

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2011
6:00pm Town Hall**

Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:08pm

Present: Chr. Jan Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi and Jack O'Reilly, Road Agent Len Thomas and AA Beatrice Marconi.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non public at 6:09pm under RSA 91:a-3, I (personnel). Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and on a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to come out of non public. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed on a roll call vote 3-0.

The public portion of the meeting was then moved to the DeRochmont Room where it was lead off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman O'Reilly then moved to seal the minutes - seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0

Present: Chr. Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi, John Klanchesser, Fire Engineers Ruth Fletcher and Wib Goins, Fire Chief Dale Sylvia, and at 7:20 Justin Richardson (and daughters) and Dave Hislop arrived.

Minute Approval: Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of *Dec 29, 2010, Jan 4 Public and Non-Public, Jan 18 Non-Public*

Facility Use Security Deposit: Due to recent damages discovered after an event, the Selectmen felt innitating a security deposit policy was in order with the check to be held until after the event and an inspection done. Selectman Iocovozzi felt \$100 was in order and ***moved to request \$100 (to accompany the application) deposit with provisions to waive if the Board so chose based on each request. Selectman O'Reilly seconded.*** The Board discussed the inspection process, and when multiple events are booked so that each group can't blame the other. The Selectmen stated that they would participate in the inspections. This policy is to be effective March 1, 2011.

Remote Computer Dial in: Chr. Stuart noted her concerns with remote dial in as in this case, access was from his house. She stated she was uneasy with open ports. Selectman O'Reilly stated that he has no problem with remote dial in as most companies address computer problems in this manner. Is especially helpful with updates and quick fixes. The AA was asked to get cost lists from both Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Kapley along with his certificate of insurance. Selectman Iocovozzi felt that it may be helpful for Mr. O'Brien to come in and speak

Elementary School Feasibility Study: At the request of Patti Borkland, Chr. Stuart brought this issue to the Board. Both Selectman O'Reilly and Selectman Iocovozzi stated that this was a school board issue and not one of the Selectmen.

Assessing Contract: *On a vote of 3-0, the Selectmen approved the proposed multi year contract of Corcoran.* He will be contacted and asked to provide an actual, rather than a draft.
Warrant Articles: With petition warrant articles will accepted until Feb 1, the Board reviewed articles before them in preparation of making their recommendation or not.

COAST - Budgeted in the 2011 operating budget under Planning, a draft warrant was placed for consideration due to the fact that both the Selectmen and Budget committee voted to recommend Plannings bottom line but felt the COAST request was better placed as a Warrant Article. It was decided to remove this as a WA and leave in the budget for this year.

Recommendation passed 3-0

TRICENTENNIAL -The draft calls for a \$10,000 request, however Chr. Stuart felt that was too much as at this point the committee doesn't have an event outline. She felt it would be a tough sell on the floor if plans were not in place. With a total rough estimate of \$60,000 (including corporate donations), that number was extremely high. Selectman locovozzi felt the people would decide what level they want the celebration to be at from the floor. The WA request was dropped to \$7,000 as \$3,000 is in the proposed operating budget request.

Recommendation passed 2-1 with Chr. Stuart voting against.

SCBA - Chief Sylvia spoke to this indicating where the department is with the legal issue in their persuit to regain funds spent on the faulty units just 2 or 3 years ago. The draft WA asks for a seed of \$5,000, however the Selectmen felt after listening to the Chief and Engineers, \$ 60,000 would be a better number. It is possible that a motion to increase to \$ 120,000 may come from the floor. The Selectmen felt their signature should be penned if it got to a suit or lengthy legal matter rather than that of the Fire Engineers. Justin Richardson noted that the terms of the warrantee be checked as there are generally time limits. In summary, Attorney Mulvey will be contacted to work with the Fire Department on this issue. **Selectman O'Reilly moved to request \$ 60,000 in the warrant article. Selectman locovozzi seconded. Motion passed. Motion also passed to recommend this article 3-0.**

Remainder of Warrant Articles: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to recommend as presented. Selectman locovozzi seconded. Motions passed 3-0 See below*

For Saturday, March 12

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate for the operating budget. The Budget Committee recommends **Five Million Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Four Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$ 5,987,427)** the Board of Selectmen recommends **Five Million Nine Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$ 5,985,427)**. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Seven Thousand Dollars* (\$ 7,000) 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 ()

March 10 we added \$7,000 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2010 shows a balance of \$ 14,158

ARTICLE 5 : To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding Newington's Tri-Centennial Celebration and affiliated costs and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$ 7,000) to be placed in said fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents. Fund to be known as the Tri-Centennial Celebration Fund. (Majority vote required) This is in addition to the operating budget.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (2-1-Stuart Opposed)

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

ARTICLE 6: 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 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 ()

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Thousand Dollars* (\$ 5,000) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the Mott Pond Drainage Improvement Fund.

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

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

March 010 we added \$5,000 to this account/as of Dec 31, 2010 shows a balance of \$ 25,500

ARTICLE 8: 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 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 ()

March 2010 we added \$10,000 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2010 shows a balance of \$186,178

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Thousand Dollars* (\$ 20,000) 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 ()

March 2010 we added \$10,000 to this account/as of Dec 31, 2010 shows a balance of \$ 75,234

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town of Newington 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)

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March 2010 we added 15,000 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2010 shows a balance of \$ 15,620

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$ 25,000) 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 ()

Mar 2010 we added \$25,000 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2010 shows a balance of \$101,357

ARTICLE 12: 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.

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

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

March 2010 we added \$5,000 to this account and as of Dec 31, 2010 shows a balance of \$ 5,028

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$ 15,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund which was established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 in 2003 (*and amended*) the purpose of construction/renovation of a facility at Fox Point known as the Fox Point Pavilion Fund.

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

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

0 was added to this acct in Mar 2010. As of Dec 31, 2010 there is a balance of \$ 151,971

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding the replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment used by the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$ 60,000) for this fund. This fund is to be known as the Fire Department SCBA Fund and appoints the Board of Selectmen as Agents. 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 15: To see if the Town shall vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Langdon Library Building Fund for the purpose of construction of an addition or improvements to our Library and to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 50,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Library Trustees as agents. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (majority vote required).

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

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ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town Vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes as provided under RSA 80:52-a.

ARTICLE 18: To hear the report of the Moderator on the election of officers.

FOX POINT PAVILION VOTE: In light of the public hearing January 10 and the Fox Point Building Committee's recommendations brought forth, ***Selectman locovozzi moved to go forward with the 30x40 pavilion design. Selectman O'Reilly seconded.*** Chr. Stuart felt that the board should put their support towards what the majority supported at the public hearing. (24' gazebo) Selectman O'Reilly stated that the attendees that evening did not necessarily a huge representation of the voters. Selectman locovozzi felt the majority there favored the Town proceeding with improvements to the Carriage House over time. The Board stated that the committee did an excellent job. ***On a vote of 2-1 (Chr. Stuart voting against) the motion passed.***

Chr. Stuart will call Mr. Stern who will contact the rep there at the public hearing and with working with the Building Inspector, plans will move forward.

D.O.T. Mitigation: Justin Richardson and Dave Hislop brought the Selectmen up to date on how negotiations are proceeding. Regarding a cost for an appraisal, Justin was going to approach the Conservation Commission, however the Selectmen stated legal funds are available. A cost proposal will be forwarded.

PDA Wetlands Litigation: The Board was informed that the issue was moving forward and that a court extension will be sought.

Nimble Hill Gate Clicker Program: *Selectman O'Reilly moved to move forward with the sale of clickers to the residents at a cost of \$ 25.00. Chr. Stuart seconded.* Selectman locovozzi stated that with increased use will come more chances of mechanical problems coupled with the access road on the other side needing grading and paving. ***Motion passed 2-1*** (Selectman locovozzi voting against)

Town Report Award: In light of the Town's 2009 Annual Report winning 2nd place in their category, Chr. Stuart would like to see the Selectmen acknowledge this honor. Selectman locovozzi encouraged the Chair to proceed with seeking out the appropriate thank you gift in recognition of LuAnne O'Reilly's beautiful job and appreciation of the time she dedicates to this project annually.

Resignation of Edna Mosher – The Selectmen accepted Ms. Mosher's resignation from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the 1713 Committee.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn. Seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant