Ring had a 7 hour delay when calling their emergency number. The Town Administrator is to find out who Bay Ring has at 24hr a day that the Police or Fire Department can speak with. There should be someone there that can assist the town and we should have emergency management involved.

The Bid for the Bulkhead came from Larry Haas. Chairman Iocovozzi would like to take a look at it and get more details before making any type of decision on rebuilding it.

Being that there was no further discussion Selectman Stuart made ***the motion to adjourn***. Motion was ***seconded by Selectman O'Reilly***, roll call vote 3-0, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant