

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 4, 2011 Town Hall 6:30pm

At 6:44, Chr. Iocovozzi called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Rick Stern, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Dorene Stern, Dave Sweeney at 7:00pm and Justin Richardson at 7:36pm. *Selectman Jack O'Reilly absent.*

Minute Approval: The minutes of March 21 were tabled until the next meeting.

Stipends: *Selectman Stern moved that per RSA 31:9-b, stipends will be paid after the service is rendered. Chr. Iocovozzi seconded.* Chr. Iocovozzi reviewed how those who are eligible for annual stipends, under the former schedule were paid when the town's cash flow was at its highest, that being tax time of a June check and a December check. In actuality, under the old schedule, the service was not completely rendered as if one was elected in March at town meeting, and then paid in June for 6 months, one had only served for roughly 2 ½ months. He went on to say that when the Selectmen changed the payout schedule last year, consideration should have been given to the overlap. Therefore, those that were recently elected shall be paid their stipend in September, (representing mid-March through mid-September). For those folks with continual service under the old schedule, shall be paid in December this year which covers the 2 ½ month overlap and will carry them through Election Day in March. From that point forward, everyone will be paid in September and then in March which will be through Election Day. The AA was asked to draft a memo. ***Motion passed 2-0.***

Abandoned Property on Shattuck Way: Selectman Stern stated that both the garage and now cape are being broken in to and is in condemnable condition, therefore a hazard. Chr. Iocovozzi felt that the Building Inspector should inspect and forward a report to the Board. Former BI, Charlie Smart may have information. Selectman Stern will contact Mr. Stowell and ask him to proceed.

Fox Point Pavilion Site Walk: Selectman Stern has been in communication with Dave Dewey who is the manufacturer of pavilion kits. Selectman Stern had questions on the preparation of the bidding packets. He briefly went over estimated costs to include changes in construction for wind load, site work, cement pad, primer coat, shingles, and tongue and groove ceiling. He will ask Mr. Dewey how much he would charge to draw plans with specs for the bidding packets. Positioning of the pavilion has yet to be determined however the Board would like it placed so that shoreline permitting will not be necessary. Complete plans must be prepared to be presented to the Planning Board for comment. Also will be necessary for the public hearing. A land survey will need to be conducted. It was preferred that our building inspector be clerk of the works. A site walk is set for Sunday, April 17 at 9:00am at Fox Point. The chairmen of the planning board and zoning board of adjustment will be invited as well as Justin Richardson of the conservation commission, Brian Haberstroh of the recreation committee.

Redistricting: A memo from Representative Pam Tucker of Greenland was passed around. A letter from the census came in inviting any community who wanted to challenge their numbers to do so. The AA was asked to pass this on to Planner Tom Morgan to address.

Fire Department Washer Machine Funding Request: Chief Sylvia asked the Board if he could purchase a needed washing machine out of the Bldg Maintenance Fund. ***After a motion to deny from Selectman Stern, on a roll call vote, the Selectmen so voted, which passed 2-0.*** In a memo, Selectman O'Reilly felt the cost should come out of bldg. maint as done in the past however the Board stated the FD should use their equipment purchase line.

Roadside Tree Trimming & Trees at Fox Point: The AA was asked to contact Frank at the Highway Garage and tell him about the fallen deadwood on the side of McIntyre Road - before the crest of the

hill. D. Sweeney also again mentioned the limb hanging at the Police Station to which the Highway staff will spy.

Selectman Stern took a look at the Fox Point trees but could see no impending threat.

Flag Purchase: A flag purchase cost sheet was forwarded from Senator Kelly Ayotte's office offering flags at a discounted cost. The Selectmen felt the town should purchase a few, and if the quality proves worthwhile, to place future orders through her office.

911 Issue: Chief Sylvia requests a round table discussion with the Board, legal counsel and himself. The Selectmen are looking at Monday, April 18 at 6:00pm as a nonmeeting with counsel if all can make it.

CECO Weather Tightening Warrantee – Highway Garage: The chair signed the warrantee on behalf of the Board. A copy of that document will be placed in the Operations and Maintenance reference book and a copy of the book, will be forwarded to our Road Agent.

Floating Dock Request: In a memo from Pete MacDonald, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, they forward word of multiple requests over the last few years for the town to place a 4' x 20' floating dock adjacent to the Fox Point boat ramp to ease launchings. Selectman Stern will draft a letter in response to this request explaining that besides maintenance of this float comes the need for piling, permits and possible engineering. Request denied.

Shattuck Way – Double Sided Flashers – Cross Walk Warnings: At the request of Chief Tretter, the Selectmen looked into pricing of double sided flashing lights to warn traffic coming both ways of both sidewalks. Currently, there are two single sided flashers. The cost to replace the single heads with duals, is \$1, 200 for both. Solar dble sided flashers will cost \$3,200. The Selectmen asked the AA to proceed with the non-solar type.

Highway Garage – Windows – Wires: Careno Construction sent over an estimate of \$1,200 to move wires to enable installation of office windows at the highway garage. Both Chr. Iocovozzi and Selectman Stern felt that was on the high side however were going to individually do a walk through to see exactly what needs to be addressed. This item will be addressed at the next meeting.

Cemetery Damage from Plowing: Selectman Stern mentioned that he had been contacted by Cliff Abbott of the Cemetery Committee asking that the highway crew repair the damage done at the cemetery by plowing. The Selectmen will view the damage and will then proceed with necessary repair.

Smoking – Dave Sweeney: Mr. Sweeney mentioned the smell of smoke that was coming back into the building during Saturday's fundraiser with the doors being ajar in the auditorium. The Board agreed and decided to remove the ash tray outside the kitchen exit area and make that a non-smoking area and to post a notice stating that smoking is permitted 20' from the main entrance doors only.

School Area Pocket Park: Justin Richardson, Chr. of the Conservation Commission wanted to let the Selectmen know about him meeting with Road Agent Len Thomas to discuss placing a large rock between the Fire Station parking lot and the new trees. The snow plow pushed mounds of snow over the crest of the hill and onto the tree area causing damage. By placing a rock between the crest and the trees will prevent the plows from hitting the landscaping. Chr. Iocovozzi suggested they consider multiple rocks. Justin informed the Fire Chief and he had no problem.

Town Hall Phone System: Installation date has now been set for April 8th.

Appointments: HDC - Elaina D'orto; Ted Connors – ZBA *Selectman Stern moved to appoint Elaina D'Orto to the HDC and Ted Connors to the ZBA. Chr. Iocovozzi seconded. Roll call vote passed 2-0.*

New England Lock & Safe Proposal: The Board took no action

Energy Survey Request – from Gary Long: This item was passed on to Planner Tom Morgan to respond.

Checklist for Refunding Security Deposits: The Board approved a draft checklist which will be used to inspect the function halls after an event in an effort to return security deposits.

Pot Hole Patrol: The Selectmen would like the Highway crew to be on pot hole patrol and address problem areas.

At 8:16pm, Selectman Stern moved to adjourn. Seconded and passed.

Respectively Submitted

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant