

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

April 15, 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, Administrative Assistant.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Joel called the meeting to Order at 7:03 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES: Karel made the Motion to approve the Minutes of March 25, April 1 & 8, 2010 as written. Betsey Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

IV. NEW RESIDENTS: Robert A. Landry, Pamela J. Chandonnait, Richard A. Salerno, William I. Sparkes, Shannon Fairchild, Tom Randell, Dennis J. & Paula R. Lauricella.

V. PUBLIC MEETING:

1. Citizen Input: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joel announced that Craig Nichols has resigned as the Town's Assessor due to the commute from his current home and the challenge of selling his real estate to relocate into the area simply proved to be a far greater challenge than he anticipated. He will remain in an on call service capacity to see us through the transition to a new Assessor. The Selectmen wish him well in his career.
2. Review for Approval: Adopt a Spot Participants: Joel announced that they are all the same as last year except for Stevens Landscaping which will adopt a spot at the Town Hall. Betsey Made a Motion to approve the participants that have volunteered to adopt a spot as noted in the memorandum submitted of April 8, 2010. Ed Seconded the Motion. Joel asked and Carter said that he would be sure that an announcement be released to the newspaper thanking the participants for volunteering. In addition, Joel requested permission from the Selectmen to meet with Don Muscavitz regarding improving the signage for each Adopt a Spot area. Joel asked Jim if he would like to meet with Mr. Muscavitz, as he's worked on the Adopt a Spot items in the past. Jim said he'd schedule a time with Mr. Muscavitz. Both agreed that there should be uniformity in the signs. The Motion carried Unanimously. Carter asked that he be notified within three weeks to allow time to order whatever is necessary.
3. Review for Approval: Carroll County State of Appropriations and Revenue As Voted: Joel reported that the Town has received the 2010 budget for Carroll County, a total of \$13,088,625. Betsey explained that the Town will be responsible for approximately 23-25% of the amount of that would be raised by taxes, based on the Town's equalized

assessed values. She added that the new nursing home is not included in this year's budget, but will probably be in 2011. Acknowledged.

4. Review for Approval: NH Liquor Commission, 967 Whittier Highway: Joel reported that the Liquor Commission is looking for comments from the Town regarding the beverage/wine/tobacco liquor license application received from the new owners of the Moultonboro Hometown Market & Deli. The Selectmen had no objection and requested that Carter respond to the Liquor Commission accordingly.
5. Review for Approval: Religious Exemption – Geneva Point Center, Inc.: Betsey Made the Motion to approve the exemption and PILOT for the Geneva Point Center, Inc. Ed Seconded the Motion. There was discussion over whether the Geneva Point Center is a religious or educational exemption (as it is stated differently in the paperwork). Betsey amended her Motion to reflect an educational exemption and Ed Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.
6. Review for Approval: Joint Loss Management Committee, May 11th Spring Training: Joel reported the JLMC is requesting that all Town employees be allowed to participate in the spring training, scheduled for May 11th, from noon to 4:00 pm. As a result all departments will close at noon. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the JLMC's request to hold the spring training for May 11th, closing all Town departments at noon. Jim Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
7. Review for Approval: Coalition Communities Resolution, SB465: Carter reported that SB465 would extend the collar on the statewide education property tax by one year and would establish a study committee to report back during that year. He added that he was not confident it would pass. Betsey commented that SB465 is a democratic bill which may improve its chances of passing. The \$60 million to be raised by the statewide education property tax would provide approximately \$24 million to Manchester and \$12 million to Nashua. Carter asked the Selectmen to authorize a letter, issue a press release, and a letter to the editor under the Chair's signature, asking the citizens of the community to write to their legislator and chair of the House Finance Committee and others. Betsey suggested putting it on to the Town's website the names and email addresses of the House Finance Committee, allowing citizens to email their concerns. Carter added that if the collar does expire then the Town will be a donor town at the cost of approximately \$3.5 million per year, for about \$1.25 on the tax rate. Carter reported that when he met with the Coalition he is now a member of a group of eight working on public relations. It was suggested that if the collar isn't extended, they are hoping the legislature will direct DRA to send out an estimate so it could be added to the June tax bill, which would split it into two payments and alleviate the shock in December. Approved by Consensus.
8. Review for Approval: Town Engineer Task Order: FY 2010 Roads Program: Carter reported that the \$34,000 is for engineering for the 2010 Road Program, which reserves a small amount of money for soil and surveys. He told the Selectmen that he and the Road Agent, Scott Kinmond feels it is important that the Selectmen be informed, that Lakes Region Water Company's 40 year old water main (which they feel is undersized and of poor material) runs under the 1,800 feet of road reconstruction to be done on Paradise Drive. Scott is working on drafting a policy which will include a cash bond. If the Town was responsible for the water service, they would recommend replacing and updating the water main. Carter added that LRWC doesn't have the resources to replace the water main. Karel asked if the Town does the reconstruction and the water main goes, who is responsible. Carter replied that LRWC would be responsible and under a new policy, would install a temporary patch for no more than one year, giving the Town a cash bond and if not done satisfactorily, then the Town would use the cash bond to make the repair.

Karel then asked what makes anyone think that if LRWC doesn't have the resources now, that they will in the future. Carter estimated that the cost to repair the main would be \$180,000. Joel asked where the Town would stand if the water main does go and all the residents in the area will want it replaced. He added that he's concerned that under the Public Utility Commission, would LRWC be exempt. There was discussion about the PUC being exempt from certain aspects of zoning ordinances. Carter will research the question and report back to the Selectmen. Betsey asked and Carter told the Selectmen that the risk of the main going is low and he feels it is unlikely that LRWC will fix and/or replace the main. Joel commented that the present policy is minimal and vague and needs to be updated. Carter told the Selectmen that prior to signing this order; they wanted the Selectmen to be aware of the problem, in case the water main does become a problem. He asked that the Chair be authorized to sign the task order. Karel Made the Motion to approve the task order and authorize the Chair to sign it. Jim Seconded the Motion. Ed asked if LRWC doesn't have the funds and then goes bankrupt, what the Town's responsibility is. Carter replied that the Town would not be responsible; however the residents will expect the Town to advocate for them. The Motion carried Unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that the bill to decrease interest rates for tax liens charged by municipalities was passed by the House and sent to the Senate, which felt it wasn't a good idea as it would have a negative effect on municipalities. In addition there is a bill allowing planning board members to serve on other boards as long as they are not from another land use board. Betsey added that the gambling bill has gone to the House, but it isn't being recommended to pass. She asked for any citizens who are in favor of the gambling bill to contact her, as she's never been in favor of it.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that the Planning Board is now meeting at 7:00 p.m. in an effort to end their meetings earlier. Last night's meeting didn't get out until after 11:00 p.m. Discussion occurred regarding Murphy's Mobil going to an Irving franchise and the signage, and past problems of fuel leaching into the surrounding area. Ed added that DES has given their approval. They worked on a list of 16 items to go over in 2010 and narrowed it to 10. Joel suggested and Ed agreed, that it would be a good idea that the Town Planner reach out to area business owners, maybe over a cup of coffee, to discuss the issues and perhaps resolve a lot of problems.
3. Ed told the Selectmen that he is working with the Visiting Nurse Service on the department's strategic planning and asked for volunteers with the appropriate background to help in this effort.
4. Administration Update (Re: Surplus Sale & Moving Equipment): Carter reported that all of the moving equipment purchases are completed. He added that 2 of the surplus sales have not been paid for and in two days they will be in a default status, allowing the Town to keep the \$50 deposit. He asked the Selectmen that if the two items are not sold, that he be allowed to offer them to the Recreation Department and the Library to sell for fund raising, and if they are not interested, to allow the Town to dispose of the items. The Selectmen approved by Consensus.
5. Milfoil Committee Minutes, March 30, 2010: Acknowledged.
6. Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service Minutes, April 6, 2010: Acknowledged.

IX. PENDING: None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. William C. Tolman, March 29, 1010: Joel asked and the Selectmen agreed by Consensus to refer Mr. Tolman's letter to the CEO for his response for the next meeting. In addition, this item is to go on the Agenda under Old Business for the next meeting.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Peter Jensen asked if the water main on Paradise Drive just goes across the road and learned that it runs the length of the road. 2) Steve Maguire suggested talking to LRWC to find out the size of the water main. In addition he suggested the Town float them a bond in order for LRWC to make the repair, adding that it makes sense to fix it now in order to serve the increased number of households. Mr. Maguire then asked when the wash outs on Paradise Drive would be repaired. Carter replied that they are waiting for the asphalt companies to get started. He added that they are in conversation with LRWC about the problem. Carter pointed out that the Town can't lend money to private companies. Betsey commented that the Town could levy a betterment to the property owners to make the repair. 3) Hollis Austin asked Betsey if the state government had any comment on the Tea Party demonstration that took place in Concord. Betsey replied that there was no official comment. Mr. Austin then asked for a report about the status of the Campground tax and the LLC tax. She replied that the LLC is being studied and she was not sure of the status of the Campground tax status. Mr. Austin then asked what the amount is of the state's budget short fall. Betsey replied that the amount varies depending on who is speaking and on what subject, but it ranges anywhere from \$40 to \$200 million.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Karel Made the Motion to Adjourn. Jim Seconded.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
Joel adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Office Secretary