

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday January 16, 2012
6:30pm Town Hall

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

Present: Chairman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly and Rick Stern and Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi.

Minute Approval: *S. O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of December 29, 2011 (public and non); and the minutes of January 9, 2012. S. Stern seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.*

2012 General Government Budget: The Selectmen discussed the building maintenance budget. \$2,500 was removed for a flag pole at the highway garage and felt the Road Agent could identify the garage with a seal rather than signage at this time. Regarding a wood chipper purchase, Chr. Iocovozzi will look into leasing. Discussion went on about making the projectors in the DeRochmont Room and Auditorium wireless for operation ease.

The Board discussed the excess funds in the Highway Capital Reserve and *S. O'Reilly moved to dedicate \$75,000 towards paying the bond down out of the existing Capital Reserve and to add an article to the warrant to dissolve the balance (with accumulated interest to its closing date). S. Stern seconded. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote. (note: number adjusted to \$74,000 by BOS-amended with a Feb 6 vote)*

\$10,000 was added to Land Management Drainage for the Mott Pond Restoration Project to supplement the existing Capital Reserve. The Board hopes to address that project this year.

The AA was asked to produce a detailed computer list for the Selectmen and to have it available for the Budget Committee if requested.

2011 Encumbrances for Use in the 2012 Budget Year (in addition to 12-29-11 encumbrances)

Quality Insulation was approved to encumber (\$13,600) by a roll call vote 3-0.

Coastal Remodeling - *S. O'Reilly moved to approve the Coastal Remodeling proposal not to exceed \$1,175 for the repair of the meeting house bulkhead doors. S. Stern seconded. Roll call passed 3-0. S. O'Reilly moved to encumber \$1,175 from the Meeting House Maintenance fund for repair of the bulkhead doors 01-4194-06-430 from the proposal dated Dec 6, 2011. S. Stern seconded. Roll call passed 3-0.*

Bourassa Paving - *S. O'Reilly moved to approve the Bourassa proposal of May 2011 not to exceed \$37,566 for the paving project at the Transfer Station. S. Stern seconded. Roll call passed 3-0. S. O'Reilly moved to encumber \$37,566 from the Highway Paving line 01-4312-21-395 for the paving project at the Transfer Station. S. Stern seconded. Roll call passed 3-0.*

Snap on Tools – *Board took no action on this request*

Coastal Remodeling Grove Grill proposal – *Board took no action on this request.*

After a detailed discussion regarding the 2012 proposed budget, *S. O'Reilly moved to recommend a General Government budget of \$ 1,879,048 to the Budget committee. S. Stern seconded. This represents a -.5 comparison to the General Government budget presented last year. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0. Also, the Board voted on the attached Warrant Article recommendations.*

S. O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 7:55pm – Seconded by S. Stern. Hearing no objections, Chr. Iocovozzi called the meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted, Beatrice Marconi Administrative Assistant

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2012 TOWN WARRANT**

***To the inhabitants of the Town of Newington in the County of Rockingham and said State
qualified to vote in Town affairs:***

You are hereby notified to meet at the Newington Town Hall on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 to act on **Articles 1 - 4**. The polls will open at 11:00am and will close at 7:00pm.

The business portion of the meeting to act on Articles 5 - 26 will resume on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at **10:30am. ??**

ARTICLE 1: To choose in the manner provided by law; One (1) Selectman for 3 years; One (1) Treasurer for 1 year; One (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years; One Moderator (1) for 3 years; Two (2) Planning Board Members for 3 years; One (1) Planning Board Member for 2 years; One (1) Planning Board Member for 1 year; One (1) Cemetery Committee Member for 3 years; One (1) Cemetery Committee Member for 1 year; one (1) Cemetery Committee Member for 1 year; One (1) Board of Fire Engineers for 3 years; One (1) Police Commission Member for 3 years; One (1) Library Trustee for 3 years; One (1) Library Trustee for 2 years; One (1) Library Trustee for 1 year; One (1) Trustees of the Trust Funds for 3 years; **Three (3) Budget Committee Members for 3 years; Three (3) Budget Committee Members for 2 years; Two (2) Budget Committee Members for 1 year; and One (1) Sewer Commission Member for 3 years.**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

Amendment #1: Add the following to the definition of “frontage” in Article II of the Zoning Ordinance: “In those instances in which a property abuts multiple public ways, the Planning Board shall determine which side of the parcel is frontage.”

Amendment #2: Revise Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance, as follows: “SECTION 3 - ~~1,000'~~ Buffers: Sexually oriented businesses shall **not** be permitted in or within ~~1,000~~ 400 feet of a church, 500 feet of a school, ~~a daycare center~~, or 1,000 feet of a residence, ~~the Residential Zone~~, another sexually oriented business, or a sexually oriented business for which a building permit has been applied for.”

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of adopting the following Bicyclists Town Ordinance:

- GENERAL - All ordinances concerning bicycles shall apply to all non-motorized wheeled means of transportation, this includes, but is not limited to bicycles, tricycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, scooters, etc.
- OBSERVANCE OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS – Persons riding bicycles shall observe all traffic signs and signals; shall stop at all stop signs and shall further observe all traffic rules and regulations; shall turn only at intersections and shall ride as closely as practical to the right-hand side of the roadway and shall not impede the normal and reasonable flow of traffic.
- NO PERSON operating a bicycle in the Town of Newington shall ride two or more abreast.
- NO PERSON shall ride a bicycle on any street in the Town of Newington after dark unless the bicycle is equipped with sufficient light, attached to the front of said bicycle, visible from the front thereof, for a distance of not less than 200 feet and properly lighted; not without a tail light, red in color, or in lieu thereof, a reflector attached and visible from the rear for a distance of not less than 200 feet.

- PENALTIES – Upon conviction of any offense under this ordinance, the person shall be subject to the following penalties:

first offense: \$25.00

second offense: \$50.00

third and each subsequent offense: \$100

Any fine to which a violator is subject under this ordinance may be paid to the Clerk of Court of the Portsmouth District Court at any time prior to trial.

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of changing the term of the elected town treasurer from one year to 3 years, beginning with the term of the town treasurer to be elected at next year's regular town meeting?

For Saturday, March 17

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to change the Library Trustees from a 3 member board to a 5 member board? The trustees shall serve staggered 3 year terms or until their successors are elected and qualified. *(Majority Vote Required)*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Health Plan Deductible Supplement Fund and to raise and appropriate Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000). The purpose of this fund is for the Town's portion of annual contribution to the deductible with the conversion to Comp2500 plan after employee contribution total is met – and to appoint the Selectmen as agents. This is in addition to the town's operating budget.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate for the operating budget. The Budget Committee recommends xxxxxxxxxxxxx Dollars (\$) the Board of Selectmen recommends **Six Million One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand and Eighty Eight Dollars (\$6,156,088)**. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Thousand Dollars* (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 which was established to fund capital improvements for the Cemetery.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011 we had a balance of \$ 21,186

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding Newington's Tri-Centennial Celebration and affiliated costs.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011 we had a balance of \$ 7,000

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Conservation Escrow Fund established in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 to be used for expenses associated with the purchase of Conservation Land and open space, easements, wetlands, and other land management acquisitions. **THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)**

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011 we had a balance of \$332,484

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Capital Reserve known as the Highway Garage Building Fund established in 2006 under the provisions of RSA 35:1. Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

As of December 31, 2011 we had a balance of \$75,448

\$75,000 taken out January 2012 and paid towards the bond.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Thirty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$35,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the Replacement and/or Repair of Vehicles Operated by the Fire Department. **THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)**

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011, this fund had a balance of \$211,550

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Thirty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$35,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under provisions of RSA 35:1 for the Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011 this fund had a balance of \$95,383

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to our existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Replacement and/or Major Repairs of Vehicles and equipment operated by the Highway Department.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011 this fund shows a balance of \$30,651

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Thousand Dollars* (\$20,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 known as the Major Road Work Fund which was established for the purpose of funding major improvements to roadways.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011 we had a balance of \$126,711.62

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the Police Dept Radio/Electronics Fund established in 1998 *(and amended)* under the provisions of RSA 35:1, which was established for the purpose of purchasing, replacement or repair of needed electronics and or communication devices **and** to clarify that the Board of Selectmen are named agents to expend.
Majority Required

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)
THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011 we had a balance of \$3,479

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 known as the Langdon Library Building Fund with the Library Trustees as agents.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)
THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()
As of December 31, 2011, this fund had a balance of \$50,000

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction and or improvements and their affiliated costs to the Stone School and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund to be known as the Stone School Fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this account. This is in addition to the operating budget. *(Majority Vote Required)*

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)
THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the Recreation Area Maintenance Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (2-1)
THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()
As of Decemb3er 31, 2011, this fund had a balance of \$24,485

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of *Fifteen Thousand Dollars* (\$15,000) to be known as the Fox Point Residence Fund and to further name the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. The purpose of this fund will be for construction and/or improvements to the Residence at Fox Point and affiliated costs. This is in addition to the operating budget. *(Majority Required)*

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)
THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)* to be placed in the existing Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of payments of Severance to Town Employees in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011 this fund had a balance of \$ 129,732

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be added to the existing Fox Point Pavilion Capital Reserve.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS/IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ()

As of December 31, 2011, this fund had a balance of \$167,274

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fox Point Pavilion Capital Reserve as previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1. *(Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 24: By petition from Patty Borkland and at least 25 registered voters from Newington: To see if the Town of Newington is opposed to construction of a pavilion at Fox Point as presented to the Newington Planning Board on November 3, 2011? If this article passes, the Town shall not expend funds for construction of the proposed pavilion as provided by RSA 32:10, I (e).

ARTICLE 25: To hear the report of the Moderator on the election of officers.

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of February 2012.

We certify and attest that on or before the 15th day of February 2012, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of Meeting, and like copies at the South Newington Bulletin Board and the Meeting House, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk

The Town of Newington Board of Selectmen

Cosmas Iocovozzi, Chairman

Jack O'Reilly, Selectman

Rick Stern, Selectman

A True copy of Warrant: Attest

Cosmas Iocovozzi, Chairman

Jack O'Reilly, Selectman

Rick Stern, Selectman