

## Official

### **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 26, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman M. DiBietto called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Daniel Belanger, Philip Fitanides, Jason Hyde, Mike Jolin, Paul Loiselle, George Longfellow, Doug St. Pierre, Stuart Werksman, Chairman Michael DiBietto, David Jodoin (Town Administrator)

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 12, 2006 – P. Loiselle moved to approve the April 12, 2006 minutes as amended. Motion seconded by S. Werksman. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Michael Pischetola, 28 Farrwood Drive (District 1 Councilor candidate): I'd like to make comments on the proposed TIF District. I don't understand why Hooksett residents have to fund a publicly traded company, who last year made approximately \$575 million profit after taxes. They are in the business to make money. We, as taxpayers, enjoy the services we get and we used to enjoy the low taxes. I've been living here for four years. When I first moved here my taxes were low, now my taxes are up to almost \$10,000.00 a year. Auburn was way ahead in taxes, now their taxes are lower than ours. We are a favorable town, Manchester in the South and Concord in the North, we're in the middle. If businesses want to do business in Town, why do have to support them? They are welcome to come in, do business and pay their taxes. It will cost the taxpayers money. Police, Fire, ambulance and traffic control cost money. The taxpayers will pay one way or another. Why are we supporting a company this big? Did they contact the Town of Hooksett or did the Council approach Cabela's?

Harold Murray, 311 Hackett Hill Road: If this gentleman attended all the meetings, he wouldn't be asking the question.

Chairman M. DiBietto: They approached the Town through an agent who approached the Council.

P. Loiselle: Mr. Larrabee (developer) brought in Mr. Palazzi (owner of the property) and said they had a tenant. Mr. Larrabee had been looking for someone to lease the property for quite some time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Beaver Brook Easement**

This matter was discussed at the last meeting. The Town Administrator was asked to gather more information.

D. Jodoin introduced Mr. Scott Bussiere to the Council.

S. Bussiere stated he needs the easement signed in order to file the site plan for the subdivision, which was approved back in January of 2004. He is looking for a lot adjustment for 20 feet. The Town has to record the easement in order to record the site plan. He has been waiting for more than a year to get the easement signed.

D. Jodoin stated that the Legal Counsel has reviewed the easement. Regarding conservation easements, he stated that the Council should draft a policy with regards to what they would like to do with the easements and who would be the care-taker for this and all future easements.

Discussion on the matter ensued.

D. Belanger moved to approve the acceptance of the easement with a stipulation that the future subdivision of this land will carry the responsibility of the maintenance of this easement with the homeowners' association. Motion seconded by D. St. Pierre. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

P. Loiselle moved to authorize the Chair to sign the easement. Motion seconded by D. St. Pierre. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

P. Loiselle suggested that future easements be handled through the Conservation Commission.

#### Street Signs/Speed Limits

D. Jodoin informed the Council that he is still waiting to hear from Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission on what it will cost to do an analysis. In the meantime, he suggested reviewing and setting the hours of the Town parks. Postings of the hours would have to be approved by the Council. A public hearing may be needed.

Regarding the speed limit, D. St. Pierre stated for the record that he wanted a 35 mph speed limit and said that the Town could go down to 25 mph for some roads.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### Street Names Approval

Beaver Brook Heights & Ravenwood – D. St. Pierre moved to approve the following street names for Beaver Brook Heights and Ravenwood:

**Beaver Brook Heights:** Beaver Brook Road; Sophie Circle; Colleen Circle

**Ravenwood:** Willow Path; Raven Wood

Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

P. Loiselle stated that the Council should not be involved with street names approval. It should be up to the Highway Department, Police Department and 911.

No other body has the authority to approve new roads.

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

The Town Administrator reported on the following:

- He did a sight walk at the Chester Turnpike with Harold Murray (Forest Fire Warden) and Rick Lacourse of NH ATV Club. NH ATV Club is responsible for cleaning the Chester Turnpike as per agreement with the Town for using the area. The area was cluttered with abandoned cars, which appeared to have been torched, ammunition, tires, etc. He suggested putting up a gate to block off the area. He spoke to the Town of Allenstown Selectmen about blocking their area off also.

Council consensus was to give the Town Administrator authority to secure the place.

- The Town of Hooksett and the City of Manchester Health Department are working together to prepare for a possible pandemic. There is a Memorandum of Understanding in place. The Emergency Management Department is also working on a plan in case of a pandemic.

- There will be a seminar, "Is There a Fox in your Hen House" at the Local Government Center in Concord on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Town Administrator will be attending. He invited the Council to attend.
- The Code Enforcement Office will be sending out letters for zoning violations.
- He asked for a motion to accept the Carriage Hill Quit Claim deed. The Town Counsel reviewed and approved the deed.

D. Belanger moved to accept the Quit Claim deed and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the deed. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

- The Hooksett-ites Senior luncheon is on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the Hooksett Public Library.

P. Loiselle announced that last Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the new Kids Kaboose playground was opened. He commended the Parks and Recreational Department for all their hard work. He requested for the Town Administrator or the Council Chair to send a thank you letter to The Home Depot for donating the retaining wall with plants worth over \$5,000.00. Council consensus was for the Town Administrator to send the letter.

- Back in 1999 or 2000, there was an individual who requested to gain access to a paper street at Whitehall Terrace. Not all of the abutters were notified and there was no public hearing held. Policies and procedures were not followed, therefore no action legally took place. The Town Administrator will send letters to all three abutters explaining the situation.
- He asked for authorization to send two fire pumpers to the State Auction to be held in May.

D. Belanger moved to send the two fire pumpers to the State Auction to be held in May. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### ZBA

They are expecting some members to resign as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. D. Belanger will submit a list of open positions at the next meeting.

##### Police Commission

D. St. Pierre requested to send out a directive that all Town committee meetings start with the pledge of allegiance and have a flag, if possible.

##### Planning Board

The board is asking for enforcement of zoning ordinances.

##### Solid Waste

- The oil tank was dug up. Stark Engineering is doing the work.
- Diane Boyce, Superintendent will get the figures together for trash collection options and satellite recycling center to be presented to the Council.
- They need a new concrete floor in the Transfer building. They estimated the cost to be around \$34,000.00. The Town Administrator would look into the matter.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Greg Wilson, 1544 Hooksett Road addressed the traffic issues on Route 3 passing zone by Greens Marine.

Council consensus was to authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter to NH Department of Transportation to address the safety concern.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

D. St. Pierre moved at 8:15 pm to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, (e) "Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the body or agency or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his membership in such body or agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled." Motion seconded by S. Werksman. **Roll call vote carried with M. Jolin opposed.**

D. Belanger moved at 8:29 to exit the non-public session. Motion seconded by D. St. Pierre. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn F. Horn  
Administrative Assistant

Philip Fitandis  
Town Council Secretary