

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

March 18, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Karel A. Crawford, Edward J. Charest, James F. Gray; 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 March 4, 2010 as written. Jim Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

IV. NEW RESIDENTS: Marie L. Donnelly, Shawn S. Cote, Jessica L. & Shane J. Barberian, Karen Paparo, Ronald T. Simpson, James M. Quinlan, Nicole L. Allen, Tegan A. Lavalee, James P. Devries Ulm, Ryan M. Lally, Nickolas S. Latour, Christina M. King, Kara E. Dorais, Mark S. Stephens, Evan M. Borrin, Michael W. Dow, Laren E. Sayers, Jean M. Hill, Edwin L. Dunnavan, Jennifer R. Vappi, Sean G. Widman, Chelsey E. Parks, Catherine M. McCann, John J. Conforti, Jeffrey A. Innis.

V. PUBLIC MEETING:

1. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) & (c), 6:30 PM:
2. Board Reorganization: As previously stated Karel announced that she is stepping down as Chairman and Made a Motion to nominate Joel as Chair. Jim Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Jim Made the Motion to appoint Karel as Vice Chair. Joel Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Oath of Office: Officer James M. Quinlan & MPD Promotions, Sgt. Scott J. Fulton, Sgt. Joseph Canfield & Corporal Jason F. Boucher: Chief Tom Dawson welcomed Jim Quinlan, as the newest appointed police officer. Officer Quinlan is a native of Methuen, MA, and a graduate of Bridgewater State College. Chief Dawson informed the Selectmen that Officer Quinlan will start his field training immediately and will attend the Police Academy in late April. Joel gave the Oath of Office to Officer Quinlan and his mother pinned his badge. Chief Dawson congratulated Scott Fulton on his promotion to Sergeant, adding that he is a ten year veteran of the MPD. The Chief also congratulated Joseph Canfield on his promotion to Sergeant, who is a seven year veteran. Jason Boucher, nine year veteran is promoted to Corporal. Joel gave the Oath of Office to Sergeants Fulton and Canfield and Corporal Boucher. The Selectmen and the audience congratulated all three officers.
4. Citizen Input: 1) Paul Punturieri presented a citizens petition to the Selectmen with 252 signatures which he read into the minutes (attached), requesting that the Selectmen order an immediate halt to any work on the Lions Club property until a public hearing is held to allow abutters and surrounding property owners to get answers to their questions. 2) Tom Howard asked that the petition be read again as he was unable to hear it, which Joel

did. 3) Bob Wallace told the Selectmen that although the warrant was passed in 2009 to construct the playing field; many issues still need to be discussed. 4) Mike Lancor encouraged the Selectmen to work with the Planning Board and Town Administrator towards building the playing field. Mr. Lancor reminded everyone that the 2009 warrant article was passed through a secret ballot with an overwhelming majority to build the soccer field and it is the will of the people. He also reminded everyone that the warrant article to purchase the Lions Club property in 2007, again by secret ballot, passed with an 80% majority. Mr. Lancor added that the present Lions Club building sits in the middle of the property and the use agreement signed by the Town and the Club is very clear that the building may not remain as it is, with the assumption that it would not. He concluded by saying, if needed, use the land and move the building. 4) Naomi Strickland reiterated that 252 people signed the presented petition. Joel stated that the Selectmen will look at the petition and consider it. He said that this is a two part problem, as the voters approved to construct the playing field, and now they are presented with this petition. If the Selectmen decide to go forward, it is because it is the will of the people. 5) Nancy Wright acknowledged that the soccer field was approved, but it is Phase 2 and 3 that is now the issue. Joel explained that contrary to what is being said, no one is trying to hide anything. The Selectmen and engineers are trying to do this right and the plans given are for the future. Joel stated that there won't be a community center unless the Town votes to approve it. Ms. Wright added that she hopes the Town Planner is being utilized in this decision. She added that she has concerns about the truck traffic on Route 109 and the safety of the children playing on the field. Ed commented that the Planning Board has met on this with lengthy discussions and more to discuss. He said that he reviewed the Town Meeting tapes and Phase 2 was never mentioned and only the soccer field was on the warrant, which he agreed with. Ed added that the engineers will identify the best place for the field, but he agrees that a public hearing should take place. Joel asked Ed, of which he agreed, that the engineers should plan for the whole property. Ed expressed his opinion that starting work on April 1st is too early. Betsey commented that during the Planning Board's public hearing, they had concerns and questions, some of which were answered by the Town Administrator and engineers. She added that the Selectmen received a letter from Chip Bollinger which explained his concerns. Betsey stated she would like more time to review the plans and agrees that a public hearing would be prudent. She agreed that the soccer field is needed. 6) Peter Jensen commented that it is good to look at it again, but felt it unfair to say that the phases weren't presented last year. He added that unfortunately it was a poorly attended meeting. Joel stated that the engineers were asked to look at the feasibility of the property and now DES has had rule changes which affect the property. 7) Kate Lancor stated that the soccer fields were approved at Town Meeting and now at the eleventh hour, this petition is presented in an effort to stall and stop the process. She asked how many more meetings it will take. Ed commented that the engineers have been asked by the Town to ignore the ordinances. 8) Allan Ballard agrees that it was voted and approved, but there is a discrepancy between a 10,000 square foot building and the Lions Club building remaining. He added that the engineer stated at the Planning Board public hearing, he was told to plan for the buildings. Mr. Ballard asked the Selectmen to put the fields within the ordinances. 9) Joanne Coppinger, member of the Planning Board, stated that she voted for the soccer field, but felt the information given to them at the Public Hearing was unacceptable and would like quality plans that they can work with. She added that the abutters should have been notified of the public hearing. Ms. Coppinger questioned the drainage plans. 10) Mike Lancor suggested that prior to having a public hearing, that the engineers first

should identify the best area for the soccer field and then hold the public hearing. 11) Bob Wallace, an abutter to the property, reminded everyone that the community center was turned down. The area proposed for the soccer field is very wet and the swales won't resolve the problem. 12) John Anderson told the Selectmen that during the public hearing he was bothered by hearing that once this plan was approved that the Town wouldn't need to go back to the Planning Board for approval. Joel asked that if the audience doesn't have anything new to say, to allow the Selectmen to proceed with the meeting as the third item under New Business discusses the Lions Club property and he felt that the discussion will provide answers.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bid Openings: Moving Equipment & Surplus Equipment: Joel read aloud all of the bids received for the Moving Equipment and Surplus Equipment. Carter added that the results will be posted on the Town's website early next week, as there are numerous options and combinations with very specific details. Road Agent Scott Kinmond suggested that next time they have a request for bids, that they be opened at 4:00 p.m. and allow the staff to report to the Selectmen. Joel said that he was open to the suggestion. Betsey stated that it would be fine as long as it was done in public.
2. Review for Approval: Multi-Town Demonstration Grant Re: Milfoil DASH Program: Carter asked the Selectmen to act on this question even though it is fourth on the agenda, to allow the Selectmen from Wolfeboro who were in attendance to leave the meeting earlier. Approved by consensus. Peter Jensen introduced Ken Marschner, Chair of the Wolfeboro Milfoil Committee to the Selectmen. Mr. Jensen explained that the three Towns, Moultonborough, Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro are applying for a \$35,000 grant from the NH Lakes Association, with each Town paying \$5,000, for a total of \$50,000 to purchase a Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH). This piece of equipment will compliment hand pulling and will pay for itself quickly. It is the first step in a collaborative effort between the municipalities. The three towns make up 50% of the shoreline on Winnepesaukee which will bring focus to the area and enhance state funding. Mr. Marschner introduced Wolfeboro's Board of Selectmen Chair, Linda Murray and Vice Chair, Sarah Silk. He explained that the Selectmen from Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro have signed the letter of commitment for the grant to purchase the DASH. This will be Wolfeboro's sixth summer with an active milfoil program, and they are now on maintenance. Mr. Marschner told the Selectmen that they have tried all technologies to eradicate milfoil. Carter asked the Selectmen to endorse the grant application and authorize the chair to sign. He explained that NH Lakes Association will manage the program. Jim Made the Motion to endorse the grant application and authorizing the Chair to sign. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Betsey thanked Peter, Mr. Marschner and the Towns of Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro for their work towards this effort.
3. Review for Approval: Transfer Station Waste Hauling Contract Amendment: Carter explained that presently the Town's contract with Waste Management is based on a flat fee regardless of weight. The cans were being hauled frequently, but not being fully loaded and this was on Waste Management's schedule. This past summer the Transfer Station experimented by calling for a pick up when the cans were full and paying for the tonnage and a hauling fee without any problems. Changing the contract to a hauling and tonnage fee will save the Town \$120,000 over the next 3 years. Waste Management is willing to change the contract but want to extend it to 2015. The present contract will

end 2012. Joel commented that he is not in favor of long contracts. Betsey asked if there is any likelihood that hauling fees could go down. Scott Kinmond replied, that although he can't be sure, felt it was unlikely. Ed expressed his concern about extending the contract. Carter felt that the \$120,000 savings balanced out the extended contract. Joel agreed that he didn't feel the cost to haul and equipment costs will decrease. Betsey asked Scott if the Town can go single stream if it wanted to if this new contract were signed. Ed asked if there is a time frame to have the contract signed. Scott replied that there wasn't, but the more time that passes, the less the Town will see in savings. Carter suggested tabling until the April 1st meeting to provide an answer regarding single stream. Agreed by Consensus.

4. Review for Approval: Report Re: RSA 674:54 Process For 139 Old Route 109: Betsey Made a Motion, based on the public and petition received, to have a public hearing with all of the plans available. Ed Seconded the Motion. Joel suggested that the Selectmen first work on this during a work session with the engineer, the school and the Recreation Department to determine the best area for the field and what is needed. The public hearing should occur after that. Jim suggested having the Planning Board and Town Planner attend. Betsey added that they should invite the Conservation Commission and have all involved attend the meeting. She added that the final decision will be made by the Selectmen. Carter stated that there are 5 designs and each is driven by a set of assumptions. If they go through each assumption and if one changes, then the design changes. Joel suggested and the Board agreed to conduct a work session on Thursday, March 25th, 7 p.m. to allow the Selectmen to come to a decision and then meet with everyone.
5. Review for Approval: Grant Re: "Lake Host" Program: Peter Jensen explained that they would like to apply for a grant from NH Lakes Association which will fund having boats being checked for milfoil as they enter and exit the Town's launches. Attending the training program is mandatory. Peter added that they will have volunteers, but also paid staff (\$8 to \$10/hour) to check for milfoil during the busier times of the week at Lee's Mills, Harilla Landing, and Long Island Beach. The amount of the grant is \$1,750, with a total cost of the program being \$6,300, which is to be funded by the \$200,000 that was approved at the Town Meeting. The Committee will also talk to private launches requesting that they do the same. Suissevale and Balmoral will be cooperating in this issue. NH Lakes Association will provide the training. Carter recommended the Selectmen endorse the grant application and asked that they authorize the Town Administrator to sign the grant. He reminded the Selectmen that they are waiting for DRA to approve the results from Town Meeting, although he doesn't feel there will be a problem. Ed Made the Motion to endorse the grant application and authorized the Town Administrator to sign the grant application. Jim Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
6. Review for Approval: MTA Spring Events Request: Jessica Stevens, MTA Coordinator, requested \$9,500 from the Community Substance Abuse P&E CR Fund for the three upcoming events: Lock-In for 7th and 8th graders; Spring Into Action; and After-Prom party. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the \$9,500 request for the MTA events from the Community Substance Abuse P&E CR Fund. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
7. Review for Approval: Tax Bill Printing & Mailing Agreement: Susette Remson told the Selectmen, that she talked with printing vendors about printing and mailing the Town's tax bills and newsletter. In so doing, she was able to renegotiate with Print Graphics of Maine Gemforms from \$.29 to \$.19 each, and for the newsletter from \$.17 to \$.12, a total

savings of \$2,200 per year. Susette explained that this was the lowest price and Gemforms has been printing and mailing the tax bills for the past seven years. Carter suggested contracting with Gemforms to lock in the price. Betsey Made the Motion to authorize the Chair to sign for a three year period contract with Gemforms. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

8. Review for Approval: Launch Request, NH Bass Casters, States Landing: Joel commented that he's recently received photos of the erosion that took place by the launch during the past storm and the Town is now looking to DES for feedback. He asked that NH Bass Casters be made aware of the erosion; although he didn't think it would interfere with boat launching. The Board approved the Launch Request for the NH Bass Casters at States Landing, May 5, 2010, 35 boats/trailers, at 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
9. Review for Approval: Disposal Agreement, Mark & Debra Whitman: Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Disposal Agreement with Mark and Debra Whitman. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
10. Review for Approval: 2010 Lee's Mills Dock Lease Amounts: Carter told the Selectmen it is time to prepare the 2010 dock leases. He reminded the Selectmen that people were notified that the cost would increase for 2010. The lease fee has been \$150 and he suggested increasing it \$50 to \$200 per season. Carter asked and received confirmation from the Board that it is their intent to extinguish the leases when the ownership changes. The Selectmen agreed by consensus to increase the lease fee to \$200.
11. Review for Approval: 2010 Charitable Exemption, Audubon Society: Ed Made the Motion to approve the 2010 Charitable Exemption for the Audubon Society. Karel Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
12. Joel recommended to the Selectmen that the Fire Warden conduct a controlled burn on the gully area between the Library and the Public Service Building. Approved by Consensus.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that the House has repealed the Campground tax. They are now studying the LLC tax. Five million will go into revenue sharing. Next week, the Governor has asked state departments to cut their budgets for a state total of \$47 million.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed stated that he has nothing to report.
3. Administration Update: Carter reported that other than his weekly update, he has a date with DOT to again present Phase 3 of the Pathway, as they are on a lower tier for acceptance. If the grant isn't approved, the \$37,500 could be used towards fixing Phase 2. Carter asked the Selectmen if they want him to proceed with Phase 3, which means more engineering costs, or to use the funds on Phase 2. Karel expressed concern that Phase 3 not be abandoned, which is to connect Phase 1 and 2. She added that it is OK to not apply for Phase 3 this year and to put it on hold. It was agreed by consensus to put Phase 3 on hold. Carter stated he will notify DOT that they will not be presenting.
4. Milfoil Committee Minutes, March 1, 2010: Acknowledged.
5. Planning Board Minutes, March 10, 2010: Acknowledged.
6. Library Board of Trustees, February 4, 2010: Acknowledged.

IX. PENDING: None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Time Warner Cable, March 1 & 8, 2010: Joel reported that this is the usual letter the Town receives regarding any likely changes to programming as a result of renewing contract agreements. Ed asked if there was information about the new digital changes. Hope told him that they had recently received a letter which is slated for the April 1st Agenda that may provide him with additional information.
2. Peg Gavenois, March 11, 2010: Joel reported that this is a copy of a note sent to the Road Agent, thanking the Highway Department on the plowing job they've done on Curtis Lane. Joel commented that the Selectmen always enjoy hearing good things.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Jean Beadle asked, as Chair of the ABC if the contract to print the tax bills will be affected if the Town goes to a July 1 fiscal year. Carter replied that it would not present a problem as you still only use two mailings. 2) Al Hume repeated his question from last the meeting regarding repairing the driveway and parking area at the Public Service Building. Carter repeated his answer from the previous meeting, stating that once the 2010 Road Projects are out to bid, they will then look at it, sometime during August or September to see if there are any funds available to do the exploratory borings with which to prepare an estimate for the 2011 budget. He added that without doing the borings, paving would most likely be a waste of money. 3) Tom Howard stated that at the 2009, the Town voted down to fund an engineering design of the proposed community center, but approved the creation of and money for a fund for this same purpose.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Karel Made the Motion to Adjourn. Jim Seconded.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
Karel adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Office Secretary