

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

October 21, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman, Karel A. Crawford, Edward J. Charest, James F. Gray (absent with prior notice), Betsey L. Patten (absent with prior notice); 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:** Ed Made the Motion to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2010. Karel Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
- IV. **NEW RESIDENTS:** Cynthia C. & Kenneth G. Kelley, David G. Blais, Lynn E. Fletcher, Dorothea G. & Adrien A. Labrie, Jr., Amanda L. Nartiff, Jeffrey A. Ladd, Leslie A. Walker, Christiana E. Bourassa.
- V. **PUBLIC MEETING:**
 1. Citizen Input: 1) Jim Mardis, owner of Harbor Square and the Century-21 office, told the Selectmen that he was recently notified by the CEO that the 35 square foot sign for the pizzeria business (which has been in place since 1986), is out of compliance as they have been closed for well over 30 days. He informed the Board, that when he sat in on the Sign Committee he told them he felt there was a defect in the ordinance, allowing each business in a commercial spot a sign up to 35 square feet. Mr. Mardis added that he has not taken advantage of this at Harbor Square which houses 15 businesses. Based on the notification that he received from the CEO, he is complying and will submit a new sign application once he has a new tenant. Mr. Mardis felt that the ordinance requirement of taking the sign down if the space remains vacant after 30 days, especially in this economy, is unreasonable. Part of the attraction of this commercial space besides the location is the sign that is now in place. He asked the Selectmen to take all of this into consideration when evaluating the new sign application and if needed if he would appear before them to provide them with any additional information. Ed asked and learned that the sign has been in place approximately since 1987 when it was Elvio's, and then Anthony's and hasn't changed. Based on this information, Ed felt that the size of the sign should be grandfathered. Joel agreed. Karel commented that normally when the Selectmen "grandfather" a sign it is when one business buys out another business and requests to change the existing sign. She could not recall a business being vacant for a period of time and someone buying and using the existing sign. She felt that the Selectmen should keep in mind the state of the economy, the length of turnover and take this into consideration for any new sign application. Mr. Mardis expressed his appreciation for the Selectmen taking this into consideration. In addition the CEO brought to his attention that the replacement sign for Movie Mania is out of compliance, which is his business, and he has arranged for it to be corrected.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: Conservation Commission, Resignation & Appointment: Joel reported that Judy Ryerson in her letter to the Selectmen has resigned from the Conservation Commission after serving for several years. The Selectmen accept her resignation with regret and appreciation for her service. Joel asked that Carter draft a letter of appreciation. Marie Samaha, Conservation Commission Chair, in her letter recommends appointing Herb Farnham (now an alternate) as a regular member of the Commission to complete Ms. Ryerson's term. Karel Made the Motion to appoint Herb Farnham as a member of the Conservation Commission. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
2. Review for Approval: Disposal Agreement, Peter Wright: Ed Made the Motion to approve the Disposal Agreement for Peter Wright. Karel Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Review for Approval: Holland Hill Cemetery Lot, Request for Town Purchase: Joel reported that Ernest R. Famiglietti in his letter to the Selectmen requested that the Town buy back the Holland Hill cemetery lot #322, that he purchased for \$250. Hope reported that there is a person requesting to purchase the lot for the current rate of \$400. Karel Made the Motion to buy back #322 Holland Hill Cemetery Lot from Ernest R. Famiglietti for \$250. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
4. Review: Donna Kuethe, Recreation Revolving Fund Account, October 15, 2010: Joel reported that there has been discussion about this account and in Donna's letter she is asking to access the money in this account to cover part-time staff costs. Joel told the Selectmen that he has recently talked with Donna about this and suggested that the item be tabled to allow Donna to speak to all of them about her request. Approved by Consensus.
5. Review: Donation of Liberty Tree Memorial: Ed reported that someone has donated an elm tree to the Town. This is an educational program regarding the "Liberty Tree" and the demise of the elm tree to the Dutch elm disease. Carter recommended and it was approved to refer this to the Public Service Director to locate a suitable spot for planting. Karel suggested planting the tree at Sutherland Park and Carter thought it could be in done on Arbor Day.
6. Review: Recommendation Re: GASB-45: Carter explained that the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is not a government regulatory board, but is a standard. GASB 45 is an accounting and financial reporting requirement for employers to measure and report the cost and liabilities associated with other (than pension) postemployment benefits. It is necessary to report the future cost expected. During this year's audit this was the only item identified as being problematic. In order to rectify this, it is recommended that the Town purchase actuarial software which will report these expenses for a cost of \$1,500+/- per year. Carter added that it isn't actually required, however if the Town needs to borrow money from a bond bank, they will require a totally clean audit. Joel and Karel both agreed that it should be done. Carter felt that it could be done in time for the 2010 audit. Karel Made the Motion to accept the GASB #45 recommended by staff. Ed seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Carter reported that one of the properties that was to be tax deeded which staff identified as having potentially environmentally hazardous material, has been redeemed. The Selectmen agreed that the correspondence sent seemed to help the situation.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Due to Betsey's absence, there is nothing to report.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that there was a site walk for the "Blink Bonnie" property. They went into the building and found the suspended ceiling construction and the history very interesting.
3. Administration Update: Other than his weekly update, Carter informed the Selectmen that the residents of Wentworth Acres are making their annual request to close the road for trick-or-treating for Halloween night. Approved by Consensus.
4. Advisory Budget Committee Minutes, September 14, 2010 & Library & Town Quarterly Reports: Acknowledged.
5. Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes, October 6, 2010: Acknowledged.
7. Planning Board Minutes, October 13, 2010: Acknowledged.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Time Warner Cable, October 12 & 15, 2010: Joel acknowledged the usual Time Warner correspondence regarding programming changes. In addition, there will be increases in fees for 2011.
2. Bruce & Marie Worthen, Re: Shannon Cemetery, October 14, 2010: Joel acknowledged the Worthens' letter regarding Shannon Cemetery and the wall monument that has been erected. He added that the Selectmen will review the ordinance at their upcoming work session on October 28th.

- XI. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Hollis Austin reported that Keith Nelson will be presenting to the Heritage Commission regarding the "Blink Bonnie" property. He asked the Selectmen how much the Town has contributed to the Coalition Communities effort. Karel commented that she has been attending the meetings since 2002 and said that in total, approximately \$50,000, with Moultonborough being one of the highest and most consistent contributors. Portsmouth has contributed the most, through their support of Pat Remick, housing her office and paying for her health insurance. Ed commented that it has paid off, as it delayed the collar and there is a good chance that it could be delayed longer. Carter wanted to be clear that there is a chance but he'd be surprised if it is a strong chance that it is delayed further. Ed added that the Governor doesn't support donor towns. He said that he's spoken with 2 republican representatives from Plymouth who are now in support of donor towns as Plymouth will benefit. He told them that if he were to live in their district, he would not vote for them based on this. Ed felt that it was a matter of money and also of envy. 2) Joe Quaresima told the Selectmen that he spoke with Governor Lynch at the Sandwich Fair, informing him that during the last election he received his vote, but will not this year due to the donor town issue. The Governor told him that he will do whatever he can to prevent it, but reminded him that he needs the support of the Legislature. 3) Mr. Austin agreed with Ed's comment, adding that this doesn't help the state.

Joel told the audience that the Town expects to have the paperwork from the state to set the tax rate for next week's work session. He added that the state no longer requires towns to come to Concord to do this. Jim Leiterman asked when the bills would be sent out and learned that once the tax rate is set, the Tax Collector will need approximately 3 weeks to do this.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Not needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Karel Made the Motion to Adjourn. Ed Seconded the Motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
Joel adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant