

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 20, 2011

Town Hall 6:30pm

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

Present: Chr. Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly and Rick Stern, Planner Tom Morgan, Conservation Commission Member Jane Hislop and Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi.

Minute & Manifest Approval: *S. O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of June 6 and moved to approve the accounts payable manifest for payment June 23 in the amount of \$ 205,595.58. S. Stern seconded. Motions passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.*

Nitrogen in the Bay: S. Stern referenced the letters sent by the Selectmen to the DES and EPA. He would like to Board to support sending copies to area towns. With the Conservation Commission being very active with the Nitrogen issue, Tom Morgan also noted that our Planning Board voted to support Newington's stance as well. Chr. Iocovozzi suggested we wait on this until after the meeting with Peter Rice and Dave Allen from Portsmouth. A draft cover letter was passed around. Although the papers state that Newington is a part of a coalition to address Nitrogen, at this time the town has joined forces with no one. S. Stern stated that the focus right now is addressing sewerage treatment plants, however as Newington notes - the problem encompasses other contributing factors as well. It was agreed upon that when the Portsmouth people come to speak, Planning, Conservation Comm, Planner Morgan, Dennis Messier from our treatment plant along with the Sewer Commissioners all be invited as well. Portsmouth releases primary treated water into the Piscataqua while Newington and most other plants treat to Secondary. Plant efficiency is one way to address Nitrogen. Tertiary treatment is the better form of treatment. Newington does not use the disk system in treatment. The needed bacteria is grown in the tank itself. Jane Hislop wonders when these articles and reports appear, which form of nitrogen are they addressing. S. Stern added that fertilizer is a contributor to the problem. He has asked our Conservation Commission to research fertilizer alternatives that the town itself can use. In addition, S. Stern has asked our Conservation Commission to come up with alternate green area growth other than grass. With grass, one must mow, water and trim. He felt costs could be reduced if we could plant a self-maintaining species. Chr. Iocovozzi stated that grass is a good filter but would consider other means. The Board chose to urge communities to focus on the solution. Run off coming from soils should be put back into the soils to replenish the water table. Heavy metal is a big contributor to even a larger problem. The Town of Newington stands strong on saying that the Bay shall not continue to be a dumping ground. Tom Morgan cautioned the Board that the Town should be prepared for stronger regulations coming. Commercial/Industrial entities are big contributors to the problem. Perhaps an impact fee could be assessed with development with the purpose of monitoring every outlet. Planner Morgan along with the Conservation Commission will continue to work with S. Stern in hopes of giving a formal presentation to both the Selectmen and Sewer Commission.

Landscaping – Town Hall: Celtic Creations submitted their annual maintenance plan. The Board asked the AA to contact a company in Greenland to get a price as well. Maintenance of what we currently have – trimming bushes and shrubs, mulching, weeding. No plantings at this time.

Salt Contract: This item was tabled until next meeting.

Resignation of Dot Noseworthy as Library Trustee and Appointment of Melissa Prefontaine as Library Trustee: *S. Stern moved to accept the resignation of Ms. Noseworthy and to appoint Melissa Prefontaine as Langdon Library Trustee. Term to expire March 2012. S. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.*

Fire Station Drainage Proposal: This item was tabled for the time being. S. Stern will contact Altus engineering to discuss his recommendation. Engineering proposal (all tasks) totaled \$ 7,000. The Job's cost

estimate was \$ 12,000 and an additional \$ 60,000 to pave the parking lot. The Selectmen felt Bldg Inspector Stowell could conduct the inspections and plan review. Tasks in proposal will be decided upon after a report back from S. Stern.

Carriage House – Needed Painting: S. Stern mentioned that he had spoken with L. Haas and will come up with an estimate. He then spoke of the carpenter bee problem. The Board felt we should get another proposal and to try F A Gray, however both parties need details so that the bids can consist of the same amount of work. Bldg Insp Stowell will do a site walk and determine what work needs to be done.

Lease at Fox Point: The Board asked the AA to draft up an amended lease.

Mott Pond Drainage: S. O'Reilly asked if the Town could begin the process to correct the problem. There is approx. \$ 30,000 in our Capital Reserve Fund. ***S. O'Reilly moved to proceed with getting an engineering proposal for the Mott Pond Drainage Project. S. Stern seconded.*** Chr. Locovozzi noted that there could be dredging needed. ***On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.***

Health Care Options Committee: At the July 18th meeting, the Committee will report back to the Selectmen on the optional savings the town could benefit from through other plans.

Boy Scout Camp Out: In a letter dated May 16 from Skip Chase, District Executive, the Boy Scouts ask to utilize the field adjacent to the school for a camp out (for less than 2,000 scouts) who are cosponsoring the Air Show. August 12 & 13 are requested. The Board had no objections.

Liquor License Request – Bug-a-boos: The Selectmen had no objections for the NH Liquor Commission to issue an alcohol license to Bug-a-boos.

Municipal Treasurer and Processing Sewer Financials: A written procedure was given to the Selectmen as to the bookkeeping method of accounts payable and deposits to be presented to the Sewer Commission at the June 22 meeting. ***S. Stern moved to accept the procedures as recommended by the Municipal Treasurer. Seconded by S. O'Reilly. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.*** The stipend payout process for the Commissioners will be addressed also.

Fire Engineers Meeting and Training Prop: S. Stern reported that the driver of the truck that rolled over on Shattuck a month ago was cited by the police for a violation. The overtime costs will be recaptured from the company and billed out by the Selectmen's Office. S. Stern also reported that the Fire Engineers supported the construction of the training prop which has the approval of the Selectmen to be placed at the Transfer Station. Chief Sylvia will work with Craig on its location and the Highway staff will push back or level what is needed. ***S. O'Reilly moved to allow the Fire Department to proceed to build a training prop per drawing and to work with the building inspector and transfer station director for construction and placement. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.*** On another topic, in a memo from Chief Sylvia, the Town is allowed to burn provided the structure is stripped to meet the requirements and if the vicinity of the runway, form 74-60-1 needs to be filed with the FAA for permission.

Nimble Hill Gate: S. Stern suggested a vinyl banner be attached to the gate (with air flaps) in an effort to forewarn drivers who miss the 'gate ahead' warning signs, barrels, flashing lights and road rumblers. S. Stern will get a price and report back.

Spaulding Project: After meeting with the appraiser (Steve Bergeron) on Old Dover Road, the AA suggested that the Board meet with the State's project manager to get a better picture of the effect on the town land, buffer, guard rails and relocation of the gate. He will be invited to a Selectmen's meeting. *Keith Cota @ 271-1615.* Included in the conversation will be a discussion regarding the closing of the ramp on to the Spaulding on Fox Run Road.

Town Hall Parking Lot – Low Wires: Altus has been contacted to address the Verizon and Bayring wires per memo from bldg. inspector Stowell.

Kennard Damn: Beaver stick problem seems to be causing the water level to rise. That portion of the road belongs to the State and the damn is privately owned. Chr. Iocovozzi will talk to District 6 director.

Facility Use Requests:

*July 16 – Birth Day Party – Old Town Hall & Grove – Robert Spinney – **Approved***

2011 Audit: *S. O'Reilly moved to authorize the Chair to sign the 2011 agreement with Vachon & Clukay. S. Stern seconded. Passed on a roll call vote 3-0.*

Nitrogen in the Bay: The Selectmen asked the AA to set up July 18 for a meeting with Peter Rice and Dave Allen of Portsmouth along with the Bos, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission and the Sewer Commission.

Correspondence:

Letter from the City of Portsmouth regarding emergency management of a Health Epidemic. If our Health Inspector can't attend, then the S. O'Reilly and Chief Tretter will attend Saturday, June 25.

A thank you note from the Newington Elementary School for the Town's support was read and placed on file.

S. O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:31pm. Seconded by S. Stern. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant