

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

October 7, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman, Karel A. Crawford, Edward J. Charest, James F. Gray (absent with prior notice), Betsey L. Patten; Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator; Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Joel called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES: Karel Made the Motion to approve the Minutes of September 30, 2010. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

IV. NEW RESIDENTS: Sarah A. Love, Ernie M. Davis.

V. PUBLIC MEETING:

1. Citizen Input: 1) Russ Wakefield, on behalf of his brother David Wakefield of D.C. Wakefield & Company and working for Camp Tecumseh, Inc., requested that the Selectmen allow the D.C. Wakefield & Co. to begin earth work and pouring concrete for the building proposed, based on a pending building permit which must first receive site plan approval from the Planning Board. David Wakefield told the Selectmen that he has received a conditional approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment based on approval of the site plan that will be before the Planning Board on October 27, 2010. They are hoping to start the earth work before the cold weather and his contractor is available now. He is concerned that if they wait until October 27th for the Planning Board approval, that the contractor will not be available and this will add to the delay. In his letter that was presented to the Selectmen, he stated that if they don't receive the site plan approval that they will hold the Town harmless. Betsey asked if the abutter notification for the site plan has been done. David Wakefield explained that the building is in the middle of 300 acres and the only abutter is employed at Camp Tecumseh and therefore has no objections. Joel expressed his concern about the Selectmen giving their approval to start the excavation and pouring concrete prior to the Planning Board hearing. Ed commented that the Selectmen have given approval in the past for excavation and foundation pouring based on a pending DES septic approval, but not on a pending Planning Board approval. Karel asked what has caused the delay and was told by David Wakefield that their initial presentation to the Zoning Board was missing some items and wasn't ready. Joel asked Peter Jensen, a member of the Planning Board, what he thought. Mr. Jensen said that he's not familiar with this kind of request, but asked if they had run this by the Town Planner. Russ Wakefield said that the Planner had written a letter which identified the issues that have since been corrected. Ed questioned if the Selectmen have the authority to grant this request. Joel stated that he's not opposed to the Selectmen granting a tentative approval based on positive feedback from the Planning Board, as he doesn't want to over step the boundaries. Betsey Made the Motion to grant a conditional

approval to D.C. Wakefield & Co. to begin earthwork and pouring concrete only, based on the Planning Board giving the Selectmen a positive response on this question. Karel Seconded the Motion. Joel called for a vote: 3 Ayes and 1 No (Ed). The Motion carried.

2) Hollis Austin asked the Selectmen if they could comment on the 2011 budget and what kinds of cuts will be made and how much will be saved. Joel replied that it is premature for the Selectmen to make any statements, as the departments are still working on developing their budgets. Once that is done, then it will come before the Selectmen and the ABC for review. Mr. Austin asked if the Town's membership to Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) or the Local Government Center (LGC) might be cut. Joel said that #3 on New Business for LRPC's membership hasn't been discussed yet by the Selectmen. Mr. Austin, referring to the September 23rd meeting and discussion on the LRPC's Scenic Byways, asked if the state's director on the Scenic Byways will be attending an upcoming Selectmen's meeting. Carter replied that he has been communicating with Dean Eastman and he's hoping that he will be able to attend the next October meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: Budget Amendment Re: Human Services: Carter explained in his memo to the Selectmen that the Other Property Services account has spent \$106,400 year to date and has \$5,600 left. It is estimated that that an additional \$25,000 is needed, but at this time they are only asking that \$18,000 be transferred from the Selectmen's Contingency account and to the Human Services Other Property Services account. Betsey Made the Motion to transfer \$18,000 from the Selectmen's Contingency account to the Human Services Other Property Services account. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
2. Review for Approval: FY 2011 Revenues: Carter told the Selectmen that staff has come up with possible ways to increase revenues and he asked that this item be referred to the Selectmen's next work session on October 21st. Approved by Consensus.
3. Review for Approval: Lakes Region Planning Commission 2011-2012 Membership: Carter asked that this item be referred to their work session on October 21st. Approved by Consensus.
4. Review for Approval: Freedom Monument Committee – Discharge: Carter told the Selectmen that in reviewing the status of various committees, he contacted the Chair of the Freedom Monument Committee, Sally Carver. Ms. Carver replied that unless the Town needs another monument there is no need for the Committee to continue. Karel Made the Motion to discharge the Freedom Monument Committee with thanks to all of the members, Sally Carver, Ed Charest, Bruce Garry, Sandra Ringlestein, Todd Ringlestein, and Richard Wakefield. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
5. Review: Personnel Announcement: Joel explained that a complaint was received by the Planning Board regarding the work being done on the "Blink Bonnie" property, now owned by Keith Nelson's Roundabout Now, LLC, who is a Planning Board member and construction work being done by Bob Stephens, a Zoning Board of Adjustment member, prior to receiving approval for a site plan amendment. It was the Selectmen's decision to have Town Counsel, review the matter. Joel quoted Town Counsel Peter Minkow's finding:

"...their actions did give rise to the appearance of a conflict which as you know can be as damaging to the public trust as an outright act of wrongdoing. I would

therefore suggest that the Town consider giving a training seminar for all of its employees and officials on having sensitivity toward how the public views such matters and how to best conduct oneself whenever such an appearance is possible or in doubt.”

Carter reported that a press release will be published in the *Meredith News* and also will be posted on the Town’s website.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: LRPC Scenic Byways Committee – Letter of Intent: Carter reported that all items under Old Business need to remain tabled.
2. Review for Approval: 2007 Unpaid Tax Liens & Deed Waiver Re: MBLU 140/24: Tabled.
3. Review for Approval: NH & FBI Criminal History Record Checks RSA 103-a & 103-b: Tabled.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that the Coalition Communities will be presenting on October 18, 2010 at the Moultonborough Academy. She added that legislative candidates have been invited to attend. Pat Remick, the Coalition Communities Coordinator will be there. Joel commented that from attending the Coalition’s Center Harbor meeting, he learned from Pat Remick that the donor town’s will be contributing \$15 million, which in the broader picture isn’t a lot of money, when the governor says that there is a \$70 million surplus. He felt that it wasn’t worth having towns fighting against each other. He suggested that Betsey submit a bill having the \$15 million come from the \$70 million surplus. Betsey reminded everyone to vote on November 2nd.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that they will be meeting next week.
3. Administration Update: Carter reported that other than his weekly update, he did not having anything new to report.
4. Planning Board Work Session Minutes, September 29, 2010: Acknowledged.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Joel reported that the Tax Collector, Susette Remson, in her memo is requesting permission to contact the abutter of an “owner unknown” parcel which consists of .19 acres, located on the Center Harbor town line to see if they have any knowledge of ownership. Approved by Consensus. Joel asked Carter to write the letter to the abutter.

- XI. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Hollis Austin asked and Betsey agreed that the donor town approach does more harm than good. He again asked about the 2011 budget in regards to the donor town issue. Joel responded that there is no way the Town’s budget can absorb this increase without severely impacting services. He added that staff has been asked to find cut backs. Mr. Austin asked if the Selectmen have discussed with the School Board how they will cut back their budget. Joel replied that the Selectmen haven’t discussed this with the School Board. Betsey added that people need to trust that the Selectmen will do what is in the Town’s best interest. She reminded Mr. Austin that the school is autonomous and suggested that he bring his concerns to the School Board.

- XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Karel Made the Motion for the Selectmen to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Ed Seconded the Motion. A roll call was taken: Betsey – Aye; Ed – Aye; Karel – Aye; Joel – Aye. The Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 7:42 p.m.

Betsey Made a Motion and Ed seconded for the Selectmen to exit Non-Public Session and not disclose the minutes and decisions reached herein to the public, as divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person(s) other than a member of the public body itself until - in the opinion of a majority of the members - the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply. Joel called for a roll call: Betsey – Aye; Ed – Aye; Karel – Aye; Joel – Aye. The Selectmen exited Non-Public Session at 8:30 p.m.

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Karel Made the Motion to Adjourn. Betsey Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.
Joel adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant