

Official

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 22, 2005

PRESENT: D. Belanger, M. DiBitetto, P. Fitanides, P. Loiselle, G. Longfellow, M. Ruel, P. Rueppel, D. St. Pierre, Chairman M. Jolin (excused), M. Sharma (Town Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER: Vice- Chair M. Ruel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

D. St. Pierre moved at 6:34 pm to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Motion seconded by P. Fitanides. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

P. Rueppel moved at 7:25 pm to exit the non-public session. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

The Council made a statement that they voted not to divulge the minutes of the non-public session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 8, 2005 – G. Longfellow moved to approve the June 8, 2005 minutes as amended. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. **Motion carried.** D. Belanger and P. Rueppel abstained, not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Harold Murray, 311 Hackett Hill Road received a call from Mr. Paul Lambert who now lives in Arizona with regards to the Lambert Park sign. On behalf of his mother, Mr. Lambert is requesting for the sign to be repaired and reinstalled. The Town Administrator would look into the matter and will send a letter to Mrs. Lambert.

Kenneth Gifford, Amoskeag Rowing Club Board of Directors member updated the Council on the status of the agreement between the Amoskeag Rowing Club and the Town relative to the use of the town boat ramp. The final draft agreement is scheduled to be voted on at their next meeting on July 18th and will be submitted to the Council for its action.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS:

Appointments for 2005-2006 Board Membership

D. St. Pierre moved to appoint **Ronald A. Latouche** as a full member of the Building Board of Appeals, term to expire 6/2010. G. Longfellow seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

G. Longfellow moved to appoint **Harold C. Murray** as a full member of the Building Board of Appeals, term to expire 6/2010. D. Belanger seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. St. Pierre moved to appoint **Chris Lally** as a full member of the Conservation Commission, term to expire 6/2008. G. Longfellow seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. St. Pierre moved to appoint **Steve Couture** as a full member of the Conservation Commission, term to expire 6/2008. G. Longfellow seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

G. Longfellow nominated Patricia Demers as an alternate member of the Heritage Commission, term to expire 6/2008.

M. DiBitto moved to close nominations on the Heritage Commission. P. Fitanides seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

M. DiBitto moved to suspend the rules relative to appointment. D. St. Pierre seconded. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

D. St. Pierre moved to appoint **Patricia Demers** as an alternate member of the Heritage Commission, term to expire 6/2008. G. Longfellow seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

M. DiBitto moved to table the appointment of Dagmar Arruda to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. G. Longfellow seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. St. Pierre moved to appoint **Mike Horne** as a full member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, term to expire 6/2008. P. Loiselle seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. St. Pierre moved to appoint **Robert Sullivan** as a full member of the Planning Board, term to expire 6/2008. P. Loiselle seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. St. Pierre moved to appoint **Richard G. Marshall** as a full member of the Planning Board, term to expire 6/2008. P. Loiselle seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. St. Pierre moved to appoint **Robert Duhaime** as an alternate member of the Planning Board, term to expire 6/2007. P. Loiselle seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

G. Longfellow moved to appoint **John Gryval** as an alternate member of the Planning Board, term to expire 6/2008. D. St. Pierre seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

P. Fitanides moved to appoint **Richard Bairam** as a full member of the Police Commission, term to expire 6/2008. G. Longfellow seconded.

Roll Call:

D. Belanger	Yes	M. Ruel	Yes		
M. DiBitto	Yes	P. Rueppel	Yes		
P. Fitanides	Yes	D. St. Pierre	No		
P. Loiselle	Yes	G. Longfellow	Yes	7-1	<u>Motion carried.</u>

G. Longfellow proposed to reduce the number of members of the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee to five (5) full members, including one Council representative and two (2) alternates. This will make an odd number of voting members.

M. Sharma stated that when the committee was originally formed, it consisted of six (6) full members, a council representative and two (2) alternate members. It is for the Council to decide to keep the same structure or make changes.

Council consensus was to table the discussion on the membership and appointments on the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee until the July 13th meeting.

D. Belanger moved to appoint **Tracy Murphy-Roche** as a full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, term to expire 6/2008. D. St. Pierre seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Belanger moved to appoint **Chris Pearson** as a full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, term to expire 6/2008. P. Loiselle seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

M. DiBitto moved that all councilors who will be continuing on after July 1st retain their current positions with the boards until the new election could be held on July 13th. D. St. Pierre seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:

Hooksett Citizen/Taxpayer Volunteers (HCTV) re: Master Plan

Michael Sorel and Molly Kelahan, Co-Chairs for HCTV handed out packets of information regarding the June 4th public hearing on the Master Plan. M. Sorel introduced Mr. Peter Doyon (11 Briar Court), a member of HCTV.

P. Doyon stated he was representing the residents of Hackett Hill Road and Poore Road. He presented a map and an aerial photograph of the southwestern part of the town and the proposed land use map showing the industrial land use. His purpose for attending the meeting is to voice his opposition to the future industrial land use map as presented. He said that there were no studies conducted in support of the future industrial use in question. He added that consideration should have been given to the newly voted amendment ordinance #8, which prohibits the rezoning of land to either commercial or industrial use in areas identified as protection priorities in Hooksett Open Space Plan. He requested that funds be appropriated for conducting necessary studies prior to making future land use decisions.

D. St. Pierre commented that HCTV has done an outstanding job helping with the Master Plan; however, he disagrees with them on certain issues. The Master Plan was designed by a group of selected people from the town. Each neighborhood is expected to give a little for the betterment of the town. He explained that the Council does not have authority over the Planning Board but their concerns would be passed on to the Planning Board.

M. Ruel reiterated what D. St. Pierre stated and added that as a community, the town needs industrial properties and has to figure out the best place for it. She asked the group to be prepared to become a part of the solution.

P. Doyon said the residents would support an industrial location backed up by a study.

Plourde Sand & Gravel, re: Communications Tower

Plourde Sand & Gravel had requested to use the town's communications tower for their computer (see 5/11/05 minutes). The tower is currently being used by the Town of Allenstown Highway Department. The Town of Allenstown has no objections on Plourde S&G's use of the tower. Plourde S&G was advised there would be cost associated to the use of the tower in the amount of \$150.00 per month. The Town Administrator requested that the Council charge Plourde S&G \$150.00 per month rental fee for using the tower.

Council consensus was to charge Plourde S&G \$150.00 per month for the use of the tower.

OLD BUSINESS:

Acceptance of \$25.00 Donation to the Heritage Commission, per RSA 674:44-b(h)

D. St. Pierre moved to accept the donation per RSA 674:44-b(h). Motion seconded by P. Loiselle.
Motion carried unanimously.

Encumbrances

M. Sharma informed the Council that the Finance Director, D. Savoie was able to find \$50,000.00 to be encumbered for paving.

P. Loiselle moved to encumber an additional \$50,000.00 for paving making the total amount encumbered \$200,000.00. D. St. Pierre seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Roll Call:

D. Belanger	Yes	M. Ruel	Yes		
M. DiBitetto	No	P. Rueppel	Yes		
P. Fitanides	Yes	D. St. Pierre	Yes		
P. Loiselle	Yes	G. Longfellow	Yes	7-1	<u>Motion carried.</u>

M. DiBitetto asked if the Town is working under last year's contract with paving. He also asked to authorize paving under last year's pricing, if possible. The Town Administrator would obtain the new pricing and the amount of money the Town has spent on paving for the current year.

Dispatch Center Improvements

M. Sharma informed the Council that Chairman M. Jolin met with Deputy Fire Chief Mike Hoisington to discuss the Dispatch Center improvements. It was determined that the Dispatch Center was not in code violation. Chairman M. Jolin suggested spending the money, should the Council decide to do so, to fix other structural problems instead of replacing a window with a door.

M. DiBietto moved to table any action on the matter. Motion seconded by D. Belanger.

Roll Call:

D. Belanger	Yes	M. Ruel	Yes		
M. DiBietto	Yes	P. Rueppel	No		
P. Fitanides	Yes	D. St. Pierre	No		
P. Loiselle	Yes	G. Longfellow	Yes	6-2	<u>Motion carried.</u>

Danais Land Purchase on By-pass 28

At a previous meeting Mr. Richard Danais offered to purchase land owned by the Town located at the Industrial Park on By-pass 28. P. Loiselle asked the Town Administrator for an update on the matter. M. Sharma would keep the new Town Administrator, David Jodoin apprised.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Meeting Schedule

M. DiBietto moved to table the matter until the July 13th meeting when all Councilors are present. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

East Point Park Bond Release

D. St. Pierre moved to release the East Point Park Bond. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle.

Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Solid Waste State Grant for \$1,189.11

P. Loiselle moved to accept the grant. Motion seconded by D. Belanger. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Revisions to the Town's Fireworks Ordinance

M. DiBietto proposed to revise the Fireworks Ordinance as it is written. Currently, the Fireworks Ordinance as it is written requires a permit for the discharge of fireworks. It does not differentiate between fireworks conducted by licensed pyrotechnicians and permissible types, which are sold to consumers. He added that the Fire Department had indicated that they never issued permits for permissible fireworks. They do issue permits for campfire or any fire hazard conditions. He suggested holding a public hearing on the proposed revision to clearly define the ordinance.

Discussion on the matter ensued.

Council consensus was to table the matter until the ordinance is reviewed.

Municipal Building Project Seminar

P. Rueppel attended the seminar on "Starting a Municipal Building Project" sponsored by the Local Government Center. She found the seminar to be informative. She said LGC would be willing to meet with the Council to talk about what was discussed at the seminar.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Boat Ramp

He updated the Council regarding the boat ramp land ownership dispute between the Town and the Hebert family. A deed to the property was located. It seems that the Town owns the property. It was purchased from Ernest & Mary Lefebre in 1952 for \$1.00. The town attorney will send a letter to Mr. Roger Hebert asking him to remove the sign and posts within two weeks.

2. Mt. St Mary's Apartments

The Town had an agreement with Mr. Dick Anagnost to pay half the cost of winter road maintenance for the use of the driveway to the Public Library. The Town never billed Mr. Anagnost, therefore he never paid. M. Sharma negotiated with Mr. Anagnost to pay the Town \$4,500.00 for six (6) years (2000-2005) road maintenance at \$750.00 per year. In the mean time, the Fire Department billed Mr. Anagnost \$2,227.50 for a fire detail done on June 9th and 10th. The sprinklers failed when lightning struck the PSNH transformer. He asked the Council to grant Mr. Anagnost a one-time partial waiver to his bill as an act of reciprocity.

M. Ruel asked how the fees would be handled if the Fire Department has to do another fire watch detail due to sprinkler problems. This is the second time it happened. M. Sharma said it would be handled the way it was handled in the past. Discussion on the matter ensued.

M. DiBitetto moved to table any action on waiving any fees until the Council knows why the sprinkle system at Mt. St. Mary's Apartments requires a back up tanker when the power is out. No second. **Motion died.**

P. Loiselle moved to authorize the Town Administrator to waive 50% (\$1,113.75) of the fire watch detail fee under special circumstance. Motion seconded by D. St. Pierre.

Roll Call:

D. Belanger	No	M. Ruel	Yes		
M. DiBitetto	No	P. Rueppel	Yes		
P. Fitanides	No	D. St. Pierre	Yes		
P. Loiselle	Yes	G. Longfellow	Yes	5-3	<u>Motion carried.</u>

3. M. Sharma is leaving his position with the Town. His last day is July 8th. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the Town of Hooksett.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, M. Ruel reminded the Council that when some agenda items are not covered in the meeting, it is protocol that the next meeting be started where it was left off. Sub-committee reports have to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn F. Horn
Administrative Assistant

Michael J. DiBitetto
Town Council Secretary