

A Public Informational Meeting on the Park Master Plan was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, November 26, 2001, at the Newstead Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

Present: Donald C. Holmes, Supervisor  
Gerald F. Summe – Councilman  
Thomas George – Councilman  
David L. Cummings – Councilman  
Joan M. Glor – Councilwoman  
Donnal D. Folger – Code Enforcement Officer  
James Ebersole – Highway Superintendent  
Nathan Neill – Attorney for the Town  
Andrew Reilly – Town Engineer  
Carole D. Borchert – Town Clerk  
Kathleen M. Lang – Deputy Town Clerk

Supervisor Holmes asked Councilman Summe to chair the meeting, being he has worked with the project. Councilman Summe stated that he has worked with 5 or 6 Town committees and the Town Board to try and develop a 20 plus year span for use of the Town Park property located on Buell Street. He introduced Mark Mistretta of Wendel, who presented a Conceptual Plan from ideas and needs of the committees by showing a diagram. The plan shows an active two multi use soccer fields, ball diamond, court games, trails, lighting elements, picnic area, parking, playground and new tree plantings. It is not a complicated plan, easy flowing, and can accommodate other needs as they arise.

Mr. Mistretta opened the floor for questions.

Councilman Summe questioned the positioning of the Babe Ruth baseball diamond and fencing because of the walkways.

Norma Bluhm, 142 Buell Street, asked if this park would be strictly for Town of Newstead residents. She was told it would depend on funding, if state fund grants are used it may have to be opened to all. She also asked about snowmobile use. These issues would be addressed with signage to start.

Tom Perry, 11 Stoneridge, inquired about restrooms and water, which are both on the property.

Larry Izydorczak stated in using the fields this fall for Little League Football, there was enough area for concessions stands. He also indicated an interest to help raise funds for future improvements and hoped other community organizations would do the same.

Roger Brewer questioned dimension of the soccer field, 210' X 320", and provisions for first-aid vehicles to access the area. The trails are wide enough for emergency and police patrol vehicles.

Dante Marconi's property is on the edge of the park and he would like the town to plant trees to separate. Spruce trees should be finished. He also asked about entrances. Only access will be Skyline Drive and Buell Street.

Councilman Summe said the Town is always looking for money through grants to complete these types of projects. At this time the project for 2002 is tree planting of at least 36 more trees by the Akron Lions Club.

Councilman Summe also stated that with a conceptual plan in place, the Town is in a better position to apply and receive funds as grant opportunities become available. The plan is to do the Babe Ruth fields now, tennis courts later, as needed. Direct lighting will be down the middle with shields so as not to offend. Trees will be added with a possible memorial tree planting. The trees that are now there were planted and funded by the Akron Lions Club and Town of Newstead.

Drew Reilly, Town Engineer, agreed that with this plan available, it can be used when the need arises.

There being no one further to speak a motion by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilman George to close the meeting at 8:10 PM

A Regular meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, November 26, 2001 at Newstead Town Hall at 8:11 PM

Present: Same As Above.

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Holmes.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on November 12, 2001 were presented for approval. Councilwoman Glor's name was added as being present. A motion was made by Councilman Summe, seconded by Councilman Cummings that they be approved, as presented.

Communications – Town Clerk presented the following:

A letter from Robert Scheib, Going Places Van Driver for the Town of Newstead, requesting permission to provide van service to a new handicapped client that will require an extended work day. He is willing to accommodate.

A report from Akron Fire Company, Inc. with the Annual Department Operations Summary Report – 2000, Anticipated Annual Income Statement – 2001, Annual Department & Company Budget Report- 2000, 2001 and Fire Department Contract Request – 2001- 2002.

A letter from Wendel Duchscherer with the Town of Newstead Water District No. 5 – Phase II Water Supply Permit.

A letter from Time Warner Communications with a notice of rate increases effective January 2002.

A letter from Erie County Department of Environment and Planning with an Action Alert for No Farmland Protection and Environmental Stewardship Funding for 2001-2002.

A letter from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation with the SEQRA for Water District No.5 Phase II Water line.

A faxed transmission from the Town of Amherst Central Alarm Office with total calls for Akron being 52 and Newstead being 27 for the month of October 2001.

The Town of Newstead Supervisor's Report of Cash Received for the month of October 2001 was received.

A letter and application booklet from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation with the announcement of availability of funds for water quality improvement projects for the years 2001-2002 for Water Quality Improvement Projects.

A notice from Erie County STOP- DWI of a briefing to be held Friday, November 30, 2001 in the Town of Orchard Park entitled Erie County Central Police Services Mapping Traffic Stops.

A newsletter from Rural Transit Service, Inc. entitled "Volunteer".

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Cummings to receive and file as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Supervisor Holmes reported on the work session held last week, November 19<sup>th</sup>, having discussed: Little League Football contract, airport resolution with Dick Forrestel, Seniors and the fire hall – how long; payments to fire company, ECWA tank proposal, Rural-Metro contract, Highway Insurance, 2002 Insurance, Health Insurance Package, and Purchase Energy under Erie County Contract.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke.

Approval of Bills – Councilwoman Glor reviewed Abstract #20 and found it to be in order. She has reviewed the vouchers on Abstract # 21 numbered 1008 through 1036 and recommends payment as follows: General Fund “A” – \$1,784.85, Highway Outside Village “DB” \$2,585.42, Capital Projects- WD#5 –“HC” \$35,835.78, Library Project “HE” \$ 293,121.77, Refuse Fund “SR” \$6,293.21, Sewer Fund “SS” \$3,909.22, Water Districts “SW #5” \$52.66, totaling \$343,582.91.

Councilman Cummings seconded the motion to approve.

Carried Unanimously

#### COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Ebersole reported his department is ready for the snow. He is looking into pricing for a new John Deere and Cat Loader this week, the rest of the equipment is in great shape. Paving at the Library was done at a cost between \$8,000-\$9,000. He still has concerns with the posting of the new speed limit on Dye Road. He will be working with the County on this matter. He is also working on a plan with Village Superintendent Kowalik on applying for partner grant with needs of both Town and Village. The funding and grants would be shared for State funds. The water has been turned off at the pavilion where they discovered it had been broken into. He has recommended more police patrolling at the site.

Assessor – Not present

Code Enforcement Officer – The following building permit report was presented for the record:

Joanne Kostanciak	5495 S.Newstead Rd.	Unattached 2 car garage
Christian Airman	John Street	Precast electrical bldg.

He stated that his department has compiled a Refuse and Recycling Complaint Report and Off Road Vehicle Ordinance Report for review.

Town Clerk – She read the October 2001 Dog Control Officers Report and reminded everyone of the Safety Dinner scheduled for next Monday, December 3, 2001 at the Akron House. Deadline for reservations is Friday.

Attorney for the Town – Nothing at this time.

#### COUNCILPERSONS

Summe – Nothing at this time.

George – Nothing at this time.

Cummings – Nothing at this time.

Glor – Nothing at this time.

SUPERVISOR – He reported that he met the NYSDOT Regional Director on a 3-color light at the intersection of Rt. 93 and Rt. 5. At this time the area does not qualify, but the hardware for a 3-color light will be installed, if and when it is needed. After rebuilding Route 5 a traffic study will determine if needed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #5 – The following resolution was moved by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Cummings authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Department of Health applications.

(Resolution Attached)

Carried Unanimously

Library Project – Councilman George reported that he would like to personally thank Jim Ebersole and the Highway Department for the binder placement at the Library. There was a substantial savings by having our highway department do the work, instead of a bid of \$32,000. The work was done for about \$8 to \$9,000. Wood roof and deck to be started this week closing in for the winter with a Spring opening still on schedule.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Councilman Summe met with Engineer Reilly, and Supervisor Holmes on comments this morning moving process along for early next year.

Water/Sewer Hook up at Park – Paper work is being signed and sent to the Town of Newstead on finishing also on WD#7A, per Engineer.

Park Master Plan – Discussion to follow after public informational meeting was held tonight.

AOL/Time Warner franchise – Still awaiting as the Town attorney has not heard back.

Christian Airmen Re-Zoning – will be meeting soon

Facility Study – Councilwoman Glor reported nothing new at this time.

Toll Barrier – Nothing new.

Little League Football Contract – A motion was made by Councilman Summe, seconded by Councilman Cummings authorizing the Supervisor to sign said contract.

Carried Unanimously

ECWA Tank Proposal – A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to table and take off agenda.

Carried Unanimously

Heating Fuel/Electric purchase under County Contract – A motion was made by Councilman Summe, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to authorize Supervisor Holmes to sign said contract.

Carried Unanimously

Other- Christian Airman – The following resolution was moved by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Summe for Municipal Endorsement.

(Resolution Attached)

Carried Unanimously

#### NEW BUSINESS

EMS Contract – A motion was made by Councilman Summe, seconded by Councilman Cummings to authorize Supervisor Holmes to sign said contract.

Carried Unanimously

Contract for School Tax Collection - A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Summe authorizing the Supervisor to sign said contract and forward to the School for signatures, authorizing the collection of School Taxes by the Town Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

Soil Removal at Ivy Ridge – no action

Other – The following resolution was moved by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to increase number of accumulated sick days for full time highway employees.

(Resolution Attached)

Carried Unanimously

Assessor's Request - A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to approve attendance of the Assessor to Seminars and meetings during the year 2002, as per his letter.

Carried Unanimously

Web site- Supervisor Holmes questioned the status of the web site. Councilman Cummings requested Work session time to discuss.

Question Period – Norma Bluhm, 142 Buell Street, requested board members to speak louder as it is hard to hear and to understand conversations.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Summe to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Carole D. Borchert, RMC  
Town Clerk