

## Official

### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 10, 2005 Town Council Chambers**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

P. Loiselle called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Councilors: Acting Chair, P. Loiselle, D. Belanger, M. Jolin, P. Fitanides, G. Longfellow, P. Rueppel, D. St. Pierre, S. Werksman, and Town Administrator, D. Jodoin

Excused: M. DiBitetto

#### **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.

***M. Jolin motioned to enter into non-public session. D. Belanger seconded. Roll call vote carried unanimously.***

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**July 27, 2005**

***G. Longfellow motioned to approve the minutes of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as submitted. Seconded by P. Rueppel  
Vote unanimously in favor.***

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

P. Loiselle opened public session:

June Larkins, President of Amoskeag Rowing Club, spoke to clarify and answer questions coming from the Town Councilors regarding the clubs use of the boat ramp. A letter was submitted to the Council explaining the background of the club. June Larkins expressed her gratitude to the town for their support of the club. She explained that after becoming aware of the access problems in April, the club took steps to alleviate those problems. They do not want to impede access and they feel they have successfully addressed the access issues. She expressed confusion over the recent concern regarding access and the subsequent consideration of the town to take over the facility. Since the members of the club have not had the opportunity to be part of the discussion, they requested the opportunity to be included in the process. A scrapbook, assembled by a member of the club, including pictures, by-laws, mission statement and letters will be left with Mr. Jodoin for review by the Council. Ms. Larkins closed with a last appeal to the board to be included in the process of resolving any issues and determining a solution with the town.

P. Loiselle stated that the intent of the subcommittee is to make the club part of the solution.

J. Norman, Manchester resident and former District Councilor stated that he is looking forward to working with the committee. Mr. Norman has two sons at Central who participate on the crew team. He informed the Council that the crew team recently competed in Philadelphia where they

returned with a Gold medal. This event brought pride and recognition to the Amoskeag Rowing Club of Hooksett. He spoke of the rejuvenation of the Merrimack River and its value as a resource to the community. He stated that he looks forward to meeting with the committee in the future.

P. Loiselle requested more information on the Philadelphia competition.

J. Norman informed the board that it will be in the Hooksett Banner.

D. St.Pierre: "I will lobby for the bass fisher and the professional skiers and the State of NH in opposition. I want others to have the ability to use the ramp as well. The jet skier and bass fisher can't use that ramp because they don't have access. As long as other people have the same access, I will go away."

T. Pfaff, Hooksett resident and father of a son on the rowing team expressed his support for the club. He pointed out how much the sport has grown over the last four years from 4 students to now over 70 students participating. Mr. Pfaff originally worked on the committee which negotiated the use of the ramp and is willing to work with the new committee to resolve any issues.

Alexandra Farrell, member of the Crew Team, stated that the sport has brought students together and taught them the importance of teamwork.

P. Loiselle closed public session

#### **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

P. Loiselle opened Public Hearing

#### **Acceptance of Donation in the form of a Rescue Boat to the Fire Department from the Hooksett Happy Helpers**

Bernadette Chevette, from the Happy Helpers presented a brochure of the Zodiac boat, which was purchased by the Happy Helpers for the Fire Department for \$6500.00. It is all inflatable, and will remain inflated at all times. There is a black roll cage which will have lights installed to enable night searches.

The purpose of the 14 foot inflatable boat is assist in water rescue and will be housed at North Fire House. The current aluminum boat will be moved to the Safety Center.

The new Zodiac boat has not been taken out until the Council formally accepts the gift.

#### **Close Public Hearing**

***D. Belanger motioned to accept the boat for the Fire Department. P. Rueppel seconded the motion.***

***Unanimously in favor.***

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Inventory Forms**

D. Jodoin recommended reinstating the inventory process at an estimated cost of \$2200. It is anticipated, that the town, through the collection of late fees, will recover some, if not all of this cost. Most towns have reverted back to this process.

***G. Longfellow motioned to reinstate the inventory process as recommended. S. Werksman seconded the motion.***

***Voted: 7 favor – 1 opposed. Motion passed.***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Goals & Objectives workshop with the Town Administrator**

P. Loiselle suggested that Council members communicate directly with Mr. Jodoin on a one to one basis through e-mail or in a meeting.

G. Longfellow expressed concern and suggested they discuss the issue as a board since Council members may have common goals.

G. Longfellow listed the following items:

- Plans for the Village School
- The Grist Mill Property
- Perambulation on Hackett Hill Road
- The Town Charter should be brought up to date for the use of inventory forms. The Charter states that redistricting should occur after the Federal Census is taken.
- Medical Insurance for Town Employees
- Establish a wage table which was started by M. Ruel but not completed.
- Impact fees for transportation – Mr. Mayberry is currently working on this, but it needs to be instituted.
- Review of Council Rules

D. St. Pierre stated he would e-mail his goals to Mr. Jodoin. He has concerns specifically with the Historical Building's growing mold problem.

D. Belanger expressed concerns regarding the connector road.

P. Rueppel will e-mail her goals.

M. Jolin stated for several years, he has been suggesting a book with resolutions be compiled. This book would be numbered and organized so that it would not be necessary to thumb through pages of minutes and motions to find what action was taken.

***D. St. Pierre motioned that the Council direct the Town Administrator to work with the Fire and Police Chiefs for direction on the Boat Ramp, North of the Court House, to determine what activity takes place there and what determines what activity requires police and fire detail. Seconded by P. Fitanides.***

D. Belanger suggested the Amoskeag Rowing Club and Mr. Pfaff be included in the process.

D. St. Pierre objected, stating this is a town issue and is not specifically directed to the rowing club. The town should set the standard. Whether it is a rowing event or a bass fishing tournament, the town will set the standard.

G. Longfellow asked how much time this would involve.

D. St. Pierre stated that a curfew would soon be set which will include all events. All groups will be required to pay if the police are needed.

G. Longfellow asked for a definition of "major event"?

D. St. Pierre stated that the Fire Department would make that determination based on what is needed to perform a rescue.

P. Loiselle stated the Council is neglecting their responsibility by doing nothing.

***Vote: Roll call***

**G. Longfellow - No**  
**D. St. Pierre - Yes**  
**D. Belanger - No**  
**S. Werksman - Yes**  
**P. Loiselle - Yes**  
**P. Fitanides - Yes**  
**M. Jolin - Yes**  
**P. Rueppel - No**

**Vote 5 favor – 3 opposed. Motion passed.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Town Administrators report: D.Jodoin

A call concerning Channel 22 being discontinued was received.

According to the caller, the prior Town Administrator turned off reception.

The Council has since voted to turn it back on.

A resident at 5 Lincoln Street request the installation of a street light due to vandalism.

The Council discussed that there is currently a policy that no more street lights be installed at this time.

A letter was received from Manchester Community Development regarding the impact of Wal-mart and Lowes on Route 3A.

M. Jolin requested copies be distributed to the Council.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Street Sign Committee –

D. St. Pierre stated there was nothing to report. A few ideas have been discussed regarding curfews for boat ramps, parks, and playgrounds. They could then allow permits to extend those times. They are discussing set speed limit for certain neighborhoods.

**ADJOURNMENT**

P. Loiselle declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan

Philip Fitanides  
Town Council Secretary