

Newington Board of Selectmen's Minutes
Monday August 6, 2012 6:30 Pm
Town Hall

Chr. Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30m.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Municipal Treasurer Luanne O'Reilly, Library Trustees Lee Lamson, Guptill Knox, Melissa Prefontaine; Library Director Scott Campbell, Road Agent Len Thomas, Fire Engineer John Klanchesser, and Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi. *(Selectman Rick Stern absent)*

Minute Approval: ***S. Stuart moved to accept the minutes of July 30 for public and non public. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.***

Manifest Approval: ***S. Stuart moved to approve the manifests of July 10 \$ 56,344.94; July 17 \$ 144,414.02 & 4,350.00; July 24 \$ 241,959.26; July 31 \$ 16,022.82 Seconded by Chr. O'Reilly. Motion passed 2-0.***

Langdon Library: Library Trustee Melissa Prefontaine briefed the Selectmen on the Trustees' request to alter the accounts payable process with the Library. After consulting with Terry Knowles with the State, they would like to convert to a quarterly request for library funds approved at town meeting for their operating costs, less personnel and utility items. Their hopes are to begin October 1. These quarterly funds would be deposited in their existing check books. They currently have one checking account and a debit card. They would like to have two accounts. One for the funds forwarded from the town and one for depositing the interest from the Trustees of the Trust funds for their monies. Chr. O'Reilly noted he had called both our auditors and the DRA and was informed that this proposal is acceptable under the law. They will work with the Administrative late September to determine what will be available in October. Municipal Treasurer Luanne O'Reilly will check the RSAs to see what the law requires for her involvement in the process. *The Library Trustees also spoke of the minutes of July 2 and felt an amendment for clarity be voted on by the Selectmen. July 2 minute amendment: The Library Trust Funds, which are managed by the Trustees of the Trust Funds per RSA are NOT co-mingled. However, the Library Trust Fund is made up of multiple separate bequests which have been co-mingled for many years. Another amendment to the July 2 minutes, disbursements of trust fund income are not arbitrary. The Trustees of the Trust Funds send a check to the Library at the beginning of each quarter. In the past these check have not always equaled the total interest earned during the calendar year and the excess interest has been reinvested. The Library Trustees will be requesting all interest in the future – RSA is Title XVI, Chapter 202-A:22. The question of trust funds not being filed with the State is probably due to changes in State laws regarding trusts dating back many years. Most of the Library trusts were established over 50 years ago. In the discussion July 2, it was not the intent to blame the current Trustees of the Trust Funds. The Selectmen had no objections to these changes.*

Westinghouse Bond: Road Agent Len Thomas inspected the area of Avery off Shattuck where the under-pavement boring took place a year ago and reported no problems. ***Selectman Stuart moved to direct the Municipal Treasurer to release the bond held. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.*** The Municipal Treasurer will transfer the funds to the General Fund and the Town will cut a check for Westinghouse.

Bond Review: Information forwarded for bond review was not detailed enough for the Selectmen and Treasurer. Planner Morgan will be asked to continue his research on their purposes and establishment dates. The RSAs have time sensitive mandates on certain bonds. Regarding the Air Mitigation Fund, Chr. O'Reilly suggested using some of the funds for engineering for the bike path noting perhaps poles or mail boxes may have to be addressed. After a brief discussion, Chr. O'Reilly moved to authorize funds for engineering for a bike path along Nimble Hill Road - Seconded by Selectman Stuart. Motion passed 2-0. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board requesting them to support the Selectmen's request for use of the Air Mitigation Fund.

Bike Ride September 22: In a request from Police Chief Tretter for a rest area along with the request for Newington being part of the route, ***Selectman Stuart moved to table at this time as the Board would like more information ie: will they require police detail and is clean up in the planning. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.***

Culvert on Hannah Lane: Road Agent Thomas noted that this culvert is plugged with wood chips. Planner Morgan will be asked to research deeds, covenants, maps, etc to see if this culvert falls into the town's ROW or to determine ownership.

Len also informed the Board that he would like to take Thursday, Friday and possibly Monday off this week. John Frink to be the contact person in his absence with Victor checking in with John.

Above Gound Fuel Tanks at Highway Garage: Regarding insuring this new structure, the Selectmen wished to table this discussion at the present time. Selectman Stern will have the Ladder truck go to the site to see if the height is probmatic and if an additional overhang is possible.

Patterson Lane Paving Bids: Bell & Flynn \$125,000; Bourassa \$ 102,450; Jamco \$ 123,690. ***S. Stuart moved to accept the Bourassa bid in the amount of \$ 102,450. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.*** The AA was asked to call S. Sweeney to let her know the plan was available for viewing as she had asked about trees. The AA will inform Altus of the results of this vote.

Fire Department Grant Request for IPADS: The Board signed the PO and additional documents to proceed with the process.

Mosaic: ***S. Stuart moved to sign the agreement with the DRA regarding the State's Mosaic project authorizing Newington's participation. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.***

Letter to the Sewer Commissioners: After reviewing the draft and after amendment, the Selectmen stated they will be signing the letter to the Commissioners informing them of the change in the RSAs effective August 2012 regarding the Commission being responsible for town costs and municipal treasurer's costs incurred for sewer operations throughout the year.

Fire Engineer John Klanchesser informed the Selectmen that he had been in contact with Fire Chief Sylvia who continues to improve and should be back shortly.

Next meeting August 20.

S. Stuart moved to adjourn at 7:41pm. Chr. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi

Administrative Assistant