

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 22, 2011  
Town Hall 6:30

Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Present:** Chr. Stuart, Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi and Jack O'Reilly, Road Agent Len Thomas, Transfer Station Director Craig Daigle, residents Bill Murray and Dave Philbrick. Also in attendance was Beatrice Marconi, Administrative Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Minute Approval:** *Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the minutes of February 7<sup>th</sup> –Motion passed.*

**Little Bay Road Extension:** Mr. Murray urged the Board to prioritize Little Bay Road Extension as part of the paving schedule and because of its deplorable condition, he felt it was not originally built correctly. Selectman Iocovozzi agreed as did Chr. Stuart and Selectman O'Reilly. He was informed that Altus Engineering has been called upon to propose what they feel will be the correct route to take and although the holes have been temporarily filled, the Board hopes to address this project this year.

**Troiano Contract (solid waste):** Transfer Station Director Craig Daigle presented the Selectmen with a one year contract for signing with Troiano Waste along with a contract from Eco-Maine who receive the waste. If either party wants to relinquish this agreement, that party must notify the other party. This new company takes plastic grocery bags, does not automatically add on a fuel surcharge fee, goes through demo hoppers for recyclables and is less expensive. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to authorize the chairman to sign the necessary contracts. Motion passed 3-0.*** Craig will work with the AA and put together a letter for Waste Mgmt.

**Dumpsters - Old Town Hall and Fire Station:** The dumpster at OTH is rented. The one at the Fire Station is owned by the town. Road Agent Len Thomas will give the town a price to buy the unit out right located at Old Town Hall. A discussion arose about moving it to the H/W garage site, however Chr. Stuart felt the convenience of it being right at Old Town Hall was a main factor in people utilizing it. The Road Agent will report back.

**Posting Roads:** The Selectmen felt mid-March is when the posting should be done. The Road Agent was going to inform the owner of a site that is due to be logged that they must have their project completed before the posting.

**Beane Lane:** Chr. Stuart noted that there were triangular pieces of pavement protruding up from the road and felt Len should caution his drivers to use care until the problem is addressed. Our highway crew will also put up the frost heaves signs.

**Road Side Trash Pick Up:** Road Agent Len Thomas asked the Board if with this switch in our waste carriers if the roadside trash pickup route was in jeopardy. Selectman Iocovozzi and Len will talk at a later time however Chairman Stuart assured Mr. Thomas that the Selectmen were not looking to switch.

**Shattuck Way:** Selectman Iocovozzi asked Len if he would check out Shattuck Way and pick out areas of concern that should be addressed.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Chief Jon Tretter expressing safety concerns about having two crosswalks in the industrial zone on Shattuck, yet only single sided blinking lights. Copy of letter to be forwarded to Planning with notification that the town was proceeding with getting prices for the heads to be converted to two sided blinking lights maybe even solar powered. The Selectmen then discussed cost saving

measures ie. turning every other street light off after midnight. Selectman O'Reilly will continue to work with our PSNH rep and run this concept by her.

**Personnel Policy Revisions:** At the last Selectmen's meeting, the Board reviewed several changes in our personnel Policy one of which was supplementing the amount an employee is entitled to via a work related injury (worker's comp). WC only pays 60%, and as discussed, the Board recognized that this loss in income places financial pressure on the families involved. The Board felt if they supplemented the full 40%, it might not be an incentive to return to duty as soon as possible. The Selectmen asked the AA to make that change to the policy and to bring back for review and signatures. The Board wants to have these changes take effect April 1, 2011.

**Health Officer:** *Selectman Jack O'Reilly moved to appoint Building Inspector John Stowell as Health Officer. Motion passed 3-0.* Papers signed. (Chief Dale Sylvia remains assistant health officer)

**Gas/Diesel Tanks at the new Highway Garage Site:** The Board came to agree that the fuel tanks at the highway garage site will be primarily used to fuel up highway department vehicles. Cruisers are urged to utilize the fleet card or the State of NH distribution area if out and en route when possible. Fire Department is urged to do the same. However, at night or during emergencies or hardships, they can utilize the town's tanks. The Board feels Fire Engines should continue to fuel up at Sprague, however in an emergency, if needed, can access town tanks. Selectman O'Reilly will review the Board's wishes with both Chiefs.

**Fox Point – Plowing down to the Boat Ramp:** Dave Philbrick asked the Board why the town did not plow down to the boat ramp. He was concerned about lack of access in cases of emergencies on the river. The Board said that access was at the marina and the reason they do not plow is because the road cannot withstand the large vehicles and over years, erosion has become a problem. Mr. Philbrick felt with the traffic being diverted towards the renter's house, it could be a concern. The Board explained that they have not heard any complaints.

**Energy Audit:** In an article in City and Town, it stated that we may be qualified for an energy audit to enable us to determine where our weaknesses are or where improvements to conserve energy could be made. Selectman O'Reilly will ask the Building Inspector to look into it.

**Meeting House:** Regarding alarming the building, the Board had concerns that it should be alarmed as in most other town buildings however it has been said that the Deacons prefer it to not be armed. Selectman Iocovozzi will sit down with the Deacons to discuss the alarms. Regarding groups using the Meeting House, Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the Deacons always handled that building's use. Chr. Stuart felt since it was a town building, the Selectmen should know which groups are there.

**Pavilion at Fox Point:** Chr. Stuart spoke with Mr. Sterns, chairman of the Fox Point Pavilion Building Committee regarding the next step now that the Board had decided on the 30' x 40' structure. He will have a better idea on his availability in a couple of weeks. Regarding the Carriage House, Selectman O'Reilly explained to the audience that because of community interest, the Board hopes to continue to fund upgrades and renovations over time. ADA requirements will impact the overall cost, and as the economy changes over time, renovations and building maintenance are subject to change.

**Facility Use:** Wind Ensemble requests Town Hall Auditorium June 14,21,28 July 5,12,19,26 Aug 2  
For rehearsals. 6:00pm – 10:00pm ***Request granted.*** Deposit requirement and fee waived.

**Coalition:** A hearing in Concord on Friday regarding the elimination of Donor towns (SB183) welcomes community input. A letter will be drafted by the AA and forwarded on to the Coalition.

***At 7:41pm, came a motion to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.*** Respectively Submitted, Beatrice Marconi