

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

June 4, 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 21, 2009, May 28, 2009 10 A.M. & 2:00 P.M., as written. Ed Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

IV. NEW RESIDENTS: Mercedes M. Huevo, Jaimie L. Mudgett, Timothy A. & Kate E. Chase, Theodore L. & Christa J. Faller, John A. & Patricia A. Stream, Chad A. Smickley, Genevieve Kelliher, Koreky R. Harkins, Susan B. & William F. Cutillo, Alex Hoffman, George Beaulieu, Paul J. Dunn, Sehyun Jang.

V. PUBLIC MEETING:

1. Citizen Input: 1) Sally Carver requested that the Selectmen ask the Time Warner representative to explain why the Moultonborough area no longer receives Channel 4. She provided the Selectmen with a list of 264 names removed from the voting checklist. Ms. Carver explained that notices were sent out to approximately 300 people listed on the checklist that did not vote during the last federal and state elections, with the majority returned undeliverable. Before sending out notices other cross checks were performed including property ownership, driver's licenses, and word of mouth were used to identify residents. Ms. Carver reported that there are now less than 4,000 voters on the checklist. She complimented the Town on the Memorial Day parade, adding that the Town buildings and grounds looked very nice, the High School band was great, and the weather was perfect. Ms. Carver did express her regret that the names on the granite monument located at the Town Hall of all the people from Moultonborough who died from the Civil War on were not read. She suggested that one year all of the names are read and the next year the names from World War I and on be read. The Selectmen acknowledged her suggestion and agreed that this could be done. Ed commented the only drawback he saw to the day was the lack of a public address system which the Town doesn't have. Ed and Sally agreed that they would get together to see what could be done. 2) Shirley Oliver presented a petition to the Selectmen signed by Moultonborough residents, requesting the Board to "...revisit the Rt. 25 Corridor Study (Matrix). The accident on June 2, 2009 again illustrates the dangers that are present at the Rt. 25 and Sheridan Rd. intersection." On behalf of the Selectmen, Karel accepted the petition and stated that they will present it to DOT to see if there is anyway the state will agree to work on the Sheridan Road Route

25 intersection. Peter Jensen pointed out that this is the fourth accident in 2009. Betsey reported that she's recently received a phone call from an abutter who will donate some of her land to correct the problem if needed. The Selectmen asked Carter to contact DOT and to draft a letter. 3) Hollis Austin requested that the Selectmen ask the Time Warner representative to report the number of Moultonborough subscribers to Time Warner. He also asked how much of the Town's franchise money has been used to assist residents to build out cable.

2. Michael Edgecomb, Time Warner: Karel thanked Mr. Edgecomb for coming to their meeting and asked him to explain why Channel 4 is no longer available. Mr. Edgecomb reported that Carroll County is declared by the FCC as being in the Portland, Maine market versus a Boston market. He added that Time Warner dropped it to consolidate the market and use that band width for additional digital channels. The Selectmen asked him to report on bringing cable to Sheridan Road and the homes off of it. Mr. Edgecomb reported that in 2006 Adelphia did a study and the area did not make the required density of 15 homes per linear mile. Subsequently Time Warner also did a study and unfortunately miscalculated the density, finding that it did meet density. Later Time Warner discovered the error and that finding agreed with the 2006 study by Adelphia. He informed the Selectmen that the Town's density requirement per the franchise agreement is much less than the current standard of 25 to 30 homes per mile. Mr. Edgecomb gave an approximate cost of \$40,000 to bring cable up Sheridan Road. Mr. Jensen asked for a specific amount of the cost that Time Warner could absorb, which would then help the home owners figure how much money each would need to spend and how much to request from the Town from the franchise account to reduce the cost. Mr. Edgecomb stated that he will get the figure to Mr. Jensen. Betsey asked that the Town also receive a copy of this information. Joel commented that he thought everything was all set for Sheridan Road and wondered why there was no communication from Time Warner that the area didn't meet the density requirement. Carter reported that there is less than \$50,000 in the franchise account which was set up to assist property owners bringing cable to their area. Karel asked Mr. Edgecomb to report in writing the actual costs Time Warner charges to bring cable to an area, describing the process, with the specifics for Sheridan Road. Carter asked what the turnaround time one can expect from the time a request is made to the time that Time Warner makes a decision relative to "density". Mr. Edgecomb replied that two weeks should be the turnaround time. Karel thanked him for coming to their meeting.
3. Request for Non-Public Session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (b)

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Action: Review for Approval, Intermunicipal Septage Agreement – Town of Plymouth: Karel explained that the Town has an agreement with the Town of Plymouth to accept Moultonborough residents' pumped septage. The Selectmen agreed that the five year contract was a savings to the Town versus the one year. Ed Made the Motion to approve the five year contract with the Plymouth Village Water & Sewer District. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
2. Action: Review for Approval, 2009 Charitable Exemption/PILOT – Camp Tecumseh: Betsey Made the Motion to approve the 2009 Charitable Exemption/PILOT for Camp Tecumseh. Joel Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Action: Review for Approval, Recreation Dept.'s Request for Town Wide Block Party: Donna Kuethe, Recreation Director, asked the Selectmen for their approval to proceed

with the plans for a block party. She explained that they've made initial contacts with local businesses and have received favorable responses and look forward to partnering with them. They've also contacted the Moultonborough Methodist Church, the Lions Club, and the Police Department and learned that they would be interested in participating. Ms. Kuethe requested permission from the Selectmen to continue with their planning which would include using the Town Hall and Library parking lots. The plan is to have the block party on September 12th with a rain date of the 13th, having music, games, and refreshments. The Selectmen enthusiastically agreed by consensus. Ms. Kuethe also reported that the Recreation Department is working with the Historical Society on Old Home day, with a picnic on Playground Drive. In addition, Moultonborough and Amherst have been selected as host sites for the NH State Parks' Great Park Pursuit Local Recreation Areas, which will be held on July 25th and will be "Family Make a Mess Day".

4. Karel reported that the Historical Society has requested that the Selectmen choose a theme for the Fourth of July parade and pick a Grand Marshall. Betsey suggested the theme be to honor veterans and those who serve. Karel and the Selectmen agreed that the theme will be "Honor Those Who Serve". Instead of one person being the Grand Marshall, it was suggested that World War II Veterans ride in cars and be the Grand Marshalls. Hope reported that the Town has a lot of WWII vets and she will provide the Selectmen with a list to contact them to see if they would like to participate.
5. Action: Review for Approval, 2009 Religious Exemption – Center Harbor Christian Church: Joel asked how the Winnepesaukee Wellness Center's use of part of the Church's facility is treated. Hope reported that Lakes Region General Hospital which operates the Wellness Center also has an approved charitable exemption for their use of the church's facilities. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the 2009 Religious Exemption for the Center Harbor Christian Church. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
6. Action: Review for Approval, 2009 Religious Exemption/PILOT – Geneva Point Center, Inc.: Ed Made the Motion to approve the 2009 Religious Exemption/PILOT – Geneva Point Center, Inc. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
7. Action: Review for Approval, Temporary Use Permit – Commercial Use – 967 Whittier Highway, Townsend's Hometown Grocery: Hope reported that both the Police and Fire Chiefs have reviewed the application and have no recommendations. Joel Made the Motion to approve the Temporary Use Permit for 967 Whittier Highway, Townsend's Hometown Grocery. Betsey Seconded the Motion.
8. Action: Review Request to Donate to the Sick Leave Bank – Francis Horne: The Selectmen acknowledged and thanked Francis' for his donation.
9. Action: Review, Local Energy Solutions Conference, June 20, 2009: Betsey reported that she asked that this be on the Agenda to see if any of the Selectmen can attend, as interest has been expressed in starting an energy committee.
10. Announcement: New Personnel: Carter announced that three seasonal employees have been hired for the seasonal Cemeteries & Parks crew. They are Ed Richardson, Justin Conway and Kathleen Macpherson. Ed and Justin have begun work and Kathleen will begin at a later date.
11. Action: Recommendation Re: Conservation Commission Appointment: Karel reported that the Conservation Commission has recommended appointing Marie Samaha as a full member. Judy Ryerson added that Kim LeBlanc and Robert Patenaude have volunteered to be alternates and they will check back with them to see if this is still the case. Betsey

Made the Motion to appoint Marie Samaha as a full time member of the Conservation Commission. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that the Same Sex Marriage bill was approved. She added that a bill was passed to increase the percentage that employers must contribute to the Unemployment trust fund, which now is nearly depleted. Another bill was passed to increase the eligible age for children to receive Healthy Kids (Medicaid) to the age of 26. The Senate has passed a budget which includes one-time stimulus money. The gambling bill continues to move forward. Betsey concluded by reporting that the Governor is reviewing the proposed gas tax, which he has stated he opposes.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that they will be meeting next week.
3. Administration Update: Carter replied that he has nothing extra to report beyond his weekly update to the Selectmen.
4. Public Library Board of Trustees, April 9, 2009: Acknowledged.
5. Zoning Board of Adjustment, May 20, 2009: Acknowledged.

IX. PENDING: None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Emilie & Dick Spaulding, May 27, 2009: Karel summarized the Spauldings' letter requesting that their kayaking group, Newcomers Paddler Group, be allowed to launch their kayaks from the Long Island bridge on Tuesday, June 16 (17th rain date) without purchasing a beach permit to park. Joel commented that Tuesday is a school day and he expects that there will be few using the beach on that day. He added that the participants should identify their cars as a member of the Newcomers Paddler Group and we will notify the Police Department of permission being granted for this group for June 16th only (or 17th rain date). The Selectmen approved of the request by Consensus.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Hollis Austin asked the Selectmen to give the status of hiring the Town Planner. Karel reported that the Selectmen conducted interviews today and will be meeting during Non-Public Session to discuss it. Carter added that the Town engineer contract is being reviewed by Town Counsel and DOT has given their approval of the engineer firm that the Town proposes to contract with.

Ed Made the Motion for the Selectmen to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (b). Joel 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 8:03 p.m.

Betsey made the Motion to exit the Non-Public Session, sealing the Minutes until the issue is resolved, and to adjourn. Joel 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 8:48 p.m.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Betsey Made the Motion to Adjourn. Joel Seconded.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
Karel adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Office Secretary

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