

Official

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 23, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman G. Longfellow called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Michael DiBitetto, James Gorton, Jason Hyde (excused), Mike Jolin, Paul Loiselle, David Ross (arrived at 6:36 pm), Patricia Rueppel, Stuart Werksman, Chairman George Longfellow, David Jodoin (Town Administrator)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 9, 2006 – P. Loiselle moved to approve the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by J. Gorton. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

Vincent Lembo, Jr., 56 Main Street: I had previously expressed my concerns about the Pop Warner Jamboree. It took place this past weekend. My concerns were not justified. It went perfectly well.

Harold Murray, 311 Hackett Hill Road: The Fire Department staff, including Chief Michael Williams was also in attendance on a voluntary basis.

D. Jodoin stated that the only thing that went wrong was the number of buses. They had three buses transporting people from the parking lot to the field. They could have used two more.

V. Lembo: The Hooksett Transfer Station is open during the summer months on Wednesday nights. Superintendent Diane Boyce took it upon herself to keep it open without additional compensation. I would suggest for the Council to send a commendation letter to Ms. Boyce.

Council consensus was to send a letter of commendation to Ms. Diane Boyce.

D. Ross also suggested sending letters of commendation to the Fire Department staff who volunteered their time at the Pop Warner Jamboree.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman G. Longfellow stated there should be two Councilors on the Heavy Equipment Purchases sub-committee.

D. Ross volunteered to serve on the Heavy Equipment Purchases sub-committee.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:

Public Hearing, Amended Littering Ordinance (attached)

Chairman G. Longfellow opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm.

V. Lembo: Do we have a litter ordinance in place now? Last year, I heard a motorist was fined \$250.00 for littering.

D. Jodoin explained that there is no ordinance in place right now. The \$250 fine was under state statutes.

H. Murray asked if the Town Counsel and the Prosecutor have reviewed the ordinance.

D. Jodoin stated they have.

Chairman G. Longfellow closed the public hearing at 7:11 pm.

The Council will vote on the matter at their next meeting on September 13th, 2006.

Growth Management Ordinance Studies

Charles Watson, Town Planner presented the proposed growth management ordinance studies to the Council. Proposals were received from Philip B. Herr (Philip B. Herr & Associates) and Russell W. Thibeault (Applied Economic Research).

C. Watson explained that as a result of the courts declaring the petitioned GMO invalid, the Planning Board requested to conduct a study to formulate a better ordinance. The Planning Board chose not to bring the matter to the voters because the courts already told the Town that the ordinance would not be considered valid until a comprehensive study was done. The Council appropriated \$15,000.00 for the study.

R. Thibeault's proposal was outlined in two phases including guidance but not the actual drafting of the GMO for \$22,500.00. P. Herr's proposal is to conduct an initial review for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. The cost of the actual study was not specified.

M. DiBitetto stated that the Town needs to move forward with the study. Mr. Thibeault submitted a detailed proposal. The Council should either accept Mr. Thibeault's proposal or try to get more proposals.

Richard Marshall, Planning Board Chair suggested speaking to Mr. Herr to get a more detailed proposal. He added that Mr. Herr is knowledgeable in the matter and has lectured all over New England regarding GMO's.

Council consensus was to ask Mr. Philip B. Herr to submit a more detailed proposal.

Fire Department, Computer Server Bids

Michael Williams, Chief of the Fire Department presented the bids for the computer server.

PC Masters	\$8,998.00
PC Solutions	\$9,488.00
Cocci Computers	\$9,380.00

The Department budgeted \$10,000.00 to replace the computer server. He recommended accepting the bid from PC Masters for \$8,998.00.

Discussion on the matter ensued.

P. Loiselle moved to accept the bid from PC Masters for \$8,998.00. Motion seconded by M. Jolin. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Complaints re: Councilor Rueppel

Chairman G. Longfellow announced that the sub-committee has tentatively scheduled a public hearing on Wednesday, September 20th, 2006. The sub-committee will report to the Council on September 27th, 2006.

Council Rules

At the last meeting, D. Jodoin asked for the Council to review the current Council Rules and make suggestions/recommendations.

The sub-committee scheduled a meeting on Monday, August 29th at 2 pm.

LGC 2007-2008 Legislative Policies (attached)

The Council reviewed the LGC 2007-2008 Policy Recommendations.

M. Jolin moved to support the General Government, Revenue & Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Policy Recommendations #s 1 through 15. Motion seconded by J. Gorton.

D. Ross moved to amend the motion to exclude #2. Motion seconded by S. Werksman.

Roll Call: (on the motion to amend)

M. DiBitetto	No	D. Ross	Yes		
J. Gorton	Yes	P. Rueppel	No		
M. Jolin	No	S. Werksman	No		
P. Loiselle	Yes	Chairman G. Longfellow	Abstained	3-4-1	<u>Motion failed.</u>

Roll Call: (on the motion to support policy recommendations #1 through #16)

M. DiBitetto	Yes	D. Ross	No		
J. Gorton	Yes	P. Rueppel	Yes		
M. Jolin	Yes	S. Werksman	Yes		
P. Loiselle	Yes	Chairman G. Longfellow	Yes	7-1	<u>Motion carried.</u>

M. Jolin moved to support the Municipal Administration and Finance Management Legislative Policy Recommendations #s 1 through 16. Motion seconded by P. Rueppel.

Roll Call:

M. DiBitetto	Yes	D. Ross	No		
J. Gorton	Yes	P. Rueppel	Yes		
M. Jolin	Yes	S. Werksman	Yes		
P. Loiselle	Yes	Chairman G. Longfellow	Yes	7-1	<u>Motion carried.</u>

M. Jolin moved to support the Planning & Environmental Quality Legislative Policy Committee Recommendations #s 1 through 8. Motion seconded by M. DiBitetto.

D. Ross moved to amend the motion to exclude #4. Motion seconded by J. Gorton.

Roll Call: (on the motion to amend)

M. DiBitetto	No	D. Ross	Yes		
J. Gorton	Yes	P. Rueppel	Yes		
M. Jolin	No	S. Werksman	Yes		
P. Loiselle	No	Chairman G. Longfellow	No	4-4	<u>Motion failed.</u>

Roll Call: (on the motion to support policy recommendations #1 through 8)

M. DiBitetto	Yes	D. Ross	No		
J. Gorton	Yes	P. Rueppel	Yes		
M. Jolin	Yes	S. Werksman	Yes		
P. Loiselle	Yes	Chairman G. Longfellow	Yes	7-1	<u>Motion carried.</u>

Town Ambulance

The Town's Legal Counsel received a letter from DRA regarding the ambulance advising the Town to hold a special meeting and let the voters decide. D. Jodoin asked the Council for direction on how to proceed with the ambulance. A special vote will be costly and run into the next budget cycle.

Chief M. Williams explained that it takes six months for the ambulance to be delivered from the time it is ordered. No additional staff is needed to run the ambulance for the first year.

Discussion on the matter ensued.

M. Jolin moved to discontinue proceeding with the Special Town Meeting based on the letter from DRA. Motion seconded by S. Werksman.

Roll Call:

M. DiBitetto	Yes	D. Ross	Yes		
J. Gorton	Yes	P. Rueppel	Yes		
M. Jolin	Yes	S. Werksman	Yes		
P. Loiselle	No	Chairman G. Longfellow	Yes	7-1	<u>Motion carried.</u>

The Council discussed the possibilities of purchasing a rescue vehicle that could be converted into an ambulance if the voters approve the warrant article in May. In light of the letter received from Tri-Town Ambulance after the Town Election explaining that they are looking to cut down on services, the Town needs a back-up ambulance necessary to respond to calls.

P. Rueppel moved to purchase a rescue vehicle through impact fees. Motion seconded by J. Gorton.

M. DiBitetto moved to amend the motion to: ***to purchase through impact fees a rescue vehicle with transport capabilities that could be converted into an ambulance.*** Motion seconded by S. Werksman. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

Vote on the motion to purchase the rescue vehicle carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Ross received a letter from Mr. Tom Donovan of 121 Hackett Hill Road. Mr. Donovan has some concerns regarding speeding at Hackett Hill Road area and the lack of signage for blind driveways. Mr. Donovan also mentioned that the road gets paved more than any other roads in Hooksett due to trucks going through. Trucks are not supposed to be allowed on Hackett Hill Road.

Chairman G. Longfellow stated that the Town is working on reviewing the speed limit and other road signs. The matter will be on the next Council agenda.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

D. Jodoin reported on the following:

1. The NHATV Club will be doing their annual clean up at Chester Turnpike on Saturday, Sep. 9th. They are working with Manchester Water Works and residents in the area.
2. He and the Town Planner attended a meeting today regarding the Connector Road. Some items still need to be finalized. The Town will have to decide how to proceed with the project. There is a possibility that the State of NH will prohibit left turns from Route 3 onto Main Street.
3. He received the Internal Control Assessment from LGC. Some of the issues, i.e. Police Department are being address. It was suggested to set up a mission statement for the Council.
4. There was a telephone conference with Cabela's. One major issue is the toll road signalization and volume capacity. Appraisals on the surrounding parcels are still being worked on. There will be a DOT scoping session on August 29th. He will be meeting with the bond Counsel and will report to the Council.

5. He has been receiving correspondences from Ewald Consultants (Gander Mountain consultants) regarding Cabela's. He has downloaded some information (attached) that would explain their relationship.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Commission

The Police Chief received a raise. His current pay is at \$42.40/hour based on 40 hours salary. The Police Chief excluded himself from future details.

Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

The Solid Waste Department is moving forward with the purchase of recycling trailers. It should be presented to the Council soon. They are looking at locating the trailers at schools.

Planning Board

The board met on August 21st. No public hearing was held. The Planning Board is requesting to have a joint meeting between the Council, Budget Committee, Planning Board and CIP to discuss how to go about the Capital Purchases and other important items. The Planning Board will address the issues on Wal-mart project on September 25th. The plans call for improvements on exit ramps and the entire roadway at Route 3A.

P. Loiselle asked for a spreadsheet showing where the impact fees account is at. Impact fees have to be spent within 6 years of collection.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Judy Casey, Budget Committee Chair, announced that the Budget Committee will meet on Thursday, August 24th. New officers for the year will be nominated and appointed.

H. Murray commented on the letter received from Mr. Donovan stating that Hackett Hill Road gets paved more than other roads in town. He lives on that road and it has not been paved more times than other roads. A base coat was done one year and a finishing coat was done the following year, which could be perceived as paving the road twice in two years. He added that the Highway Department should be commended on how they pave the roads.

R. Marshall: Zoning amendments are not a part of deliberative session and will never be because of how the Town Charter is written. Public hearings are required for zoning changes. SNHPC is contracted by State to do road counts.

V. Lembo: I brought up the issue that the ambulance could not be bought using impact fees and I think DRA backed me up on that. The residents voted against the ambulance. For the Council to vote to purchase the ambulance falls under the same allegation Councilor DiBitetto is making against Councilor Rueppel, which is circumventing the will of the voters. I ask the Council to reconsider the vote and put the ambulance in a warrant article for next year. I know the Town needs it and I will support it 100%.

Philip Fitanides, 1407 Hooksett Road stated that a warrant article was never needed for the ambulance.

ADJOURNMENT:

M. DiBitetto moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn F. Horn

Jason M. Hyde

Administrative Assistant

Town Council Secretary