

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 16, 2011 Town Hall 6:30PM

Chr. Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly and Rick Stern, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Josh Lanahan, Michelle Luonzuay, Cliff Abbott, Craig and Susan Daigle, Dee Dee & Mike Walsh, Gurubhai Khalsa, Randy Durst, Gail Pare, Becky Harvey and Len Thomas – Road Agent.

Chicken Issue: Chr. Iocovozzi explained that the initial letter from Gurubhai Khalsa dated April 23, which was forwarded to the Planning Board as it referred to an ordinance change, was kicked back to the Selectmen. Odor was one of the issues. Planner Tom Morgan and Building Inspector/Health Officer John Stowell were asked by the Selectmen to review the odor complaint on site. In a memo dated May 11th, no odor was detected from the chicken manure pile. After a lengthy discussion, the Selectmen informed the audience that another inspection would be forthcoming during the summer months in order to get a full picture of any odor emanating at various temperatures. Discussion continued regarding chicken population, the compost pile, placement of the chicken coop, being good neighbors, Gurubhai stated that as history shows, she is from a farming family but her concerns are about the town creating ordinances controlling placement of chicken coops, manure piles and consideration that perhaps the town could put a pile of Lyme at the town garage.

Minute Approval: *S. O'Reilly moved to accept the minutes of May 2, 2011. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.*

CLG Grant: Gail Pare asked the Selectmen to approve and sign the next phase for the Goat Island/Piscataqua CLG grant which is fully reimbursable and funded this year under HDC. *S. O'Reilly moved to authorize the Chairman to sign with S. Stern seconding. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.*

Indentured Servant Burial Area: Chr. Iocovozzi asked G. Pare if the indentured servants were buried to the left of the Carriage Shed however, at that point, without consulting the most recent sonar location identifier map, Gail stated she would have to contact Valerie. She did, however acknowledge that it was outside the cemetery walls.

Grove Grill Repairs: In a memo from Building Inspector John Stowell, it is stated that the grill is in good shape but feels the town should address the roof cover. S. Stern recommended the use of harding board and it was agreed that Mr. Stern talk to Mr. Stowell.

Portsmouth School Request for Donation of former Cruiser: In a memo dated May 13, the Portsmouth School department requests the Board to consider donating a vehicle scheduled to be bid out for use by the Safety Officer at PHS. Chr. Iocovozzi stated that the car donated 3 years ago should be returned to Newington to bid out, however S. Stern suggested that the Selectmen simply donate it to the shop. After hearing thoughts from those in attendance requesting that it be available for only Newington residents to bid on, S. Stern noted that although Newington Tax money initially purchased it, the Town may have a greater benefit to offset those costs by seeking the highest bidder from wide spread bidding. Discussion continued about which of the three available cruisers should be donated and this item tabled until the mileage from the former Admin Car was brought back to the Board.

Bicycle Ordinance: This ordinance is coming to the Board from a recommendation from the Police Commission to temporarily pass until it can come for a vote at our next Town Meeting. The Chief will be asked to keep track the number of bicycle issues between now and Town Meeting. *S. O'Reilly moved to temporarily approve – S. Stern seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.*

Grounds Care Proposal from Celtic Creations: S. Stern urged the Board to put this out to bid and Chr Iocovozzi said it was difficult to get bids to just prune. This item was tabled for the time being.

Old Parsonage: Upon a recommendation from Bldg Insp. Stowell, he urges the Selectmen to move forward with the Haas proposal of \$ 33,148 as a continuation of repair and upkeep. S. O'Reilly explained that the State Educational Tax threat had slowed the town on a steady building maintenance program and this is a continuation of preservation. *S. O'Reilly moved to recommend the Haas proposal not to exceed \$ 33,148 and to waive the bidding process based on Haas' history of working on this town project. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.*

Stone School: Sue & Craig Daigle, along with Gail Pare encouraged the Selectmen to keep the Stone School in mind for upcoming renovation projects. Chr. Iocovozzi cautioned that the amount of buildings Newington has and the costs to maintain. He continued by stating that there has to be a need – then costs would be sought – then would have to go to the Town for a vote to fund. Gail added that although this was brought up for a vote 4 or 5 years ago and lost, it didn't lose by much.

Town Hall Auditorium Proposal: *S. O'Reilly moved to approve the proposal from EJ Hoyt not to exceed \$ 5,806 for Town Hall Auditorium wood work and to waive the bidding process due to Mr. Hoyt's past history of working on this auditorium project. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.*

Fox Point Pavilion Memo from Bldg Inspector Stowell: S. Stern met with structural engineers at JSN and as stated in the Stowell recommendation, will give the town a proposal for structurally engineered plans for a pavilion as there were questions from the Dewey proposal from the May 2 meeting. It is the intension of the Board for the design to be tied into the character of the Carriage House. S. Stern will continue to work with JSN.

Fox Point Pavilion Survey: S. O'Reilly, upon suggestion from Surveyor Dave Hislop, recommended that rather than surveying the pavilion site full bore, to ask Mark West to delineate the high water lines for setbacks to meet requirements for DES and Shoreline Protection permitting. S. O'Reilly will inform Bldg Insp. Stowell of the Selectmen's decision.

Transfer Station Bourassa Proposal: As discussed at the Board's April 18th meeting, Bourassa met with Mr. Daigle at the Transfer Station and submitted a proposal as Craig would like to improve the traffic flow. It was determined that the hoppers should have a base beneath them, (which was not in the proposal). S. Stern asked Mr. Daigle to provide a sketch and Craig will also get a revised proposal.

Fire Station Drainage Issue: As a result of the discussion, it was determined the best route to take to alleviate this problem in the bays is to bring Altus Engineering in to analyze and design the direction to take as separator and DES requirements will come into play.

Nitrogen in Great Bay: S. Stern urged the Selectmen to support the plan proposed to address this problem. The Sewer Commission is being pro-active in getting the water analyzed and are presently awaiting the results – before Federal or State mandates are set. He went on to say that both the Planning Board and Conservation Commission will be addressing the nitrogen levels. Planner Tom Morgan will craft a letter for the Selectmen and Planning Board to sign.

Town Hall Outer Office Furniture: S. O'Reilly noted that the plan to purchase suitable office furniture was approved and funded last year and asked that the Board sign the PO, which they did.

Wage & Salary Study: *S. O'Reilly moved for the Chair to be authorized to approve the LGC Wage & Salary survey and asked the AA to move forward in submitting it. S. Stern seconded and on a roll call vote, it passed 3-0.*

PDA Tree Cutting in the Historic District: Gail Pare stated that she was in attendance to view the plan as presented by the PDA and urged the Board to sign a letter to the PDA written by Planner Tom Morgan that stipulated that the Town required further information, etc. She also stated that the AirPort Manager be CCed as well.

Energy Audit: Rockingham Planning Commission needs authorization to proceed. Analysis of insulation, windows, utility consumption, etc. for Fire Station, Police Station, Town Hall, and Library at no charge to the Town. Would do the school if they wanted. S. O'Reilly urged the Board to proceed. The Chairman then signed the agreement.

Memorial Day: Chr. Iocovozzi stated that a bugler was asked to play Taps at the Cemetery on Memorial Day at noon in memory of those departed. S. Stern will look into also getting a Bag Piper. The Board asked that the Girl Scouts be notified.

Facility Use Requests:

Historical Society – Old Town Hall – May 24 – 5:00pm-11:00pm – Meeting – Dep waived

South East NH Watershed Alliance – May 25 – Meeting – Town Hall Audi – 6:00pm-Dep waived

Sandi Clark – Grove Picnic Area – June 6 – BBQ – 1:30pm-Dep waived - NC

Blanche Abbott - July 9 – Family Reunion – Old Town Hall & Grove – All Day – Fee & Dep Required

Soccer Team Building – Don Bly – 20 kids – Old Town Hall 8:00am – 10:00pm – Dep Required

S. O'Reilly moved to approve the above requests and to waive the use fees except where indicated. S. Stern seconded.

Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.