

Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 6, 2011 - 6:30pm - Town Hall

Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Present: Chr. Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly and Rick Stern; Monika Gordon of Corcoran Associates; Road Agent Len Thomas and Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi.

Pledge Allegiance

2011 Valuation Update: Monika Gordon spoke on behalf of Corcoran Associates bringing the Board up to date with the values. She noted that this year proved to show a limited shift in values stating we had 9 sales of which 4 were waterfront. Values were addressed through neighborhood adjustments which took into consideration the numbers revealed via sales. She stated we were at 99% overall and 100% through the DRA ratio study. There are 325 residential properties in Newington. Poles and conduits can be taxed this year, however it will be a minimum increase. Last year, our total valuation on which the tax rate is set was approximately \$ 927,000,000. This year, we are looking at about \$ 921,000,000 however this estimate excludes utility values. She asks that the Selectmen forego the notification and hearings process as so few properties are affected-whereas the cost outweighs the benefit. There is no statutory requirement that mandates towns to do so prior to the notice of the actual bill. The appeal process still remains as is per law.

Minute Approval: July 18, Aug 1, 4, 15 (public and non) ***S. O'Reilly moved to approve. S. Stern seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.***

Manifest Approval: ***S. O'Reilly moved to approve the manifests of Aug 11 for \$ 22,644.57; Aug 19 for \$ 198,331.68; Aug 26 for \$ 221,904.22; Sept 2 for \$3,769.10 and \$ 346,880.80.***

Bow Hunting at Fox Point: No hunting on Town Owned land without Owners Permission – Residents only and Bow Hunting Only. In October last year, the hunters met with one of the Selectmen and Josiah Towne of Fish and Game in an effort to discuss hunting safety issues at Fox Point as that area is also used for family outings and hiking. It was agreed upon at that meeting that residents wishing to hunt at Fox Point be made aware that it is a multi-use area and that one had to get Selectmen's approval to hunt. The land will be posted 'no hunting without owner's permission'. Those residents wanting to bow hunt must come to town hall and make a request in writing to the board via signing a safety acknowledgment. Road Agent Len Thomas will hang the signs. Posting will begin next to the first town owned field on Fox Point Road as passive users should be made aware of the beginning of Bow Hunting season and to exercise caution. As permission requests come in, a Selectman will be contacted for approval.

Pavilion – Fox Point: Chr. Iocovozzi will work with the Portsmouth Water Department in discussing water lines to the pavilion. The Board suggested that water to the Carriage House be discussed in planning.

Patterson Lane – Engineering: Chr. Iocovozzi has been communicating with Altus Engineer Jim Kerrivan who will be providing a proposal after addressing the Rail Road crossing and researching boat ramp parking. The project will include proper drainage as needed.

Oil Bids: ***S. O'Reilly moved to approve the Hartmann oil bid for lock in of 1,760 gallons in the amount of 3.461 cents per gal. (Irving oil proposed a 3.65 cent p/gal proposal). S. Stern seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.***

Town Hall Landscaping: This item was tabled until such a time as the Building inspector extracts what has been done by the Highway Crew from the proposals.

Horse Shed Proposal: The motion to accept the Haas proposal not to exceed \$ 23,000 was tabled until such a time as the Building Inspector looks into slate costs and the use of permanent plastic shingle costs. All in all, material used should match the Meeting House as much as possible.

Liquor Request: Pictor Enterprises – Buffalo Wild Wings Grill – at Mall – Request for Beverage, Wine and Liquor License – Notice from NH Liquor Commission asking town if there were any objections or concerns. The Board had no objections as long as our Police Chief had no concerns.

Facility Use Requests:

- 1 OTH – Sweeney – Oct 22 – Shower
- 2 OTH – Girl Scouts – 2nd Tues every month – Sept thru June
- 3 OTH – Library Trustees – Sept 27-Meeting 7pm-8:30pm
- 4 OTH – Historical Soc – Oct 5 – Annual Meeting & Program – 5:00pm-9:30pm
- 5 Town Grove – Newington School Supporters – Picnic – 8-31-11 4:30pm-8:00pm
- 6 Town Hall Audi – Oct 27, March 7, May 30, May 28 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Oct 29, March 10, June 2 10:00am – 1:00pm

The above requests were all approved (fee and deposit waived on requests 2 – 6)

Stipend Payouts: S. Stern will contact the Sewer Commission to get their thoughts on a payout schedule. A PO for these requests will be forth coming. Stipends to be revisited in March.

Mowing At Transfer Station: The Selectmen felt that the rise at the Transfer Station does not necessarily need to be groomed and asked the Road Agent to skip that process next year.

Road Striping: Patterson and River Road do not need it this year however Shattuck, Nimble Hill, McIntyre and the new section of Fox point Road do. The Crosswalks and stop bars will be done. The Road Agent was also asked to address the Airport Road and McIntyre Shoulders and have them slope away 18” to 2’ out from asphalt.

Highway Garage & Salt Shed Open House: Currently, October 15 9:00am – 3:00 is set. Finger food will be provided...ie coffee & donuts in morning and finger rolls or hot dogs & soda at lunch with perhaps a cake.

Road Agent Len Thomas will be gone Sept 15 & 16 with Frank Reinhold left in charge.

The F350 truck frame needs to be fixed up and painted.

Fire Station Drainage: S. Stern would like the Board to continue moving forward with this project as before you know it, winter will be upon us and the puddling problem surfacing once again. Chr. Iocovozzi will speak to the appropriate person for tracing if necessary.

Also, Chr. Iocovozzi will look into the **Coleman divots.** He reports that **Airport and Hannah** are ok regarding the small ruts and roughness.

S. O'Reilly moved to move the remainder of the meeting in conducting a fire station site walk to review drainage – and to adjourn at 8:15pm after a 5 minute walk through. S. Stern seconded Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Beatrice Marconi – Administrative Assistant