

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

January 20, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman, Karel A. Crawford (absent with prior notice), 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: Betsey made the Motion to approve the Minutes of January 6, 2011, 4 PM and 6 PM. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

IV. NEW RESIDENTS: Aditya C. Kashiappa, Jodi A. Daughenbaugh, Amanda M. Baker.

V. PUBLIC MEETING:

Citizen Input: 1) Peter Jensen reported that the Milfoil Committee will be holding an informational meeting for the public on Monday, February 7, 2011, 7 p.m., at the Library to review the committee's accomplishments and plans for the future. They will hold another meeting for the public on Monday, February 28, 2011, 7 p.m. at the Library to discuss the role of volunteers and to invite those interested to get involved. 2) Hollis Austin asked the Selectmen to provide the costs/savings for any monetary items on today's agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Personnel Announcement: MPD 2010 Officer of the Year Award: Chief Tom Dawson reported that he instituted a new policy during 2010 for the Officer of the Year Award. This award is to give recognition to an officer(s) who has demonstrated exceptional achievement in carrying out his/her duties, bringing credit to the department by going well above the call of duty, humane handling of difficult situations, understanding, compassion or courage, continuous devotion which assists and enhances the community, and making contributions to the safety of his fellow officers. A committee of three officers were selected by the Chief, and given the task of reviewing the nominations made by all members of the department and making their recommendation to the Chief. Chief Dawson said that two officers were nominated. He described one particular example of one officer going above the call of duty. While completing a routine directed patrol at a local bank, this officer noticed a car in the parking lot, which is not unusual. Footprints were observed coming from the car which did not lead to the bank. Going above the call of duty, the footprints were traced going across the road, into a neighborhood and to a residence's back window where a felonious sexual assault was occurring. The next officer has been cited as not only being a police officer, but a psychologist, counselor and mentor, showing compassion, understanding, and fairness. The role this officer has played has kept many youth out of the court system due to the

officer's involvement in their daily lives, which has lightened the load on the Police Department. It was the Chief's honor to announce that the 2010 Officers of the Year are Detective Stephen Kessler and School Resource Officer Jody Baker. Chief Dawson presented both officers with a certificate of recognition and they will both receive a special pin to wear on their uniform. A plaque to be hung at the Police Department will have their names engraved as the first recipients for 2010. He thanked Det. Kessler and S.R.O. Baker for their dedication. Madeline Maroun thanked Officer Baker for being kind and helpful. Andy Coppinger, Principal of Moultonborough Academy, added that Officer Baker has made a positive contribution to the school. Ann Marie Maroun, a graduate of the Academy said that Officer Baker had been very helpful to her when she was in school. The Selectmen thanked and congratulated Det. Kessler and SRO Baker for their dedication to the community and this recognition by their peers.

2. Review for Approval: Tax Collector's Request to Renew Justice of the Peace Commission: Joel explained that Susette Remson's Justice of the Peace commission is about to run out. To renew her commission, which she only uses for Town purposes, the cost is \$75. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Justice of the Peace fee of \$75 for Susette Remson. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Review for Approval: Recreation Department's Request for Bon Fire, 2/25/11: Joel reported that this is a yearly event requiring the Selectmen's approval. Approved by Consensus. Hilary Bride told the Selectmen that the Fire Department will be present to insure safety.
4. Review for Approval: Town's 2011 Holiday Schedule: Betsey asked about the schedule for the Waste Management Facility. Carter reported that the DPW Director asked that the WMF be closed for Veterans Day, Friday November 11th and the day after Thanksgiving, Friday November 24th, which will result in the WMF being closed three days in a row. All Town departments are closed on these two days. Joel said that he felt it was worth trying for one year. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the 2011 Holiday. Jim Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
5. Joel reported that one of the budget cuts proposed was to reduce dispatch hours, with the hope of having Carroll County Sheriff's Dispatch pick up evening and weekend hours. He explained that Moultonborough pays 25% for this service. The Sheriff's department has responded that they can do this, but there will be additional cost to the Town for equipment and personnel. Joel felt that this didn't make sense. He has learned that Grafton County charges only towns that use their dispatch versus charging towns regardless of their use as Carroll County does. Joel said that Carroll County needs to reconfigure the way they charge. He would like to see the \$27,500 that was cut be put back into the budget and to draw some additional funds from the DPW reserve fund to keep a net zero increase. Joel added if they were to go with Carroll County, it is unclear that if the Town purchases the repeater antennae whether it will provide coverage through the whole Town without any dead spots. Betsey agreed to put the \$27,500 back into the budget. She feels that the Town now pays 25% and would like to go the county delegation to see if this issue can be resolved. She would also like to talk to neighboring towns to see what dispatch services they use and if they would be willing to join with Moultonborough to change the fee system for these services. Sgt. Scott Fulton said that Tuftonboro has their dispatch through Carroll County, while Wolfeboro does their own. Ed agreed that there are too many unknowns to proceed with dispatch through the county. He'd like to wait and work with the county to see if an equitable fee could be arranged. Ed added that he prefers having local dispatchers who are familiar with the Town and the community. Jim agreed. Carter asked for clarification, adding that the extra cost and

equipment will still have the Town \$33,000 ahead. Joel felt that more exploration regarding the equipment needs to be done to insure coverage and to talk to the county about a more equitable fee system. Carter said that presently Moultonborough, Wolfboro and Conway support the Carroll County Dispatch, and paying for those towns who use it. Betsey is concerned about the cost and questioned why the Sheriff needs an extra \$100,000 for personnel. She favors putting the \$27,500 back in the budget, staying at a zero budget and start the discussion with the county, adding that she's not ready to spend the money for Carroll County dispatch. Based on the discussion, Carter asked if it was the Board's wish to put \$27,500 back into the budget and continue to explore the question. Joel replied that was correct. He added that the Selectmen gave Carter the task to keep the budget level, which he did by providing various ideas to achieve this, of which this was one. Joel said that after much discussion and consideration a few of these ideas have been turned down by the Selectmen. Carter said he will draft a letter to Wolfboro and Conway to learn of their interest regarding changing the fee system. All three towns are paying the county tax while maintaining their own dispatch. Joel asked Chief Dawson to research what other counties do. Scott Kinmond, former Police Chief, said that he felt this was not about the money, but about public safety. He feels the county's system can't handle the volume of traffic and disagrees with Carter's prediction of savings. Scott said he is friends with the Grafton County Sheriff and he will talk to him to find about their fee based system. He agrees that the present system with Carroll County is not fair or equitable and Moultonborough shouldn't subsidize other towns. Joel asked that information be obtained from other counties. Betsey said she will also gather information on her end. Sgt. Scott Fulton said that one phone call can tie up a dispatcher for several hours and that is one of the reasons for the county's request for additional money. Betsey said that the Carroll County Delegation is very frugal and doubts that they will approve of the Sheriff's request to expand his department.

6. Carter reported that a FY 2010 budget amendment is needed to cover overruns for the \$7,000 propane conversion and \$3,000 for the ground penetrating radar for the Public Safety Building's floor. He asked that these amounts be transferred from the DPW Professional and Technical account to the Facilities account. Betsey Made the Motion to amend the budget transferring \$7,000 for the propane conversion and \$3,000 for the Public Safety Building's ground penetrating radar from the DPW Professional and Technical account to the Facilities account. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Nancy Wright asked what ground penetrating radar is. Joel and Carter explained that it detects voids between the building slab and the ground and has been done at the Public Safety Building.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: NH & FBI Criminal History Record Checks RSA 103-a & 103-b: Carter reported that both items will be ready for next week's work session.
2. Review for Approval: Revised Cemetery Ordinance: Not ready for action.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that the Governor's Council has agreed to review the pardon for Ward Bird on February 1st to be held at the Councils quarters and will then decide on Wednesday. While the Governor's Council has received many letters of support, she asked if the Selectmen would be willing to write a letter of support regarding

the punishment doesn't fit the crime. Betsey said she will attend the hearing. Joel Made the Motion to approve writing a letter of support of pardoning Ward Bird based on the punishment doesn't fit the crime. Ed Seconded the Motion. Betsey will work with Carter to draft the letter. Betsey reported that there was a hearing to extend the collar and she felt that a new formula wouldn't totally do away with donor towns. The Senate will vote to extend the collar to hold everyone harmless to review the cost of an adequate education. She cautioned that although this might mean doing away with health, music, art in the definition, it doesn't mean that schools will actually do this. She added that she is in favor of targeting aid to towns that need it. They will work on a constitutional amendment to be ready for the election of 2012. The Evergreen Clause provides that labor contracts stay the same until there is resolution. Betsey said that she now sits on the Pension Committee and it is their intent to not put anymore expense on to the towns. Anyone interested in getting more information on these bills and others can contact Betsey at her state email address of betsey.patten@leg.state.nh.us.

2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that they held the first Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning amendments on Thursday (meeting scheduled for Wednesday canceled due to the snowstorm) and will hold the second on Monday, January 31st with a snow date of Tuesday, February 1st.
3. Administration Update: Carter reported that other than his weekly report, he had one item to add. From the previous meeting regarding the request to DOT to reduce the speed limit on Holland Street, the speed zone should have been 1,750 feet and not 1,000 feet. The Selectmen agreed to change this by Consensus.
4. NH Lakes IMA Joint Board on Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control Minutes, December 15, 2010 & January 12, 2011: Acknowledged.
5. Milfoil Committee Minutes, January 4, 2011: Acknowledged.
6. Blue Ribbon Commission Minutes, January 6, 2011: Acknowledged. Betsey said she'd received a phone call from one member informing her that the Town is looking at using one of Camp Tecumseh's buildings. Joel confirmed that they will consider it.
7. Planning Board Public Hearing Minutes, January 13, 2011: Acknowledged.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Charles Bollinger, January 3, 2011, Citizens' Police Academy: Joel reported that Mr. Bollinger in his letter expressed his concern that the Police Department is trying to recruit more police officers. Carter added that Chief Dawson has provided the Selectmen with information and documents that clearly states that participation in this program does not and will not make a citizen a police officer. Carter will send him a letter.
2. Time Warner Cable, January 7, 2011, Possible Program Changes: Joel reported that this is their usual letter.
3. George E. & Charlotte A. Leavitt, January 7, 2011, Time Warner Cable: Joel reported that Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt have learned that other towns receive Time Warner senior discounts and they are requesting that Moultonborough make the same arrangement. Joel said that when Time Warner comes in, this is one more thing to ask about.
4. Recreation Advisory Board, January 10, 2011, Recent Concerns: Al Hume read the RAB's letter into the minutes (attached), regarding former members who have expressed their concern regarding the board's mission, etc. The present members of the RAB feel that their mission is adequate and is being met. Although the RAB is advisory only, the Recreation Department has made changes based on their recommendations. The Right to

Know law has been followed. The RAB requests that more members be appointed in order to have a quorum. Joel asked that any names of volunteers for the RAB be brought for appointment for the first meeting in February. Mr. Hume said that the next RAB meeting is February 14th and hopes that appointments will be made by then.

- XI. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Chris Shipp reminded the Selectmen that he has volunteered to be on the RAB. 2) Steve Maguire asked for a copy of the Time Warner Cable letter and Betsey gave him her copy. 3) Joe Quaresima stated that the Conway newspaper is the only place Time Warner publicizes these letters of possible program changes. 4) Jim Morrison suggested that Time Warner puts the letter into the free daily Laconia Sun. 5) Peter Jensen asked Betsey if Carroll County dispatch has a quality of service standard commitment. Betsey replied that she has never heard of this and didn't think so. She added that the state is behind the times regarding technology and the county is even further behind. 6) Jim Leiterman suggested putting the Time Warner letter on the Town's website. Carter asked the Board to clarify to what extent the Town would publicize for utilities and if they wanted him to do this. Joel agreed that this wasn't something the Town should be involved in. 7) Jim Morrison asked about the attempt to save money and reduce the number of street lights, and questioned why the Playground is illuminated during the evening. Carter reported that they continue to evaluate relocating or re-lamping at the Playground. He added that liability and vandalism are two major reasons why the lights are on. Joel said that the insurance company requires sufficient lighting. Donna Kuethe agreed that Primex requires it for the liability risk. 8) Hollis Austin asked why there were lights on at the Moultonboro Neck Fire Station when it appears no one is there. Joel replied that they are working on energy efficient lighting in all Town facilities, but haven't done this yet at the Neck Station. Motion detector lights have been installed in the Meeting Room and if everyone sat still, the lights would go off. Mr. Austin asked Betsey why the Attorney General is not joining the lawsuit against the Obama Healthcare Program. Betsey replied that the Attorney General takes his orders from the Governor and questioned Mr. Austin's source of information. Mr. Austin then asked how the Selectmen evaluate the performance of non-elected Town officials and cost effectiveness. Joel replied that they do review their performance and program budgets, but he is unclear what Mr. Austin is asking. Mr. Austin gave as an example the Town Planner function. Joel replied that there is no formal evaluation of the function, but felt that if it wasn't working they would hear from the Planning Board and other boards that rely on this position. Carter added that this is a continual process. Mr. Austin explained that he's asking for the Selectmen to look at it to see if any money can be saved. Joel replied that Carter and department heads are constantly looking how to save the Town money, adding that he feels that the Town has excellent department heads and employees, dedicated to serving the Town. 9) Chris Shipp thanked the Selectmen for writing a letter of support on behalf of the pardon for Ward Bird. 10) Jean Beadle commented that for the last two years, the Town has had a flat budget despite having rising costs. Joel agreed and credited Carter. He added that the Selectmen don't want to eliminate services if at all possible, but in an effort to keep a flat budget have frozen a police officer position and reduced dispatch. After extensive discussion, some of the proposed cuts have been put back. 11) Donna Kuethe agreed, adding that during a bad economy, the demand for services/programs goes up. 12) Peter Jensen commented that the CIPC and ABC are both charged with the task of evaluating programs. 13) Hollis Austin asked Chief Dawson to comment about a situation of an ice cream vendor selling his wares at Long Island Beach and it was reported that he was a sex offender. The Chief replied that this was cited as one example of a potential problem.

- XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Betsey Made the Motion for the Selectmen to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c). Ed Seconded the Motion. A roll call was taken: Jim – Aye; Betsey – Aye; Ed – Aye; Joel – Aye. The Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 8:37 p.m.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 9:22 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:** Ed Made the Motion to Adjourn. Betsey Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.
Joel adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant