

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2014

Chair Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Present: Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Rick Stern; John Stowell, Building Inspector; Len Thomas, Road Agent and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Minutes Approval: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the minutes of October 6th as well as the public and non-public minutes of October 15th. R. Stern seconded this with a vote of two in favor and one abstention.

Manifest Approval: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve manifests for \$144,917.62 dated 10/7/14 and \$60,772.20 dated 10/14/14 as well as one Library manifest for \$11,523.96 dated 10/7/14. R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Building Inspector Report: J. Stowell reported to the Board that the Town has collected \$153,000 in building permit fees to date in 2014. He also updated the Board on the list and recommendations regarding 2014 projects.

C. Iocovozzi moved to accept the quote for the repair work at the Old Town Hall from Coastal Remodeling not to exceed \$1,890. Rick Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. Iocovozzi moved to accept Silver Brothers Painters bid for \$1,500 to paint door and fans of Meeting House. R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.

J. Stowell stated that the Fox Point residence's back porch was in need of repair. L. Thomas stated that he and John Frink will review the project.

J. Stowell discussed the Stone School. The Stone School steps have a boiler in the basement under them. This makes it difficult to easily demolish the steps in order to rebuild. J. Stowell reported that the roof structure is in good condition. C. Iocovozzi asked J. Stowell to secure a quote to make the building weather tight. The Board consensus was to board off the steps for the time being.

J. Stowell presented the Board with a list of proposed 2015 projects. The Board approved via consensus the Fire Station's replacement of 4 exterior doors and recommended getting prices on window replacements.

The Board asked how many times does the Town pump out the grey water from the tank at the Fire Station in a year. M. Roy will get the answer and report back.

C. Iocovozzi asked for an update on Coakley Landfill projects I & II from legal counsel. M. Roy will provide this.

L. Thomas met with the Board relative to his proposed paving projects for 2015. The Board discussed each and commented on action they would like taken.

Fox Point – Grind & Pave

Old Post Road – Grind & Pave

Swan Island- Hold until all houses are built there.

Hannah Lane – top coat

Dumpling Cove- partial grind of bad sections & pave over.

Piscataqua- On hold-Wilcox may complete paving

Woodbury Avenue- Consensus of Board for Altus to retain an electrical engineer who will review work that needs to be completed by State which will bring road and electrical units up to code.

Irrigation at Library/Cemetery: C. Iocovozzi stated that the Library's irrigation contractor had connected into the Cemetery's water line. The Library can stay on the Cemetery's line and pay the water bill or the Library can get a new line installed. The Board requested a breakdown of the thousands of dollars spent.

Fire Truck Conversion: Coastal Truck checked the engine of the 1977 Pierce Pumper Fire Truck. They know of one fire truck (same age) that had been refurbished similar to what Coastal is proposing for Newington's truck. The Board would like to see this truck first, prior to taking action on the matter. C. Iocovozzi confirmed that the Town has not spent any funds on this proposed conversion yet.

Fire Department Over expenditure: Chief Andy Head submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen explaining the Fire Department's 7 budget lines that are overexpended: professional training, training equipment, physicals, computer expense, radio maintenance, hazard materials membership and alarm maintenance.

The Board directed M. Roy to send out a notification letter with the applicable law again that all overexpenditure requests need to occur prior to the expenditure being made.

Fire Department Drug & Alcohol Testing: The Board discussed the law exempting municipal employees from drug and alcohol testing or physicals. The Board was interested in what is being completed currently for firefighters and what kind of physicals they are (new hire and/or return to work).

Fox Point Erosion: M. Roy presented the Board with the timeline and cost associated with the Fox Point erosion control project. **Rick Stern moved to continue with the project as proposed. C. Iocovozzi seconded this with all in favor.**

Clicker Requests: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the Deborah Winters clicker request. R. Stern seconded this with all in favor.

Mott Pond Dam Project: The Board discussed the concerns of abutters with the dam project and asked that Tom Morgan, Town Planner research and find the Mott Pond deed from Mrs. Marjorie Mott to the Town.

Conservation Commission Projects Update: C. Iocovozzi notified the Board that the State will be coming to Newington to give an educational workshop on "You and Your Septic System". The Conservation Commission is giving out a flyer to residents about septic systems.

Non-Profit Request to Collect Change from Shoppers: The Special Olympics was approved to ask for shopper's change outside of Walmart on November 1st, however, by consensus, the Board approved this subject to the collectors standing at one door only.

Non-public Session: C. Iocovozzi moved to be to go into non-public session under RSA 91A (e). R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned to public session at 8:46pm.

C. Iocovozzi moved to seal the minutes of non-public session indefinitely. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.

Adjournment: C. Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 8:47pm. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator