

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

December 16, 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 December 2 and December 3, 2010. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

IV. NEW RESIDENTS: Theresa M. Romano, Jessica J. & Aaron J. Shaffer, Brian & Melissa Taylor, Kendra & Mark Greene, Jennifer L. Sundquist, Linn M. L. Ringelstein.

V. PUBLIC MEETING:

Citizen Input: 1) Judith Ballard read a letter into the minutes written by Eric Taussig dated December 15, 2010 regarding the proposed sign ordinance amendment which addresses "for rent" signs on residential properties (attached). The present sign ordinance prohibits "for rent" signs in residential/agricultural areas and the proposed amendment would allow it. Mr. Taussig's letter expressed his concern that the "for rent" signs are red flags for vacant homes which can lead to vandalism and break-ins, plus become an eyesore advertising off-site brokers. He requested that the Selectmen direct the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the present ordinance and remove the illegal rental signs. 2) Hollis Austin asked the Selectmen for an update of the 2011 budget. Joel replied that they are trying to keep the budget flat; however they have decided to reinstate the second firefighter/EMT position (not the Red Hill Tower position). Betsey commented that the volunteer firefighters that advocated for the second position at the last Selectmen's meeting, questioned why the Selectmen would support a warrant article for the second position, but not include it in the budget, and asked if this was politically motivated. She said that based on the volunteers' support of the second position, she approves of putting the position into the budget. Ed agreed with Betsey, adding that they are not finished with the budget process yet. Joel wanted to clarify that the Fire Department only requested that the second firefighter/ EMT position be reinstated and were not asking for two additional positions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Personnel Announcement: Moultonborough Police Department: Chief Tom Dawson introduced Joseph Marinucci as their new part-time police officer. Officer Marinucci is a Moultonborough resident and will be going to the part-time police academy starting in February, with completion in May and will be ready to serve during the summer busy season. Joel gave the oath of office to Officer Marinucci and congratulated him on

joining the Moultonborough Police Department. Chief Dawson introduced Gina Aponte as the department's new part-time dispatcher. Dispatcher Aponte is retired from the New York City Police Department with 18 years in communication. Joel informed the audience that the Police Department is not adding extra hours, but reducing the hours of current part-time staff members. Chief Dawson reported that starting February 2nd through April 6th, Moultonborough Police Department will start the Citizens' Police Academy open to those that are at least 21 years old and pass a criminal background check. Sgt. Joe Canfield will be heading it with the goal of educating citizens. Each week there will be a different topic to help citizens learn about the police force and the people behind the badge. The Academy will be on Wednesday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. with a limited class size. Starting in January, applications can be picked up at the Police Station or on-line and dropped off at the Police Station.

2. Review for Approval: 2011 Primex Rates, Property & Liability, Worker's Compensation: Carter reported that the policy ends in 2012. Primex is now offering a 7.5% discount if the Town extends the present contract, noting we current receive a 5% discount. Presently worker's compensation is \$56,000 and property and liability is \$65,000. The cost for Worker's Compensation is always an estimate based on payroll. He recommends putting it out to bid to see if the Town can get a better price. Carter asked the Selectmen what their preference was, i.e., extend the present contract another 4 years and receive a 7.5% discount or go out to bid in 2012. By Consensus, the Selectmen agreed to go out to bid in 2012.
3. Review for Approval: Moultonboro Snowmobile Club – Glidden Road: Paul Driscoll of the Moultonboro Snowmobile Club asked for permission from the Selectmen to allow the club to construct a new trail that connects with existing trails starting approximately 400' down Glidden Road, just past the Moultonboro Business Center. This route will help to avoid crossing various driveways west of Glidden Road, which is a safer alternative. Karel asked if they would be riding off-road. Mr. Driscoll replied that they would prefer being off-road, but due to the ditches and stonewalls, they will be on the road, running at the posted 10 miles per hour with state supplied snowmobile signs. Carter informed the Selectmen that the Police, Fire and Department of Public Works have reviewed it and given their approval. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Moultonboro Snowmobile Club's request to use the portion of Glidden Road as depicted on the map provided. Jim Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
4. Review for Approval: Disposal Agreement – Holmes: Ed Made the Motion to approve the Disposal Agreement for Myron Holmes to receive wood chips. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
5. Review for Approval: Citizens' Petition, VNA Hospice: Joel asked that the petition be placed in the budget file.
6. Review for Approval: Blue Ribbon Commission – Request for Extension: Carter explained that due to a late start for the commission, they are requesting an extension to February 28, 2011. Betsey Made the Motion to extend the Blue Ribbon Commission time for completion to February 28, 2011. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
7. Review for Approval: Recreation Advisory Board Resignation – Joanne Farnham: Joel reported that the Chair of the RAB, Joanne Farnham has resigned, which the Selectmen accept with regret. Joel reported that the Selectmen will hold off filling the position until the first of the New Year in order to evaluate the situation. Betsey thanked Ms. Farnham for her service and asked Carter to draft a letter.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: NH & FBI Criminal History Record Checks RSA 103-a & 103-b: Carter reported that both items are not ready for action.
2. Review for Approval: Revised Cemetery Ordinance: Not ready for action.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that she is encouraged that the collar may be extended. She is now part of the leadership team, a new experience for her. She feels there is a chance that a constitutional amendment for targeted aid will be passed and asked that citizens support this by writing their representatives and senators. Betsey reported that there is action on behalf of Ward Bird and the legislature is signing a petition for an early or work release. At her weekly visits with Mr. Bird, he is afraid that he'll be forgotten, of which she assured him this wasn't the case. Al Hume told Betsey that although he has a permit to carry a concealed weapon, he is now unsure of his rights based on the Bird case. She told Mr. Hume that she's sponsored a bill that will clarify the law, specifically not making it a criminal offense to show a weapon when an individual is protecting their private property.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that they had a work session this past Monday and worked on the sign ordinance, subdivision and the steep slopes ordinances.
3. Administration Update: Carter reported that other than his weekly report, he wanted people to be aware that the blue mini-bus parked at the Community Center, known as the "Blue Loon" is from the Carroll County Transit bus "Dial A Ride" program. There are three service areas, with Moultonborough's covering Tuftonboro, Moultonborough, Sandwich, and Tamworth. The final route maps and rate schedules are due out soon. People can start to call and arrange point to point rides within the service zone. More information will be forth coming. The fixed route system will begin sometime in 2011 as there is a shortage of buses to be delivered.
4. Blue Ribbon Commission Minutes, November 23, 2010 & December 1st & 7th, 2010: Acknowledged.
5. Milfoil Committee Minutes, November 30, 2010: Acknowledged.
6. Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes, December 1, 2010: Acknowledged.
7. Planning Board Minutes, December 8, 2010: Acknowledged.
8. Visiting Nurse Service Board of Directors Minutes, December 7, 2010: Acknowledged.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Cathy Nilson, November 29, 2010, Shannon Cemetery: Joel reported that there is a group looking at the cemetery rules, placement and types of headstones allowed. They will be working on this in January's work session. He added that the biggest problem will be to identify the proper areas for each plot.
2. Time Warner Cable, November 5, 2010, Program Changes: Joel reported that this is their usual letter of possible program changes.
3. Island Property Owners Petition of Support for Purchase of MFRD Rescue/Fireboat: Joel reported that the Selectmen will be supporting the warrant article to purchase a new fire/rescue boat as the old one is not meeting the need. Betsey added that Guy Petell brought in the petition which shows island owners' support the purchase of a new MFRD Rescue/Fireboat.

4. Peter Velie, December 13, 2010, Holland Road Speed Limit: Mr. Velie spoke to the Selectmen regarding his letter requesting to lower the speed limit from 40 to 30 miles per hour from the Holland Hill Street Gym and is asking for a letter of support from the Selectmen. Joel asked that Mr. Velie's letter be referred to the Police and Department of Public Works for their review and recommendation. Carter felt certain that he would have this for the Board at their next meeting, December 30th.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Steve Maguire asked if there was any update from Time Warner regarding channel 13. Carter replied that the information from Time Warner continues to be that they have to pay a licensing fee for each channel and the fee continues to go up. He concluded that since the federal government deregulated television, this is the result. 2) Peter Jensen, Chair of the Milfoil Committee provided the Selectmen with an update, of which he expects to have a report in early January and a preliminary draft agreement for Carter to review. He felt the agreement was flexible and recognizes that the Town can't make any commitment until Town Meeting. However, they may request the application fee. This past year the first treatment's average cost was \$622/acre and in the fall it was \$384/acre. The agreement assumes that there will be retreatment for as much as 200 acres or none at all. The cost will be \$395/acre regardless of how many acres needs to be treated. Joel and the Selectmen thanked Mr. Jensen and the committee for their hard work on the eradication of Milfoil. Mr. Jensen reported that the state has done most of the work, put out to bid to the 2 companies and will use the same company as in 2010 and will be awarding Moultonborough a \$16,000 grant. 3) Joe Quaresima asked if the Town is planning on having a representative from Time Warner come to a Selectmen's meeting. Carter said he will ask that they come in during January. 4) Hollis Austin asked what the assessed value is of the "Unknown Owner" lot on the Center Harbor town line, map 109 lot 001. Carter reported that it has been reduced to approximately \$4,800. Mr. Austin asked the Selectmen to view the services of Vision Appraisal based on the high value first given to this .19 acre lot. Joel repeated his previous response that the Selectmen are going to wait for the abatement process before they make any decision. Betsey added that the USPAP manual that Vision will submit will provide further information. Carter repeated that the value differential is based on it being deemed as a stand-alone lot or as backland. Mr. Austin asked the Selectmen to reconsider evaluating Vision now versus later and if not now, then asked when the review will occur. Betsey stated that it is premature. Hope reported that abatements are due no later than March 1st, but the Assessor has until July 1st to answer them. Betsey suggested some time towards the end of July.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Not needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Karel Made the Motion to Adjourn. Betsey Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.
Joel adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Approved

Date

Respectfully Submitted

Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant