

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 29, 2013

**Call to Order:** Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Allegiance.

**Present:** Chairman, Rick Stern, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi

**Public Guests:** Historic District Chair, Gail Pare; Fire Chief, Dale Sylvia; Fireman John Klanchesser; Road Agent Len Thomas; and Martha Roy

**Minutes Approval:** *Coz Iocovozzi moved to approve the Minutes for the April 15, 2013 Meeting. Jan Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0*

**Manifest Approval:** *Jan Stuart moved to approve the manifest dated 4/16/13 for \$24,461.45 and dated 4/23/13 for \$27,001.97. Coz Iocovozzi seconded, and the motion passed, 3-0*

**New Town Administrator:** *Jan Stuart moved to appoint Martha Roy as new Town Administrator. Coz Iocovozzi seconded, and the motion passed, 3-0.*

Martha signed the agreement, and said she was honored to take the position. Coz Iocovozzi said Martha has a Masters in Public Administration, and was the H.R. Administrator for Rockingham County prior to taking this position.

**HDC Appointments and Grant:** Gail Pare said the HDC had passed the preliminary Grant Phase III for Goat Island archeology, and asked the Board to approve and sign for the May 15, 2013 application due date.

***Jan Stuart moved to have Chair Stern sign when the application was complete. Coz Iocovozzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

Rick Stern said he was concerned with what was going on with the Langdon Library since he hadn't seen any minutes posted, and Gail Pare said all the minutes were in the book in the BOS office. Jan Stuart asked if the HDC was concerned with keeping the historic ambiance, and Pare said they definitely were concerned with the sight line. Rick Stern said the concern is that Pare was listed as a member of the Library Committee, which gave the appearance of a conflict. Pare said that was done mainly as a courtesy, and she was not a voting member. Pare also said the Attorney General said there is no conflict with the HDC sitting on another committee.

Pare said decisions on the exterior were dependent on the interior, and library was trying to get more information on the interior before making a decision. Jan Stuart asked if the new addition had been agreed upon by consensus of the HDC, and Gail Pare said it had approved with the contingency that the library come to the HDC for approval of the footprint and exterior. Gail Pare said Stuart should have attended the meetings, and Stuart said the meetings should have been held by the HDC not at the Library. Coz asked if Gail would be attending the Planning Board meeting, and Pare said she had a conflict on Monday nights, and Coz asked if another member of the HDC could attend. Coz asked Recording Secretary, Jane Kendall if she could inform the Planning Board, and Rick Stern said Kendall only takes minutes. Gail Pare said that would be the role of the new Town Administrator, Martha Roy.

Rick Stern said he was concerned that they might not be able to get a grant if procedures were not followed. Jan said the HDC needs to be an objective watchdog for the Historic District.

***Jan Stuart moved to reappoint Gail Pare to the HDC for the next three years. Coz Iocovozzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

***Jan Stuart moved to reappoint Paul Pelletier to the HDC also. Coz Iocovozzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

**Fox Point Trees:** Road Agent, Len Thomas discussed the condition of the maple trees on Fox Point, and recommended that the dead wood be removed. Len said second and third generation pines were growing in between them near the road and should also be taken out. Jan Stuart said the maple trees came from Europe and were planted in the early 1800's, and it would be a good idea to clean them up for the Tri-Centennial Celebration. A discussion of suspected acts of vandalism was also discussed and it was suggested that the PD parole the area more frequently.

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***Jan Stuart moved to approve the trimming of the deadwood and hazardous limbs from approximately 13 maple trees along Fox Point by Urban Tree Forest for an amount not in excess of \$4,000. Coz locovazzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

**Dump and Tire Box:** Discussion ensued regarding a request by Craig Daigle to change to a rental box for tires, as well as a locking box for computers that a recycling company picks up for free. However the company would not take the computers if they were vandalized and stripped, hence the request for a locking box

***Jan Stuart moved to approve the purchase of a locking computer box not to exceed a cost of \$400. Coz locovazzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

**LGC Charge:** Discussion ensued regarding the 2% added to Cobra insurance when purchased directly from LGC by former employees, noting that the additional 2% is currently not added when the insurance is purchased through the Town as is the case with retirees.

***Coz locovazzi moved to add 2% for new Cobra insurance payments. Jan Stuart seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

**Horse Crossing Letter:** The Board discussed the receipt of a copy of a letter sent to the State for a horse crossing sign, which required approval from the BOS. It was noted that the road in question is South Newington Road, which is State owned, and the issue is not horses crossing, but horses getting loose.

***Jan Stuart moved to table the discussion. Coz locovazzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

**Fire Station Radio:** Fire Chief, Dale Sylvia told the Board that the original bid for the new fire truck included new radios, but purchasing the radios through the fire truck company would be more expensive so the Fire Department needed a requisition to purchase them off the State bid list. The fire truck company agreed to return the price of the radios. Jan Stuart asked why they couldn't use the radios from the retired truck, and Chief Sylvia said those radios were purchased from a State grant, are old, failing and replacement parts are not available.

Jan Stuart said it is a shame to have a retired truck parked in Town, when other places are in need of fire equipment. Chief Sylvia said Waco, TX just put the word out that they are looking for a fire truck.

***Jan Stuart moved to approve the purchase of new radios not to exceed the amount of \$8,957.86. Coz locovazzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

**Red Hook at Tri-Centennial:** ***Coz locovazzi moved to table the discussion because no one from the Recreation Department was at the meeting for the discussion. Jan Stuart seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

**Fire Truck Lease:** Jan Stuart said the Town attorney said the lease would need to be voted in by the BOS as well as being voted in by Town meeting.

***Coz locovazzi moved to authorize Lease Purchase of a 2012 Smeal Custom Fire Pumper Truck and Related Accessories in the Principal Amount of \$429,566," be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.***

***That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 3, Chapter 33, §33:7-e of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended to date, and authorization of the voters of the Town of Newington at town meeting on March 16, 2013, the Chair of the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with TD Equipment Finance, Inc., or its nominee, in the name and on behalf of the Town of Newington, for a 2012 Smeal Custom Fire Pumper Truck and Related Accessories, said lease purchase agreement to be in the aggregate principal amount of Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$429,566) payable over a term not to exceed eight years with interest at an annual rate not to exceed***

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**2.41%, and otherwise in such form and on such terms not inconsistent herewith as the Chair of the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Town's legal counsel deems to be in the best interests of the Town (the "Lease");**

**That the Clerk of the Town be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver any certificates with respect to proceedings of the Town in connection therewith;**

**That the Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Selectmen, acting singly, be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such tax-exempt lease purchase agreement;**

**That no part of the proceeds of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement to be a "private activity bond" or an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Sections 141 and 148, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");**

**That the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement issued pursuant hereto be designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code;**

**That the Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Selectmen, acting singly, be and they hereby are authorized to covenant on behalf of the Town to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement, and to take all other lawful actions necessary to insure the interest portion of the rental payments under and pursuant to the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement will be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause such interest portion of the rental payments to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof... Rick Stern seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.**

**Facility Use: Jan Stuart moved to allow Patricia Borkland to used the Picnic Grove on July 7, 2013. Coz locovazzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.**

**Coz locovazzi moved to allow the Seacoast Wind Ensemble to used the Town Picnic Grove on July 20, 2013. Jan Stuart seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.**

It was decided to table of a request for the Town Hall in October by the NH Aquarium Association by Town resident, Deb Turbine.

A discussion ensued regarding a request for the Town Hall for a fundraiser by the Newington Fire Association for a part-time employee, who is not a resident and who had been injured off the job during a snow mobile accident. Fire Engineer, John Klanchesser said they would get insurance coverage for using the building for the day, and asked if the \$150 rental fee could be waived. Jan Stuart expressed concern that if they did it for one, they would be asked to do it for more, but also wondered if they should make an exception for Town workers. Coz locovazzi said there are overhead costs for the building, and the rules say everyone pays a fee. Rick Stern said there isn't a fee for non-profits. John Klanchesser said he believed the Fire Association is a non-profit.

**Coz locovazzi moved to allow the Newington Fire Association to use the Town Hall for a fundraiser on June 8, 2013 with insurance coverage, and for the amount of \$150 if they are not non-profit. Jan Stuart seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.**

**Arboretum Drive Access Clickers: Jan Stuart moved to approve a clicker for Ann Holliday of 6 Dumphling Cover who works at Pease Tradeport. Coz locovazzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.**

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***Jan Stuart moved to approve a clicker for Ann Holliday of 6 Dumpling Cover who works at Pease Tradeport. Coz locovazzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

***Coz locovazzi moved to approve a clicker for Brenda Sabine who works at Pease Tradeport. Jan Stuart seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

**Cemetery Committee:** Coz said Peggy Lamson informed him a potential member would submit a letter for appointment, and be put on the agenda.

Coz also said there are thirteen cemeteries in Newington that have to be protected, and the road crew needs to clean up the cemetery near TGIF Restaurant so the Police Department can monitor the area for vandalism.

**New Business:** A discussion of a request by the Police Commission for a flashing light vs. signage near the Transfer Station ensued

***Jan Stuart moved to approve the purchase of a light from East Coast Lighting not to exceed \$4,366. Coz locovazzi seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.***

Road Agent, Len Thomas said the porta potties at Fox Point appear to have been moved, and Jan Stuart recommended calling the company to move them back. Coz locovazzi also recommended having the police patrol the area more often.

Len also requested a load of loam to be kept in the salt shed to fill in divets. Rick Stern also asked Len to check the sides of Brickyard Way where Borussa Construction put in grass instead of gravel, allowing grass to grow up to, and under pavement, which was advised against by Town consultant, Altus Engineering.

Len informed the Selectmen that the 1997 plow pistons were leaking. Coz asked if it could be rebuilt, and Len said they were pitted and could not. Coz said Len could do whatever was necessary for maintenance of the vehicle.

Martha Roy was asked to check into local flag companies for the purchase of new State and U.S. flags for the BOS office.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 5, 2013

**Adjournment:** ***Coz locovazzi moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Jan Stuart seconded, and all were in favor.***

**Respectfully**

**Submitted by:** Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary