

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

May 21, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Karel A. Crawford, Chairman, Edward J. Charest, James F. Gray, Joel R. Mudgett, Betsey L. Patten; Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator; Hope K. Kokas, Office 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 May 14, 2009, as written. Ed Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

IV. NEW RESIDENTS: William A. Howard, Nathan E. Dimeo.

V. PUBLIC MEETING:

1. Citizen Input: None.
2. Non Public Session Per RSA 91-a:3 II (a) (b)

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Action: Review for Approval Municipal Aggregates Bids: Carter reported that the Highway Agent has reviewed all of the bids for the winter sand and crushed gravel and recommends awarding the bid to the Bruce Robinson, Co., located in Tamworth. Although their price is not the lowest, the travel time to pick up is considerably less and the Town would have 24 hour access. Joel Made the Motion to award the winter sand and crushed gravel bid to Bruce Robinson, Co. of Tamworth, NH. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
2. Action: Review for Approval Surplus Equipment Bids: Carter stated that they recommend accepting the bid for the 2002 Chevrolet Impala from Paul Forest for \$1,505.50 as this is more than the trade in allowance. Carter requested that he be authorized to sign the bill of sale for the 2002 Impala on behalf of the Town. Joel Made the Motion to sell the 2002 Impala to Paul Forest and authorize Carter to sign the bill of sale. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Regarding the Dresser 830 Grader and the 1986 Komatsu 450 Loader, Carter reported that the Highway Agent recommends trading them as the value is substantially higher, although they don't have a final recommendation to purchase the new grader yet. Carter requested that the Selectmen reject the bids for item #3 Dresser 830 Grader and #4 1986 Komatsu 450 Loader and the Town will release the bid deposits. Ed Made the Motion to reject the bids for item #3, Dresser 830 Grader and #4, 1986 Komatsu 450 Loader and to release the bid deposits for both pieces of equipment. Joel Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Carter reported that as there were no bids for item #5, the lot of

- paggers/radios, they request that the Selectmen release these items to the Friends of the Library and/or the Recreation Department for them to sell for fund raising. Joel Made the Motion to release item #5, the lot of paggers/radios to the Friends of the Library and the Recreation Department. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Action: Review for Approval Launch Request, Worcester County Bassers: Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Launch Request for Worcester County Bassers to use the launch at Lee's Mills August 30, 2009. Joel Seconded the Motion, but requested that the Motion be amended to change the hours of their tournament to start no earlier than 7:00 a.m., instead of the 6:00 a.m. as requested and if they wish can extend the tournament an extra hour to 3:00 p.m. This would comply with the Town's Noise Ordinance (#10). Betsey Amended her Motion to reflect Joel's suggestion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
 4. Announce: Highway/Grounds Seasonal Laborer: Tabled to the June 4, 2009 meeting.
 5. Refer to Workshop, Staff Report Re: Standards for Human Service Rental Housing: Carter asked the Selectmen to consider this item for their upcoming work shop on June 28, 2009. He explained that this would pertain to rental properties that the Town is assisting residents with rental payments on an ongoing basis, inspecting the property to ensure that it meets minimum housing standards. He expects that the Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer and the Human Service Director will speak to it and with the Selectmen's approval, will begin to work on the policy, creating a brochure, and developing an informational session for landlords.
 6. Karel requested that particular attention be paid to the Town's monuments and asked that Andy check to be sure that all grass is mowed and trimmed around the monuments for Memorial Day. She added that she will not be able to attend the parade as she has had a death in her family.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Karel stated that the Selectmen would like to appoint members to the Heritage Commission, which is to consist of five members and two alternates. Seven people volunteered to be on the commission: Jean Beadle, Cristina Ashjian, Doug Wyman, Jane Fairchild, Mark Borrin, Norm Larson, and Bruce Worthen. Betsey suggested appointing Jane Fairchild as an alternate as she is a full time member on the Planning Board. In addition, Doug Wyman should be appointed alternate. Betsey Made the Motion to appoint Jean Beadle, Cristina Ashjian, Mark Borrin, Norm Larson, and Bruce Worthen as full members of the Heritage Commission. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Betsey Made the Motion to appoint Jane Fairchild and Doug Wyman as alternates for the Heritage Commission. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Carter asked the Selectmen to assign terms in the near future, which can be defined in the ordinance.
2. Joel requested that the Board discuss the cable situation in Town. Karel suggested requesting Rodney King and/or Mike Edgecomb to come before the Selectmen again to report on Time Warner's progress in bringing cable to areas in Town. Ed agreed that it is important to keep Time Warner accountable to their obligation. Betsey asked that a copy of the franchise agreement be made available for the next work session. Ed stated that as it is a very lengthy document, he will go through it and highlight the important language for the Selectmen to review. Karel asked that the Time Warner representatives be invited to attend a meeting in June and Carter replied that he would make the request.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that the Gay Marriage bill as amended by the Governor didn't pass the House and won't be addressed for another two weeks. She commented that while she is strongly in favor of the Right to Know law, she feels that conversations that she has with constituents, whether in person, on the phone or by email should remain private, without being recorded and requiring her to report. This information is confidential. Betsey added that although she didn't write the bill, she did make the motion to pass it and it passed by a strong majority. Ed commented that he agrees that a taxpayer should have the right to have a private conversation with his representative and that there needs to be a balance between the Right to Know law and right to privacy. Regarding the bill to increase the interest charged for late tax payments and tax deeded properties, Betsey reported that only two out of twelve were in favor of the change. She added that the interest charged is not a revenue vehicle, but to insure that property tax payments are paid on time.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported they had a site walk of the formerly known Pine Woods Campground.
3. Administration Update: Carter announced that through the Federal Stimulus act, DOT will fund \$600,000 of the Fox Hollow Road reconstruction. He added that he is unsure why DOT has a higher cost than the Town's cost. The timetable for the work needs to be stepped up to meet with DOT's requirements. Carter expressed his wish to add to the letter from Brownie Jones and Heidi Davis, commending the efforts of Hope Kokas and Carol Fucarile for a good report from DRA on the 2008 Town wide reassessment.
4. Planning Board Minutes, May 13, 2009: Acknowledged.

IX. PENDING: None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NH Department of Revenue Administration, May 7, 2009: Karel read the letter from DRA regarding its review of the 2008 town wide assessment, finding that the Town met all of the guidelines and its commendation for attention to detail, thoroughness, periodic review, integrity, hard work, and standing out as a model for other communities to follow. She reported that Brownie Jones, the Town's Assessor, and Heidi Davis, Financial and Personnel Director, wrote a letter to the Selectmen commending Hope Kokas and Carol Fucarile for their recent effort of downloading the assessment information to the Tax Collector given a short timetable, while insuring accuracy. The Selectmen thanked Hope and Carol for their hard work and all agreed that it was nice to receive good news and commendations of the Town's employees.
2. UNH Technology Transfer Center, May 14, 2009: Karel reported that Bill Dow from the Public Works Department has achieved the status of Road Scholar One. Betsey added that it is good to see that employees are using their time to further their education. The Selectmen all congratulated Bill for this achievement.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Al Hume asked Betsey if there are any projections for the Town regarding the Rooms and Meals tax. Betsey replied that the House hasn't received any projections. Carter added that the latest word is that they are putting back the school aid, which will mean a loss to the Town of only \$20,000, much less than first expected. Mr. Hume asked

Betsey if there is any word about donor towns. Betsey replied that they've been assured donor towns would be held harmless until 2012 and she assumes that some type of broad based tax or gambling would be needed in order to do this. Mr. Hume asked if the bill for a constitutional amendment is dead. She replied that it was. 2) Cristina Ashjian suggested to the Selectmen that the RSA for the Heritage Commission requires that one member must be a member of the Town's governing board. Karel and Carter commented that they will review the RSA at the scheduled work session. 3) Jean Beadle commended the Town's committee for hiring the new Transfer Station employee, Ken Filpula, stating that he is a great addition. 4) Peter Jensen asked about the DOT funding for Fox Hollow. Carter replied that usually DOT funds 2/3 and the Town funds 1/3, so the 100% funding is an accomplishment. Mr. Jensen commented that they are still waiting to hear from Time Warner regarding the cost for installing the cable on his road and the property owners' share of the cost. 5) Tim Tinel asked Betsey if she has any information regarding the proposed construction of the new Carroll County Nursing Home. Betsey replied that there are three public hearings scheduled for June 1st, 8th, and 15th. On the 15th the public hearing will be held at Moultonborough's Town Hall. What is proposed is double the size of the present nursing home, but with the same amount of beds with an estimated cost of \$23 million. Prior to getting a bond they must hold public hearings for the residents of Carroll County. Betsey explained that the bond would be for 20 years at 6% interest from the bond bank; however they will also explore private banks as they could have a lower interest rate. They will then make projections of each town's share of the cost.

Betsey Made the Motion for the Selectmen to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (b). Ed Seconded the Motion. Karel called for a Roll Call: Jim – Aye; Betsey – Aye; Joel – Aye; Karel – Aye. The Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 7:41 p.m.

Joel Made a Motion to come out of Non-Public Session and to seal the Non-Public Session Minutes until resolved. Betsey Seconded the Motion. Karel Called for a Roll Call: Jim – Aye; Betsey – Aye; Joel – Aye; Karel – Aye. The Selectmen came out of Non-Public Session at 8:28 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Ed Made the Motion to Adjourn. Joel Seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously. Karel adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Office Secretary