

Board of Selectmen
Meeting
April 28, 2008
MINUTES

The meeting was properly posted. McAuley and Anderson are present constituting a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

McAuley outlines selection process to fill selectman position vacated by Stephen Griffin. McAuley nominates Betsy Hardwick to fill the position. Hardwick will retain seat as chairman of the Conservation Commission. Town Counsel advises there is no statutory prohibition. Anderson seconds. Passed 2-0. Hardwick is seated as third selectman.

Barbara Jean Carbee expresses concern over impact of Hardwick's appointment with the Conservation Commission. Is there a perceived conflict of interest? McAuley reiterates town counsel opinion. Any conflict with ConCom will be resolved by Hardwick's recusal.

Polly Freese also questioned the perceived conflict of interest and expressed concern that Hardwick might wear herself out.

Hardwick was sworn in at 7:15 pm.

Carolyn Clark appeared and asked when she could expect the promised letter from the Board regarding the Clark's in-home business. She also objected to statements attributable to her in earlier selectmen's minutes. She specifically objected to, "only have an in-home business" and "agreed never to tow a vehicle onto the property." She expressed concern that the Board had only one complaint over vehicles registered to themselves filed by someone who threatened to sue the town. Further, the process is not helpful and assistance is not easily obtained. Planning Board chairman Sara Pyle explained the site review process. Subsequently, the aforementioned letter was delivered in hand to Mrs. Clark.

In response to a complaint by Scott Carbee, McAuley explained that the Quilty flags had been moved in the lobby because the fire marshal noted they were blocking the fire alarm.

Barbara Jean Carbee observed that the town had purchased new dump trucks for the highway department and are we hiring companies to haul gravel for the town of Frankestown. She specified having seen a Hardwick truck travelling on the 2nd NH Tpk North loaded with sand, even though the road is posted with a weight limit. She later came to find out that the highway department was spreading gravel that had been dumped from somewhere on the Turnpike. McAuley explained that FS&G might haul for specific projects if the cost was beneficial to the town. Thomas Thibeault's resignation was effective Saturday, April 26. The Police Chief will take over training the new officer.

Sara Pyle asked if the proposed 5% budget cut reflect the total budget shortfall. That figure is estimated at \$80,000. The Highway and Police Departments will make significant contributions.

Barbara Jean Carbee advised that the Board had failed to inform the library that Merle Jones' committal is Saturday. Asked what was spent on reinforcing the floor, cost of building the room, was there a vapor barrier and was it fire rated. Years ago we were told that the furnace had to be in a separate room. Why does that no longer apply. McAuley explained the process of fire rating.

Betsy Weiderhold reported that there are washouts in Cemetery #3. Last year she asked for taking and reseeding. Heavy equipment has dug up the grass. Can the prisoners work from the main gate to the south end and install stakes between the road and the wall? Are we going to get monthly budget sheets? McAuley explained the new reporting process now being developed using Quick Books.

Polly Freese still has a ridge of sand in her yard and water sheds off the road using the same path as prior to the repaving. Repaving didn't solve the problem as promised.

McAuley moved to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Anderson seconds. Passed 3-0.

M. Anderson