

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

November 4, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman, 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 7:00 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES: Karel made the Motion to approve the Minutes of October 18th, 21 and 28, 2010. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

IV. NEW RESIDENTS: Shawn M. Welgemoed, Amy Elkins, Erik G. Bodwell, Sr., Stephen S. Guddeck, William E. Lewis, Joseph R. Reppucci, Valerie R. Irving, Gary A. & Lillian C. Grundish, Erica L. White & Stephen J. Lavalley, Maggie L. Bertrand, Cassandra A. & Timothy S. Smith.

V. PUBLIC MEETING:

Joel read the Town Moderator's, Mel Borrin's letter into the Minutes (attached) regarding the recent elections. The Carroll County Sheriff's Department, on behalf of the Attorney General's office, inspected the polls and found that the Town was in full compliance with all the regulations. Mr. Borrin acknowledged the Town Clerk's office, the election officials, ballot clerks, Police Department, and Maintenance staff for all of their hard work and for their attention to detail during the 12+ hour day. Mr. Borrin concluded that he was pleased and honored to work with such a great group. Joel added that those that worked the election are now required to take a four hour online course to insure they were educated to the proper procedure.

1. Citizen Input: 1) Jim Leiterman read his letter into the Minutes (attached) regarding the recent "Blink Bonnie" incident, asking the Selectmen if they have scheduled the ethics training for members of all of the boards and staff and if the training will be open to the public. Joel replied that the training has not yet been scheduled. Carter added that he is researching who best to give the training and felt that he will be able to give it more time after the budget process. Regarding opening the training to the public, Carter said that the question would be up to the Selectmen.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation: Kimon Koulet, Executive Director, LRPC: Mr. Koulet provided the Selectmen with a pamphlet on the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). He is going to all of the 30 towns in the region talking about what LRPC does, explaining the current projects with the various towns. Mr. Koulet stated that he has a good working relationship with Carter and Dan Merhalski, the Town Planner. One is the Brownfield

project which assists property owners with assessing land that has economic potential, but with questionable environmental conditions at no cost to the owner. Lake Winnepesaukee is the largest economic driver in the region and LRPC is working with several towns regarding the watershed in each area. Mr. Koulet recognized the Town for participating in the LRPC Hazardous Household Waste Day for many years and this year, although the attendance was down, they collected more items than ever. They are presently making recommendations to the state for the former Laconia prison facility. Mr. Koulet is aware of the Town's Milfoil Committee and the commitment that has been made. Peter Jensen asked Mr. Koulet if LRPC is involved with the Moultonborough Conservation Commission and learned that they were. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Koulet for coming before them and providing them with his update.

2. Review for Approval: Library Board of Trustees – Alternate Appointment: Carter reported that it is the Selectmen's role to appoint alternates to the Library Board of Trustees. Betsey made the Motion to appoint Laurie Whitley as an Alternate to the Library Board of Trustees, based on the Trustee's recommendation. Karel Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Review for Approval: Taxpayer's Request for Payment Schedule & Deed Waiver: Susette Remson told the Selectmen that the property owners of MBLU 253-003 and 253-017-000-BG0-001 who are on the 2007 tax deed list have requested to set up a payment schedule. Map 253 Lot 003 was subdivided after the tax deed and therefore is treated as a whole and not the four subdivided lots. They have requested to pay \$200 a month for MBLU 253-003 and \$100 a month for MBLU 253-017-000-BG0-001 and will continue to make payments until all tax liens, real estate taxes, interest and costs have been paid in full. Susette added that if they are delinquent on any payments, the Town reserves the right to immediately accept the Tax Collector's deed for non-payment of the 2007 taxes. If the Selectmen approve the payment schedule for each parcel, then they must waive the tax deed for each. Joel said that he was in favor of the payment schedules and would rather work with a property owner towards repayment than tax deed. Karel agreed, adding that the Selectmen have done this in the past. Betsey Made the Motion to accept the payment schedules for MBLU 253-003 and 253-017-000-BG0-001 and authorize the Chair to sign the Deed Waiver for both lots. Jim Seconded the Motion. The Motion Carried Unanimously. Susette asked the Selectmen that from now until the next meeting if another property owner requests to make payments can she hold off tax deeding until their next scheduled meeting. The Board agreed that she could.
4. Review for Approval: K. Dubuque's Resignation from the CIPC: From Mr. Dubuque's email to Carter, Joel announced that he has submitted his resignation from the Capital Improvement Committee. The Selectmen accepted his resignation with regret and asked Carter to draft a letter for their signature. Discussion occurred about appointing one of the Alternates, Peter Jensen or Richard Brown as a member of the committee. Mr. Jensen said that he would be willing; however, as he is on other committees, he'd like to see it be offered to Mr. Brown. Carter explained that the clerk is acting as the chair and the committee can have an alternate sit in until a member is appointed. The Selectmen referred the question back to the CIPC. Carter stated that he would advertise for alternates for the CIPC and other committees.
5. Review for Approval: Moultonborough Snowmobile Club's Trail Crossing Request: The Moultonborough Snowmobile Club is requesting and has submitted two options for trails that will run on Town property. Paul Driscoll of the Snowmobile Club provided the Selectmen with another option which they feel is the best of all three. He added that the Highway Agent, Scott Kinmond has reviewed the third option. He is also in favor as it

has less impact on Moultonboro Neck Road. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Moultonborough Snowmobile Club's request for the trail as depicted on Option #3 which runs through the Playground, Map 135 Lot 5. Jim Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

6. Review for Approval: 2011 Lee's Mills Steamboat Meet: In David Thompson's letter to the Selectmen, he thanked the Town for their support and sponsorship for the 2010 Steamboat Rally. The Steamboat Association is requesting that the Selectmen provide the same support for the Rally, scheduled for September 7 – 19, 2011. Carter recommended supporting the Rally, but changing the wording for 'A. (d)' to read: Allowing the Lee's Mills Steamboat Association to restrict the admittance of dogs to the area, with the exception of *service dogs*. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Steamboat Rally's request for support as detailed in their letter dated October 1, 2010 and changing section A. (d) to read service dogs. Joel asked that the Motion be amended to include in their letter of support to the association that they must publish notification of the restriction on dogs. Karel Seconded the Motion as amended by Joel. The Motion carried Unanimously.
7. Review for Approval: Conservation Commission Appointment: Joel reported that in Marie Samaha's letter, Chair of the Conservation Commission that it is recommended to appoint Peter Jensen as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission. Karel Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
8. Review for Approval: 2011 Transfer Station/Beach Sticker: Carter reminded the Selectmen that they have reviewed this question during their last work session, of whether to increase the cost of the Transfer Station/Beach sticker to \$20 for two years or \$10 for one year. He suggested offering the sticker at half price during December. Carter added that the price and term needs to be decided now as they must be ordered and ready for sale in December as the present sticker runs out December 31, 2010. Karel and Joel commented that they were in favor of increasing the cost of the sticker to \$20 for the usual 2 year period and to sell the sticker in December at the approved rate and not at half price. Karel Made the Motion to increase the cost of the Transfer Station/Beach sticker to \$20 for a two year period. Jim Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Joel added that the Administration staff can choose the color.
9. Review for Approval: 2011 Street Lights Elimination: Carter, in his memo to the Selectmen dated October 28, 2011, recommends elimination of 20 street lights for an annual savings of \$2,750. Both the Police and Highway Departments have reviewed the list and feel that public safety will not be jeopardized. He added that this is a beginning and there are more that could be eliminated in the future. If approved, Center Harbor will be notified for the lights on the town line and NH Electric Cooperative will also be notified. The list will be put on the Town's website and if any property owner wishes to adopt a street light they can do so by having the bill put in their name or if anyone has any recommendations for elimination of other lights. The Board approved the elimination of the 20 street lights as listed in the memo dated October 28, 2011 by Consensus.
10. Review for Approval: 2011 Health Insurance & Employee Benefits: Carter told the Selectmen that the prediction they received in September of the increase in health insurance has changed and actually has gone down, however the cost for dental, life insurance and short term disability insurance has increased. The Town has received quotes from Primex and LGC, the current provider. The Selectmen need to choose between the providers and the cost. Betsey Made the Motion to stay with LGC and with option 3C for dental with authority for the chair to sign the needed documents. Also to

approve the recommended increase to an employee contribution rate of 10% at 2% points per year for the single health and dental plans, and the life and long term disability plans. Carter noted the negative to employees could be minimized by making this change effective with step raises and COLA's if awarded on April 1st. The effective date of this change will be settle during the Budget hearings. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

11. Review for Approval: Glidden Road Repeater: Carter explained that this has been before the Selectmen before. The license for the repeater has been approved. The cost is \$38,060 and there is \$42,000 budgeted. He suggested using \$27,500 from the Communication Reserve Fund to get started on the project. The Police Department also has funds it can apply towards this. Ed Made the Motion to approve expending \$27,500 from the Communication Reserve Fund for the Glidden Road Repeater. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: LRPC Scenic Byways Committee – Letter of Intent: Joel asked the Board how they wish to act on this question. Jim, Betsey and Joel stated that they were not in favor. Ed stated he was in favor as it connects the Town with other communities. Betsey suggested that if the Board was undecided to have the Planning Board look at the question. Jim Made the Motion to inform LRPC that the Town would not participate in the Scenic Byways Committee. Betsey Seconded the Motion. A vote was taken with four Ayes and one Nay (Ed against). The Motion carried.
2. Review for Approval: NH & FBI Criminal History Record Checks RSA 103-a & 103-b: Carter reported that this question and item #3 are not ready for the Board's action.
3. Review for Approval: Revised Cemetery Ordinance: Not ready for action.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that due to the elections the Legislature will have its reorganization day on December 1st. She felt that there will be a quick move to put the collar back in place for the SWEPT (donor towns) by Representative Jeb Bradley. She added that what is needed is a constitutional amendment to get rid of donor towns, but this can't be done until the 2012 election.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that they had a site walk at the "Blink Bonnie" property and they have been finalizing ordinances and policies for the upcoming Town Meeting.
3. Administration Update: Other than his weekly update, Carter had nothing new to report.
4. Advisory Budget Committee Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2010: Acknowledged.
5. Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2010: Acknowledged.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Time Warner Cable, October 12 & 15, 2010: Joel reported that this was Time Warner's usual letter about possible program changes.
2. Norma J. Hester & John A. & Nancy J. Bender, Re Shannon Cemetery, October 27, 2010: The Selectmen asked Carter to send a letter explaining how the Town options are severely limited.
3. Long Island Bridge Campground, Re Congregate Mooring Renewal: Joel stated that they are obligated to notify the Town every five years.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Al Hume asked the Selectmen to reconsider their vote on increasing the fee for the Transfer Station/Beach sticker and reduce the fee for senior citizens to \$10, as there has been no increase in Social Security. Ed commented that he recently canceled having his trash picked up and when he told the company the fee the Town charges, they were in disbelief of how cheap it is. Mr. Hume said that the extra \$20,000 revenue wasn't worth the increase while the recycling center is bringing in more money. Joel commented that they hear from others that they need to cut the budget and they are trying other ways to find revenue and somewhere there needs to be a happy medium. 3) Clelia MacKay asked why the Town is looking to buy land located ½ mile from the Town Hall. Ed stated that they aren't planning on buying any land. He explained that the letter states the Town is considering, not buying. The Town voted to build another playing field and there is opposition to building it on the Lions Club property. Joel explained further that the Blue Ribbon Committee is reviewing all of the Town's needs (schools and Recreation) and any piece of land that would be better than the Lions Club property if there is a decision to go forward. If a property owner offers a piece of land for \$10 the Selectmen cannot buy it without the Town's approval at Town Meeting. Carter explained that it has been suggested by others that people want to donate land next to the school and why can't it be used or somebody is willing to donate something else and why can't it be used, or that the Town didn't look at other options, etc. The letter that went out is an invitation to property owners in the center of Town who want to donate, provide use of a portion of a building, lease it or sell it, which is an attempt to address the question that there are better options. This is the only way to find out if better options exist. There is no suggestion of the Town acquiring other land. This is a way to identify those willing to participate or partner with the Town. 4) Al Hume asked if Adele Taylor's heirs have offered the property to the Town. Joel stated that they've heard this rumor, and will respond as he has in the past, that no one has come to the Selectmen with any offer. Mr. Hume asked if the school has looked at it and Joel replied that he's not aware of what the school has done. Ed commented that it is not up for sale yet. Joel stated that no one has come to the Town to offer property for sale, lease or otherwise. Mr. Hume asked why the Playground soccer field hasn't been repaired when the Town approved the appropriation with a grant available and \$45,000 budgeted. Carter corrected Mr. Hume that the cost is not \$45,000, but \$150,000 which is the same number that was given approximately 2 years ago. The Town hasn't gone forth which is the same answer that he's given Mr. Hume on numerous times. In order to repair the Playground Drive field, another field must be constructed during the one year the Playground Drive field is not usable. Mr. Hume stated this wasn't true that Camp Tecumseh is available and there's a new field at the Academy and the \$150,000 cost that Carter quoted is for the whole thing and not just the field. Carter replied that was incorrect and he has shown him the cost several times and would be happy to do so again. Joel reiterated what Carter said, that there needs to be another field to use while Playground Drive is being repaired, allowing the new grass to grow for at least one year. 4) Gary Torrensen asked the Selectmen if they received the letter he wrote in support of a Town employee. The Board responded that they did receive it. Mr. Torrensen asked what the Selectmen's intent was in raising the Transfer/Beach sticker. Joel responded that they have raised several fees to bring them up to date and in line with other towns. 5) Herb Farnham asked Betsey why the issue of donor towns can't be done away with. Betsey replied that Representative Bradley will submit his bill for the collar. A constitutional amendment is needed and that can't be voted on until 2012. Joel added that Manchester and Nashua which have more representatives than all of the North Country, want the money and therefore it won't be easy to overturn it.

- XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Karel Made a Motion for the Selectmen to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c). Betsey Seconded the Motion. A roll call was taken: Jim – Aye; Betsey – Aye; Ed – Aye; Karel – Aye; Joel – Aye. The Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 8:25 p.m.

Karel Made a Motion and Betsey 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; Jim – Aye; Ed – Aye; Karel – Aye; Joel – Aye. The Selectmen exited Non-Public Session at 9:20 p.m.

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Ed Made the Motion to Adjourn. Jim Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously. Joel adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant