

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting

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

Revised
accepted 10/3/05 with revisions

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Iocovozzi at 6:30pm.

In attendance: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Glen Walker of Sansoucy Appraisers with Phil Sutton at 6:45pm

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to go into non-public at 6:32 under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Litigation and RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Selectman Stuart and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3 – 0.

Selectman O'Reilly made the motion to come out of the non-public meeting ending at 6:49 p.m. **and to seal the minutes. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart.** Roll call vote, ***3-0 motion passed.***

Pledge of Allegiance

The public portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve both public and non-public meeting minutes from August 29, 2005 ***Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart.*** Roll call vote, ***3-0, motion passed.***

Old Town Hall Update

Gail Pare spoke of the elevator issue and referred to the letter sent from CMA. She stated that an elevator would be favored more due to the fact that it could go from the basement all the way to the second floor, making it easy to store big items in the basement and still having it accessible to the handicapped public. Where as if a chair lift was used, it could only to go from the base of the stairs to the second floor. Peggy Lamson had several questions in regards to the meeting on August 29, 2005. One being the 50% rule asked about in the last meeting. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that the question was answered last week. As Cos stated last week - if it is going to be used then the Town Hall has to be in ADA compliance. Laura Coleman asked a question about the costs. Cos said when the Bids come in, more information would be available. Barbara McDonald stated that the Town should have a plan as to how the Old Town Hall second floor will be used. Mrs. McDonald feels as if the Stone School use should be considered before committing to this one project. She also stated that maybe the Stone School would be put to better use. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that the Town had already decided that the \$850,000.00 was for renovations of the Old Town Hall none of that was to go to the Stone School per

actions from our Town Meeting. Peggy Lamson added that she feels as if the town people did not know fully what they were voting on. Selectman Stuart felt as if the town's people should be given more credit and that they understood fully what they were voting on. Over 80% of the voters were present at Town Meeting. Selectman Stuart also gave the building committee double kudos on the work that they are doing and have done. Barbara McDonald asked about the Public Hearing prior to this vote to move forward. Gail Pare stated that the Town had had 2 public hearings on the issue and 2 public forums. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that at this time there wasn't going to be another public hearing and that it was time for the Board to move on. ***Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to proceed with the CMA plan for the Old Town Hall. Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.***

Justin Richardson- Senate Bill 104

Mr. Richardson spoke on the senate bill research of tax modification water and pollution control surveys. Justin is following the bill as it progresses to senate level. This particular bill specifies what exactly qualifies for exemption. Chairman Iocovozzi asked what the problem that DES had was. Mr. Richardson states that DES believes that anything that exempts pollution control is good. This new bill will better define the exemption perimeters.

Coin operated Copier

Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi was asked by Selectman O'Reilly to look into possibility of getting a coin operated copier. The information brought from this gentleman was that we could save \$15.00 a month, all maintenance/toner is included, it a four year lease and the machine would be coin operated. In addition to this coin machine, we would also be getting a 35 per minute copier (Imagistics). The first 120,000 copies are not metered (blanketed both machines). Our current Canon copier runs us about \$330 per month in costs and based on projected costs with the TWO machines, we would be saving approx \$15 per month. They will also issue us a check to pay off existing lease. Selectmen asked that this be put on the next agenda.

Town Hall Use

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to approve the Fire Department at the picnic grove for Oct 15 Fund Raiser (***fee waived***), Volunteer Recognition in the Town Hall Dec 15 auditorium (***fee waived***), the Costal Bay Watch at the Town Hall auditorium Nov 16 (***fee waived***) and Celiac Sprue Sept 15 at the town hall auditorium (***fee waived***). ***Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote 3-0, motions passed.***

Exemptions

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to remove Ms. Hehir from veteran exemption and approve to continue Clifford and Mary Spinney to elderly exemption. ***Seconded by Selectman Stuart, roll call vote, 3-0 motion passed.***

Katrina Relief

De-De Walsh asked for the Town to join in with Newington residents to help the Hurricane victims arriving from New Orleans and that more than likely they will be here at the end of the week. Ms. Walsh will spearhead with the support from the Board of Selectmen. Town Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi will get all pertinent information to De-De.

Public Comment Session

Peggy Lamson gave an update on **the PDA Cell Tower**. All requirements should be met by the PDA as the process moves. She will keep the Board informed on **Allegiant Airlines** as well.

Gail Pare stated that the work on the **library floors** and the **carriage shed** is progressing.

Peggy Lamson asked if an appraisal was done on **Tricky's Cove**. The Board believes that the state had one done. Mrs. Lamson also wanted to know why Seacoast Land Trust got \$500.00 of the deal. She was under the impression that there had to be a public hearing for that. Vincent Frank thought that no public hearing was required as well as Chairman Iocovozzi. The Board of Selectmen stated that Tom Morgan had all of the information as he was right on top of the situation all along. Mrs. Lamson will contact DES for more information as well as Mr. Morgan. Ms. Lamson was told that the file is in the administrative assistant's office and she is welcomed to view it.

Gail Pare asked when the **paving project** on Nimble Hill Road would be completed. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that he felt that it should be closer to completion in October.

Dennis Action wanted to discuss the use of **Fox Point**. Chairman Iocovozzi stated that the Board would like to discuss that before presenting information.

Selectman Stuart **thanked Joey Walsh** for coming and being involved in the Katrina relief.

Selectman O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn. ***Motion seconded by Selectman Stuart,*** roll call vote, 3-0 ***motion passed.***

There being no further discussion meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant