

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

July 15, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman, Karel A. Crawford, Edward J. Charest, James F. Gray, Betsey L. Patten; Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator; Carol Fucarile, Executive Assistant.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Joel called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- III. **REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:** Betsey made the Motion to approve the Minutes of July 1, 2010 as written. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
- IV. **NEW RESIDENTS:** Eunice F. and Jerel L. Jackson and Kristin L. Miller.
- V. **PUBLIC MEETING:**
 1. Citizen Input: 1) Terrance Jatko asked if the task order for Fox Hollow would be discussed. Joel replied that it would be brought up later and he could speak about it at that time rather than discuss it twice. 2) Karel Crawford announced that she needed to leave at 7:30. 3) Hollis Austin asked about the plans for the Lions Club. Joel replied that we don't have much of an engineer's report at this time, more of a task order and if there is anything new, Joel would open it up to the public. 4) Hollis Austin felt that many people do not understand what a donor town involves for Moultonborough next year. Betsey stated that our Tax Collector, Susette Remson, has been getting a lot of input of what is going on. Betsey further explained that being a donor town means that the Town of Moultonborough needs to raise an additional \$3.5m for 2011. This is based on our equalized evaluation and the amount of money needed for the education of our children. This money goes to the education trust fund to be divvied out to other towns. Our tax rate is ESTIMATED to increase by \$1.25 per thousand for this alone. Right now, we keep everything we raise for the state education. Hollis Austin asked why Moultonborough was singled out as a donor town and how the formula works as well as for the nursing home. Betsey stated it is based on our evaluation – we are a property-rich town because of the lake-front properties. Ed stated that this is not just party (democrat/republication); it is basically regional. 5) Joe Quaresima asked what the Board of Selectmen will do as far as cutting or curtailing expenses for next year because property values on the lake went up considerably. Joel has heard from people concerning the jump in property values. Joel stated that they will work hard at budget time, but remember that everyone wants services, but still to keep the tax rate down as low as possible. Ed stated that the Board of Selectmen looked very carefully and very hard at the expenditures, but the school and the county budget also gets factored in. Betsey stated that the ESTIMATED increase to our tax rate for the nursing home is either \$.14 or \$.16 per thousand. 6) Hollis Austin asked if the Board of Selectmen would be interested in suggestions and ideas of the citizens to reduce the impact of the donor town taxes.

Betsey and Ed stated “of course, we are always opened.” Joel does not mind hearing things, but it is not necessarily the entire view of the entire town. Hollis Austin suggested there might be alternative ways of doing things, and Joel said we are interested in looking at reasonable ideas.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: Town Engineer Task Order Re: Concept H - Lions Club: Betsey suggested that all five of the Board of Selectmen look and talk about this at the next work session. The Board of Selectmen agreed to discuss this matter at the work session of July 22, 2010 with action to possibly be taken at the business session of July 29, 2010. Ed asked Carter to keep track of the Minutes of that work session.
2. Review for Approval: Town Engineer Task Order Re: Fox Hollow: These are additional tasks to attempt to satisfy concerns in terms of the archeological and historic work that has to be done and an attempt to satisfy various property owner's. Carter attempted to get from Jim Marshall what our final date was, but he is on vacation. Terrace Jatko asked if there was an idea when it will start. Carter hoped that bids will go out in late September, but that it would be unlikely that we would start to get into the road bed before we would have to leave that for the winter because it causes plowing problems. Joel stated that the DOT has been cooperative with us and there has been a lot of give and take here. Betsey made the Motion to approve the task order to add \$37,065 to it and authorize the Chairman to sign it. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Carter added, for the record, that if we are able to bring this to a successful conclusion, 2/3rds of that amount will be reimbursed to the Town of Moultonborough.
3. Review for Approval: Appointments to IMA Board Re: Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control: Carter stated that there are three appointments to this Board, one must come from the executive officers (Board of Selectmen or Carter, as designee), one must come from a citizen-at-large, and a third person to act as an alternate. Joel suggested Peter Jensen who has already put a lot of work into this. Peter Jensen was in touch with Karen Nelson and Bob Boyan who have accepted the nomination. (Karel Crawford excused herself). Betsey made the Motion to nominate Carter to represent the executive officers, Karen Nelson as at-large, and Bob Boyan as the alternate. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
4. Review for Approval: Request for Abatement – 10 Evergreen Island (Structure destroyed by fire in June 2009): Betsey understands that this is a hard situation, but the structure was there April 1. Joel said it would create precedence if it were approved. Betsey stated that it is the law (April 1). Betsey made the Motion to not make an adjustment on the property at 10 Evergreen Island, Moultonborough. Jim Seconded the Motion, three in favor. Ed abstained.
5. Review for Approval: Disposal Agreement – Kinmond, Beede (Sr.), Haven: Betsey made the Motion to grant the Disposal Agreement between the Town of Moultonborough and Scott Kinmond for ditching, fill, woodchips and sand. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
Betsey made the Motion to grant the Disposal Agreement between the Town of Moultonborough and Peter Beede, Jr. for ditching material, wood, chips and sweepings; and the Disposal Agreement between the Town of Moultonborough and Ronald Haven for hardwood, sand, small stumps and rocks and other various materials. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

6. Review for Approval: Recreation Department Re: Beach Hours: Donna Kuethe requested that the signs be changed to read “close at dark” rather than “10:00” because of vandalism and drinking, etc. Terrance Jatko suggested we use “Closed at sunset.” Joel agreed this would be better. Betsey made the Motion to have a new sign stating “close at sunset.” Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Ed then asked Donna if Scott had contacted her about the poison ivy signs. Nancy Wright stated there is poison ivy at the boat ramp as well. Betsey said there was poison ivy at the pathway across from JoJo’s. Donna will contact Scott concerning this.
7. Review for Approval: Recreation Department Re: Use of Meredith Fields & Bus: The Recreation Department has a kayaking trip scheduled for July 26 and July 27 for kayaking in Maine with a limited number of kids. They were looking for alternative transportation because taking a school bus would be too expensive. They reached out to Meredith who has a small bus and are willing to share their bus with us for this trip. We would have to provide the driver (with insurance), a nominal fee for the bus and the gas, but this would still be cheaper than the school bus for an overnight trip. The driver may have to be put on payroll (per diem) for this, he has driven them in the past, has a great relationship with the kids, has a CDL that is needed and a background check. Betsey made the Motion to look at the use of Meredith’s bus and to share resources with Meredith. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
8. Review: Recreation Department – Field Trip Report: Donna Kuethe stated that she was there for the workshop in June and came up with an alternative to the Board of Selectmen’s suggestion on how to best track the Recreation’s field trips. Donna has submitted the one trip for the month of June. Donna understood that the piece about the Recreation Department’s bills being paid would not be tied in any way to those reports being in. The Minutes reflected that if the report is not turned in by the 10th of the month, then the Recreation Department’s bills would not be paid. When the bills are submitted, there are questions as to whether these bills can be paid or not, and Donna is looking for clarification on that. The August 10th report will probably be the largest which is for the month of July. Donna is as interested and as motivated as the Board of Selectmen is to have it ready for the budget process; and she has already started working on that report. Joel and Betsey feels these bills have to be paid. Joel said that the report should continue to be created. Joel understands that sometimes a deposit has to be put down on some of these trips and there could be two or three month lag on some of these trips. Donna agrees that this has been a great process, and she has volunteered to go back to the beginning of the year (by the end of the year) to get that information together. Betsey thanked Donna for doing this, and stated that her bills will get paid.
9. Review: LGC Re: Legislative Policy for 2011-2012 (Proposals Due 08/03/10) & Designate Voting Representative on 09/17/10: Carter stated that there are two parts here: One is that if you have different proposals for the LGC to consider, they need to be submitted by August 3, and then the Board of Selectmen need to designate their voting representative who will be present on September 17 and give instructions as to how you wish them to vote on any of the policies there; or hold this over for the workshop for discussion and then take action on at the meeting on the 29th. The Board of Selectmen have not had a chance to review all of them. Betsey offered to be the representative; the rest of the Board of Selectmen agreed. Carter will notify the LGC that Betsey will do the voting. Carter will also get an email to the Coalition Communities to see if we need to submit anything by August 3.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing: Preservation Easement, 339 Whittier Highway, MBLU 135-030: Carter stated that we have nothing formal from Whittier Highway.
2. Request for Fund Raiser – Transfer Station, Crew Team (Patty Roy): Carter stated that they did supply a copy of the general liability insurance and it is in order. Carter suggested that the Board of Selectmen might want to let this event go forward before any others because it may become burdensome to the Transfer Station users if it were to occur too often. Betsey stated that the day after the 4th of July was very, very busy. Carter stated that there were over 400 cars through in the first three hours. Betsey asked if Scott Greenwood can set the kids up so that they are not in the way of the cars. Carter stated that the object is to be a help and not a burden. Joel suggested we try this one time and see how it works out. Carter is to get back to the Board of Selectmen to let them know how it works with no commitment beyond the first time. General consensus.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that it is awful news about the donor town. We are going through an election cycle. There are study committees starting up in August. If you are interested in the subjects, go to www.nh.gov to find out more information. Be aware primary is on the second Tuesday in September and the general is on the first Tuesday of November and she hopes everyone will get out and vote your thoughts – don't let someone else vote for you.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that they had a work session last night, had interesting discussions about subdivisions and expectations with regards to fire and public safety.
3. Administration Update: Carter stated he had nothing beyond his report unless there are any questions on that.
Betsey stated that she would like to have a formal “thank you” from the Board of Selectmen to the Waste Management’s employees on how well they did on that very busy, busy day – it was very hot and wants them to know that they did a good job. Joel stated that all town employees have done a good job considering the temperatures. Betsey asked Carter to express their appreciation at the staff meeting. Joel stated that people are very pleased with the roads in town also.
4. Advisory Budget Committee Minutes, 6/18/10, Year End Wrap Up 6/30/10: Acknowledged.
5. Milfoil Committee Minutes, 6/28/10: Acknowledged.
6. Planning Board Minutes, 6/30/10: Acknowledged.
7. Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes, 7/7/10: Acknowledged.

IX. PENDING: None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Anna DeRose, Re: Donor Town Status: Joel stated that there isn't much the town can do about this – it is a state problem. Betsey stated that there is a perception that the state representative are not working very hard to get rid of the donor town – Betsey stated that it is the number of representatives that we have in the lower part of the state that determines the state policy on this.
2. Time Warner, Re: Programming Changes: Acknowledged.

3. Chuck Estano, Sr., Re: Appreciation of Town & Town Employees: Joel stated it is always nice to hear. Betsey ask Carter to have this letter passed on also. Betsey stated that the Board of Selectmen value their town employees.
4. Herbert Farnham, Re: Interest in Conservation Committee: Betsey asked Carter to pass this letter along to the Conservation Committee.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Hollis Austin asked about the field trips and if they are a direct cost to the taxpayers or do the participants pay for everything? Joel stated that is the reason for the trip report. Some kids are under a program where they need scholarship money in order to attend. The taxpayers cannot be paying for everyone to go on these trips and the reports will clarify this for the Board of Selectmen. Bill Hamilton reported that Camp Tecumseh is very full this summer and there are two children from the Town of Moultonborough on scholarships. 2) Hollis Austin heard that LGC takes in \$370m yearly, and getting back to the donor town issue, has LGC offered any assistance to Moultonborough and the other down towns for a solution or new ways of approaching it. Ed stated that LGC has lobbied for us a couple of times and they provide us a space to meet in. 3) Hollis Austin stated that the parking lot out front looks good and by doing this is a savings to the taxpayers since it will prolong the life of the parking lot.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION [Possible Request Per RSA 91-A:3 II (c)]:

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Betsey Made the Motion to Adjourn. Ed Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.
Joel adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Carol Fucarile, Executive Assistant