

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

January 6, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman, Karel A. Crawford, Edward J. Charest, Betsey L. Patten; Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator; Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Joel called the meeting to Order at 7:03 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- III. **REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:** Ed made the Motion to approve the Minutes of December 30, 2010. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
- IV. **NEW RESIDENTS:** Neil J. Behrend, Nancy K. Williams, Todd R. Lombardo, Barry L. Litcofsky, Justin B. Lewis.
- V. **PUBLIC MEETING:**

Citizen Input: 1) Hollis Austin requested as he did at the previous meeting, that the Selectmen provide an explanation for each item, the cost and savings if applicable. He then asked the Selectmen if they could report on the Town's population growth and how this number is tracked. Ed replied that the Town Clerk has reported that the number of registered voters has decreased, but added that not all people register to vote, so that's not an accurate picture. Joel replied that the best number would be supplied by the U.S. Census. Mr. Austin then asked how many Town programs depend on state and/or federal funding. Carter replied that the roads program is partially funded by the NH DOT block grant. The Visiting Nurse Service is funded through Medicaid. The Police Department receives targeted funding and the Fire Department receives grants. Mr. Austin then asked how programs are tracked to identify if they have met their objectives, i.e. the Pathway. Joel replied that the Selectmen have decided to hold off on the third phase of the Pathway until they resolve the problem that exists with the second. He explained that the problem that now exists is a result of trying to save money, versus digging down the 18" needed. Betsey added that the public made contributions to the Pathway. Ed stated that he felt that it was evident that it was meeting the objective by the high number of walkers that use the Pathway. Mr. Austin then asked about the Police Department's Canine program, the cost to date and the current status. Carter replied that the Town doesn't do a program budget and in order to do this it would require time to tally the numbers for a period of years. Joel said that the current program will continue until the dog retires and then the question will be put to the voters. When appropriate, a report will be provided at Town Meeting with the costs and benefits. Joel added that the Right to Know law allows for these requests to be made, but in order for the Town to provide this information it requires a lot of staff time, researching and doing the work, which ends up costing the Town money. Betsey agreed that it is time consuming, and if a specific cost is requested this can be done.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: Request to Buy Back Cemetery Plot: Joel explained that James and Susan Guppy purchased two Shannon Cemetery plots in 2004. They have now moved out of the area and have requested that the Town buy them back at the original cost of \$250 each. Ed Made the Motion to buy back the two Shannon Cemetery plots at \$250 each from James and Susan Guppy. Betsey Seconded the Motion, with regret that the Guppy's have moved. The Motion carried Unanimously.
2. Review for Approval: Request to Abate Tax Interest: Carter explained that the check received for tax payment was post dated for after the payment due date. The taxpayer is asking that three days interest of \$5.44 be abated. The Selectmen agreed that they did not wish to set precedent by abating interest for late payments, as they have not done it in the past. Karel Made the Motion to not abate the interest of \$5.44 for account number M04360. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Review for Approval: Citizen's Petition to Accept Victory Lane: Carter reported that a citizen's petition was received several years ago to accept Victory Lane which was voted down at Town Meeting. Joel asked that it be placed in the budget file and to require a site plan, drainage easements to the Town, and that the road meets the Town's minimum specifications. Carter will refer it to the Town Planner and Highway Agent for their recommendations in order for the Selectmen to make their recommendations.
4. Review for Approval: Speed Limit Change Request – Holland Street: Joel reported that in the Highway Agent's memo to the Selectmen, that he and Police Chief Dawson have reviewed Mr. Velie's letter and the 2009 Trax Pro speed audit, along with their personal knowledge and observations of the area. It is their recommendation that the Selectmen write a letter to NH DOT requesting that a review be conducted to extend the 30 mph speed zone approximately 1000' north and the speed zone change occur on the level portion of roadway just north of the Holland Hill Apartments. Betsey Made the Motion to write a letter to the NH DOT requesting the 30 mph speed limit be extended 1000' to the top of the hill. Ed Seconded the Motion. Carter said he would draft a letter for their signature. Betsey asked and learned that this would have no effect on the street lights.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: NH & FBI Criminal History Record Checks RSA 103-a & 103-b: Carter reported that neither item was ready for action. Joel asked Carter to relay to Chief Dawson that the Selectmen would like his report and recommendation on this item.
2. Review for Approval: Revised Cemetery Ordinance: Not ready for action.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that Governor Lynch was inaugurated today. The Governor's Council has moved up the date to review Ward Bird's pardon request to January 19th and when she has the date of the hearing she will let everyone know so they can attend. The major items continue to be the budget, the statewide education tax and retirement reform, of which she has been asked to sit on this committee. She felt hopeful that in the governor's inaugural speech, he wants a constitutional amendment for statewide education which will eliminate donor towns. Tom Howard asked Betsey what the number is for her bill redefining criminal threatening. Betsey replied that the number is LSR440 which will affect the language of mandatory sentencing and switching shall to

may. It will also clarify the law so that it is not criminal threatening when one is protecting their personal property.

2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that they will meet next week. The proposed changes have been advertised along with the public hearing date.
3. Administration Update: Carter reported that other than his weekly report, he doesn't have anything additional to add. Betsey asked if there is an issue with the Heritage Commission posting their meeting notices. Carter replied that there is no issue. He reminded the Selectmen that it was decided a couple of years ago to reduce the amount of notices published in the newspaper(s). On this occasion the Heritage Commission had appropriately published a public hearing notice.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT: None.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Betsey 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 7:32 p.m.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 8:36 p.m. having voted by a vote of 2/3 or greater of the members present to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached therein to the public, as divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person 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.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Betsey Made the Motion to Adjourn. Ed Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.
Joel adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant