

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN  
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Selectmen's Meeting

January 15, 2009

**MINUTES**

Present: Selectmen: Karel A. Crawford, Edward J. Charest, James F. Gray, Joel R. Mudgett, Betsey L. Patten; Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator; Hope K. Kokas, Secretary.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Karel called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:** Joel Made the Motion to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2009 & Workshop Minutes of January 9, 2009 as written. Jim Seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **NEW RESIDENTS:** Ryan K. E. Thurston.
- V. **PUBLIC MEETING:**
  1. Sally Carver reported that the Supervisors of the Checklist are reviewing the checklist with the goal of removing those that are no longer residing in Town. She reported that approximately 1,000 people on the Voters Checklist did not vote in the last election. Ms. Carver, commenting on last week's MPD's shooting range demonstration, stated that she was saddened that the test was distorted by others. She added that she could tell the difference between the shots fired by the Police Department from the shots fired by others. However, she was surprised that the MPD's shots echoed. If the Selectmen are in favor of the construction of the shooting range at the Waste Management Facility, she asked them to consider first having the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment review the plans to be sure all regulations are being met. Karel thanked Ms. Carver for her comments. Ed stated that he was pleased with *Meredith News* reporter, Sara Schmidt's front page article about the shooting range demonstration and her Editorial, adding that he feels she reported the story accurately.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  1. **Action: Review Citizen's Petition, Salvation Army of Laconia:** Karel reported that the petition is requesting \$1,500. She asked that it be placed in the Warrant file.
  2. **Action: Review & Accept Resignation, Kate Lancor, Human Services Director:** Karel stated that it is unfortunate that Ms. Lancor is resigning due to health reasons. She added that the Selectmen are sorry to see her go and accept her resignation with regret. Karel asked Carter to draft a letter of acceptance. Carter requested that Rae Marie Davis, acting Interim Director for the past six months, be made permanent. Ed Made the Motion to change Ms. Davis' status from interim to permanent Director of Human Services. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Betsey expressed her thanks to Ms. Lancor for her service to the Town.

3. Action: Review & Approve Increase Labor Grade & Probation Extension, Off. Jared Beaulieu: Karel reported that Chief Kinmond in his memo recommends that Officer Beaulieu, now a certified officer, be moved to the next labor grade to XI-1 at 100% of pay, while extending his probationary period for an additional six months from December 9, 2008. Betsey Made the Motion to move Officer Jared Beaulieu to labor grade to XI-1 at 100% of pay, while extending his probationary period for an additional six months from December 9, 2008. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
4. Action: Review & Approve 2009 Town Holiday Schedule: Karel reported that there are no changes from last year. Heidi has made adjustments for the employees at the Waste Management Facility. To replace New Year's Day, the WMF will be closed on Town Meeting day, and Veteran's Day will be replaced with two half days on Easter, April 12<sup>th</sup>, and November 9<sup>th</sup>. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the 2009 Town Holiday Schedule. Joel Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that she has received criticism about the bills she's sponsored. She expressed her belief that there are two ways to handle conflicts. One way is to say nothing and then attack the person with the opposing view publicly. Betsey stated that she prescribes to first debating the issue with the goal of finding a solution, which may or may not look the same. She added that she has not heard anything from her constituents about her proposed bills until this past week in Concord. Betsey informed the Selectmen that she has withdrawn her proposed bill about eliminating the deliberative session in an SB-2 form of government, but continues to sponsor the bills about changing bond requirements and increasing the number of voters required for a secret ballot at Town Meeting. She thanked the Selectmen for their written letter of support regarding the secret ballot bill.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that they met last night and learned that Verizon will be placing a unit on the pine tree cell tower, which will shorten dead spots in Town. He reminded everyone that the Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing for proposed Zoning amendments on Monday, January 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.
3. Administration Update: None.
4. Moultonborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting, January 7, 2009: Acknowledged.
5. Moultonborough Public Library Board of Trustees, December 4, 2008: Acknowledged.

**IX. PENDING:** None.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Robert Gosselin, January 7, 2009: Karel reported that Mr. Gosselin is under the impression that the Town is discontinuing plowing private roads and in his letter voiced his concern. Karel and the Selectmen agreed that this is not the case and is just hearsay. She asked Carter to respond to Mr. Gosselin's letter.
2. Hollis Austin informed the Selectmen that he was at the hearing in Concord regarding HB 71, 72 and 114, stating that Betsey damaged her reputation by sponsoring these bills

and the Selectmen were also damaged by supporting her. Betsey responded that her constituents will let her know if they disagree. She stated that she doesn't agree with the issues that he brought forward and added that she never received any communication from any one from Town that went to Concord to ask her to explain her position. Ed responded that Betsey as a state elected representative has the right to act as she sees fit and she may receive 325 votes against her at the next election, but he feels that the vast majority of the Town's voters are supportive of what she does. He added that he agrees that debating issues with discussion are most important in a democracy. Unfortunately this process can be manipulated that are not always beneficial to the voters. Ed stated that the Selectmen supports her effort to increase the number of voters required to request a secret ballot. He added that last year's Town Meeting was very lengthy due to secret ballots, which he felt was not the intent of Town Meeting. In some towns discussion is limited, which he is not in favor of, but feels that Betsey's bill would address this.

- 3. Linda and Bill Crabtree of 34 Curtis Lane, asked the Selectmen to again extend their building permit which will run out in February, stating that they are unable to afford a new \$250 fee. Mr. Crabtree stated that they are trying to sell their house in Hollis and until it sells they are unable to do any work to their house in Town. Carter recommended referring the question to the CEO for his comment. When asked, the Crabtrees reported that they first pulled their building permit a year ago and requested an extension approximately six months ago, which the Selectmen granted. Karel stated that the Board will refer the question to the CEO and they will receive their response at the next Selectmen's meeting, February 6, 2009.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Betsey Made the Motion to Adjourn. Ed Seconded.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
Karel adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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Date  
Respectfully Submitted  
Hope K. Kokas, Secretary