

**Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 18, 2011 6:30pm Town Hall**

Chr. Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Chairman Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly and Rick Stern, AA Beatrice Marconi, John Klanchesser, Road Agent Len Thomas, Craig Daigle, Conservation Commission members Justin Richardson (chr), Jane Hislop, Doreen Stern, Jane Kendall, and Margaret Lamson.

**School Plantings:** Presented with 2 options for stone placement down the embankment to protect the school plantings from plow/snow damage, the Selectmen felt that #1B with L J N picking out the stones and our Highway staff physically placing them was the best route to take. The Conservation Commission, with members present, called a brief meeting to order, voted to accept option 1b then adjourned. Justin will work with L J N and notify Len Thomas when Highway is needed.

**Mulch Spreading at School Playground:** Justin asked the Selectmen if the School Supporters could count on our Highway Crew to spread mulch. The Board had no objections.

**Appointments:** Alternate to the Board of Adjustment - John Frink  
Ballot Clerks: Vannie Brawn, Lynda Bullock, Elisabeth Connors,  
Mary Wahl, Sandra Sweeney, Margaret Lamson  
Conservation Commission: Margaret Lamson & Geo Fletcher (exp 2014)  
Recreation: Pete MacDonald, Keith Frizzell, Tom Rossi, Susan Carroll  
Brian Haberstroh, Chris Bellmare, Darryl Brown, Charlie Brewster.  
Sewer Clerk & Treasurer: Ruth Fletcher (clk) and Laura Coleman (tres)

***Sel. O'Reilly moved to appoint all above – seconded by Sel. Stern – Roll Call Vote – passed 3-0.***

**Highway Garage – Wire Relocation for Windows:** After viewing the situation on site, Sel. Stern felt the proposal was justified and ***Sel. O'Reilly moved to complete the installation of the windows and relocate wires, not to exceed \$1,200. Sel. Stern seconded and on a Roll Call vote, the motion passed.*** To come out of the Cap Res for the Highway Garage.

**Coleman Drive Drainage:** The culvert is clear, per Len Thomas (Road Agent), but it is the overgrowth that effects the flow. Altus Engineering reviewed the area last December and came up with suggestions on how to approach the back up. It was recommended to remove the willow tree and to gain permissions from those land owners involved so that the Town could address these issues (with rip rap or fabric, etc) The Selectmen asked Len to contact the effected land owners and talk about rights of way, cutting the willow and cleaning out the growth. The Board then thought after being approached that they could be invited to a meeting when Altus is present – who would then explain the problems and suggested corrections. Len will report back once he speaks to the residents. The Board asked the AA to contact Altus to see if there is a generic agreement form that could be used to gain permissions from those involved.

**Open House at the Highway Garage:** This item will be revisited mid- May as not every aspect of the garage is complete.

**Grease Pin on Tractor:** Chr. Iocovozzi asked Len if it was necessary for Chappell to repair it. Len said no but Frank will keep his eye on it. Loader was on loan to test the reach in the Salt Shed.

**Tool Cage:** Sel. Stern informed the Board that it will be relocated and Len will work with Careno.

**Blinking Crosswalk Lights on Shattuck:** The Board reviewed the proposal from East Coast Signals to replace the loose pole however they ultimately tabled this item until the next meeting as they wanted to take a look at it.

**Liquor License Request – Rapid Laser – Letter from NH Liquor Commission:** After hearing that Chief Tretter had no concerns about the request, the Board agreed not to object.

**Stipend Pay Out:** Sel. O'Reilly said although a new payout schedule has been set for the stipends in an effort to comply with the law, he stated that still, he felt the Town was in violation and suggested that the Town pay quarterly June, Sept, Dec and March. Chr. Iocovozzi said it was worthy for the Board to think about it.

**Odyssey of the Mind – Newington School:** *Sel. O'Reilly moved for the Town to contribute \$100 out of the misc. donation line to support the kids competition trip coming up in May.* Sel. Stern asked if Jack would object to amending that amount to \$200. Upon no objections, **the Board voted to contribute \$200 to the Newington school OM competition – roll call vote passed 3-0.**

**Tonka Truck Bid Opening:** Two bids were submitted. One for \$ 5,678.90 from Asian Auto and the other for \$ 2,500 from J. Johnson. *Sel. Stern moved to accept the bid from Asian Auto in the amount of \$ 5,678.90. Sel. O'Reilly seconded which passed on a roll call vote 3-0.*

**Picnic Grove BBQ Grill:** Sel. O'Reilly will ask the Bldg Inspector to take a look at its condition and make a recommendation back to the Board.

**Transfer Station Paving and Traffic Flow Plan:** Transfer Station Director Craig Daigle presented the Board with a sketch of the desired flow, extension of the entrance gate inward and base beneath hoppers. Craig felt that he and Frank Reinhold can work on the entrance gate. Chr. Iocovozzi suggested that Bourassa meet up with Craig at the transfer station when Gary is paving in town and come up with a price. Meanwhile, Craig will stake out the areas. Discussion incurred about the hoppers having plywood or stone or cement below it to prevent pavement indentation.

**Fox Point – Pavilion:** Sel. Stern asked if the Board was intending to proceed with surveying the area of interest for construction. He added that Planning is looking for a conceptual plan at this time. Chr. Iocovozzi noted that when it is surveyed, the plans should denote distances from the shoreline. The Selectmen will take this matter up again at the next meeting. Sel. Stern asked for a copy of the Altus proposal and he will also show Dave Hislop location of proposed pavilion.

**Carriage House Contents:** The Selectmen will conduct an inventory of all items at the Carriage House. Len Thomas explained that some of the equipment that was housed in the cellar was moved up to this level until the floor is poured in the basement. Meanwhile, the Board will meet with the Fire Chief and Road Agent as part of inventorying the items.

**Fire Department May 1<sup>st</sup> Charity Event:** The Fire Department asked the Board if they could use about 10 picnic tables at the Fire Station for their event being held on May 1. The Board had no objections and if they needed to use one of the trucks, Len will make it available.

**Shattuck Way Abandoned Buildings:** Memo from Fire Chief. Mrs. Stern reports that at least one of the buildings is being boarded up today and that the Bldg Insp wrote a letter to the owner. Not only is the Board concerned with this situation, but so is the Police Chief and Planning Board. The owner has since sent a contractor in to speak with BI John Stowell to get prices for demolition.

**Old Parsonage:** Due to the moisture, Sel. O'Reilly reports that the paint is peeling and urged the Selectmen to approve moving the library dehumidifier, which isn't currently being used, over to the Old Parsonage in an effort to resolve the problem. Len Thomas will check out the floor base in the basement.

**Facility Use Requests:**

Borkland – Old Town Hall – June 5 - Dep and usage check submitted - approved

Haas – Old Town Hall, Grove and Grill and wedding ceremony at Fox Point. August 27, 2011 - Dep & usage check submitted-approved

Portsmouth Symphony – Town Hall April 28 - Dep and Fee Waived – approved.

**Use of Staff:** Sel. Stern felt that the employees should not be used for other than for their job and any group asking them for assistance, should be approved first by the Board of Selectman. Regarding the setting up of the auditorium, the Historical Society should plan on room prep and in the future, any group asking for addition work not affiliated with the Selectmen must gain permission from the Board beforehand. All inquiries or reservations for the movie April 20 should be routed to the Historical Society.

**Town Hall Parking Lot Trenching Proposal:** The cost estimate for the trenching for the conduits in the Town Hall Parking lot, while the job is in progress was \$ 8,000. Chr. Iocovozzi stated the reason why the wires have not been buried is because of the cost. Sel. Stern stated that if the town had no intentions to bury the lines because of cost, then why spend the money for conduits. The board will not be proceeding with this trenching proposal.

**Nimble Hill Issues:** Len Thomas informed the board that the culverts in the vicinity of the entrance to Coleman Drive have been cleared out. The ruts have been raked down. The Selectmen will address the other issues that have come to light recently.

**Carriage House Discussion:** Sel. O'Reilly stated that he is in favor of renovating the Carriage House over time and that the prior estimate included a lot of work that has since been done through preservation projects. Sel. Stern said that perhaps once the pavilion is up and used that it will generate more interest in the Carriage House.

**Fox Point Dock Repair:** *Sel. O'Reilly moved to approve the Pickering Marine proposal not to exceed \$2,500 and if we find it is higher, the approval must come back to the Board.* Sel. Stern asked if Sel. O'Reilly would amend his motion to include that the approval is granted with the work being completed within three weeks. *Sel. O'Reilly agreed. Sel. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

***Committee Assignment will be placed on the next Agenda.***

***With that, Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:25pm. Seconded by Sel. Stern and on a roll call vote, the meeting ended.***

***Respectively Submitted,***

***Beatrice Marconi***  
***Admin Asst***