

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

March 17, 2011

MINUTES

Selectmen: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman, Edward J. Charest, James F. Gray, Betsey L. Patten, Russell C. Wakefield; 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 March 3, 2011. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Joel congratulated Ed on his re-election and welcomed Russ as the new Board member. He added that Russ had previously served as a Selectman several years ago.

IV. NEW RESIDENTS: Elaine M. & James J. Mueller, Catherine I. Osterhaut, Robert D. St. Peter, Justin M. Kittleson, Donna M. & David M. Figler, Richard M. & Sarah W. M. Carlson, Carol A. & David A. Bassett, Sean M. & Carolyn C. Brown, Jared L. Beaulieu, Rebecca L. Chaffin-Grotheer, Ryan W. Cole, Patrick L. Cotter, James L. Danforth, Carol E. & Daniel J. Enis, Kendall B. Graupner, Edward F. Griffin, John Thomas Gulla, Madelyn M. Maroun, Ashley E. McDonald, Katherine B. Roy.

V. PUBLIC MEETING:

Citizen Input: 1) Ricky Galipeault introduced himself to the Selectmen telling them that he is working towards earning his Eagle Scout badge, asking for community project ideas that he could complete before he turns 18 in September. Some of his ideas were to build stairs leading from the high school's soccer field to the track field, or working on hiking trails and in particular the one by Bald Knob. Joel suggested that he speak with the Highway Agent, Scott Kinmond for projects. Ed Marudzinski added that he thought Scott had some projects in the Town's cemeteries. Peter Jensen, Chair of the Milfoil Committee, suggested that Mr. Galipeault speak with him for projects. 2) Al Hume asked the Selectmen to consider going back to a weekly business meeting, versus the 1st and 3rd Thursday, with the work session on the 4th. He said that the work session doesn't allow public input. Joel commented that the Board has had many projects before them and the 4 p.m. work session has helped them get the work done. Russ recalled that in the past, the Selectmen had work sessions in addition to the weekly business meeting, but on off days or weekends. Betsey asked Mr. Hume if his main objection to the work session is the rule of no public input. He replied that he objects to the 4 p.m. scheduling as it makes it difficult for those who work to attend.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Reorganization: Betsey Made the Motion to elect Joel as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Jim Seconded the Motion. Joel said that he was willing to Chair the Board for another year. Both Jim and Betsey said that he's done a great job and runs a good meeting. The Motion carried, with Joel abstaining. Betsey Made the Motion to elect Ed as the Vice Chair and Jim Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.
2. Selectmen Liaison Positions: 1) Advisory Budget Committee: Betsey asked if the Selectmen could discuss this between them, adding that Karel spent a lot of time as the Selectmen's designee. She questioned if the Selectmen's designee is representing the Board. Russ asked about the policy and Betsey replied that it requires one Board member from the Selectmen and one from the School Board to be appointed to the ABC. Russ said that he would like to be the Selectmen's designee. Ed expressed his concern that that he wanted more figures from the ABC and for them to work somewhat independently from the Selectmen and not focus on policy. Russ said that there are a number of committees considering policy and the ABC should just focus on the budget. Joel said that this is a discussion that should occur with the School Board. Ed Marudzinski, ABC member said that some of the recommendations might have sounded like policy decisions but they had a financial impact, and gave one example of changing the payroll cycle. The Selectmen agreed that this was a discussion to have with the School Board. Betsey Made the Motion to appoint Russ to the ABC and Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. 2) E-911 Committee: Joel said that he took this over from Karel last year and they never met and he'd be willing to be on this committee. Approved by Consensus. 3) IMA-Ambulance: Joel said that he's sat on this committee for the past two years and would like to continue. The Fire Chief is the other Town representative. Approved by Consensus. 4) CIPC: Joel said that he'd be willing to continue. Betsey offered to help him out during the summer months when she is available. Approved by Consensus. 5) Coalition Communities: Russ said that in years past he's been involved and would like to do so again. He, along with Ed and Carter were Approved by Consensus. 6) Planning Board Member & Alternate: Ed would like to continue as the Selectmen's designee. Jim said that he'd continue as alternate. Approved by Consensus. 7) Heritage Commission: Ed offered to continue on the commission and also on #8) the Visiting Nurse Service Board. Approved by Consensus. 9) Master Plan Implementation Committee: Betsey asked to continue on the Committee. Approved by Consensus. 10) IMA-Milfoil Committee: The Board agreed to have Carter continue his involvement, with Karin Nelson and the community at large member. Alternate Bob Boyan has just resigned and Al Hoch has been recommended to fill his position. Approved by Consensus.
3. Review for Approval: Temporary Use Permit, 1040 Whittier Highway: Joel commented that this was the Berry Pond Motel requesting to have outdoor entertainment and a vendor cart for food and non-alcoholic beverages for Motorcycle Weekend. Jim Made the Motion to approve the Temporary Use Permit following the guidelines set by the Police and Fire Chief in their memos to the Selectmen. Russ commented that he thought the owner requested the permit in response to last year's activities at the motel. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: NH & FBI Criminal History Record Checks RSA 103-a & 103-b: Carter reported that this is being worked on by the Police Chief and not ready for action.

2. Review for Approval: Revised Cemetery Ordinance: Carter reported that the Highway Agent will have a draft for the upcoming Selectmen's work session. Ed asked about the revised ordinance and if it will contain any of suggestions given by Kathy Nilson. He added that Ms. Nilson has spoken to him and she's expressed frustration that nothing has been done about the offending memorial at Shannon Cemetery. Carter said that he'll be sure that Ms. Nilson's letter is included in the work session packet for March 24th.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Update: Betsey reported that it has been a long and productive week. The House passed the constitutional amendment on the cost of an adequate education, receiving 252 of the 239 votes needed; adding that she feels it is veto proof. Betsey said that after so many years, it is gratifying that there will finally be the constitutional amendment which will eliminate donor towns. A few of the bills that passed were the pension reform and the reduction of the business profit tax. The pole exemption was put back in place, which she opposed and she lost the fight against the bill to reduce the interest rate for delinquent taxes. Russ asked if there would be resistance from the Senate on the constitutional amendment and Betsey replied that there would be none. Russ asked if they planned on having informational meetings around the state. Betsey replied that once the Senate passes it she felt this would occur, adding that the question will be on the ballot for the 2012 general election. Ed and the Selectmen thanked Betsey for her efforts. He added that the email he received recognizing her was well deserved. Betsey added that her bill for Ward Bird was also passed and went to the Senate.
2. Planning Board Update: Ed reported that he was unable to attend the last meeting which was very short.
3. Administrator's Update: Carter reported that he's been exploring options for the Town to purchase electricity. The Town's electricity is now through the NH Electric Cooperative at the default rate. He looked at joining the state bid group, but municipalities weren't allowed to join. He checked another area vendor who required automatic withdrawals from the Town's checking account, which isn't an option. At the LGC convention, he talked with Peterborough who purchases their electricity from Constellation Energy. Carter initially received a quote of ½ of 1¢ reduction in the price per kilowatt hour (savings of \$750/year). He added the price is volatile and considering what's going on in the Middle East and Japan, right now they were unable to quote a firm price. Carter asked the Selectmen if they're interested in doing this, adding that there are no administrative costs. We'd continue to pay NH Electric Cooperative, who would maintain and repair the lines and poles. Carter advised the Board, that when he's given a firm price, an answer will need to be given, likely on the same day, as the price fluctuates daily. He asked that authorization be given to either him or Joel. Betsey approved as long as the price is below what we currently receive. Carter said that presently we are paying 8.5¢ per kilowatt hour. Russ asked the length of the commitment and learned that it was either a 12, 24 or 36 months and the savings would increase with the longer period. Betsey Made the Motion to authorize Carter to sign after consulting with Joel an agreement to purchase electricity below the present default price through Constellation Energy for 12 months. Jim Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. In addition, Carter reported that Chicoine has agreed to settle with the Town for the repair work that was needed for the poorly installed electric feeds into the conduit at the Public Safety Building. He said that their initial offer included having the Town sign a release, which was not acceptable. They then made a second offer of \$5,749.59, without any

release. The Town's approximate cost of the repair was \$13,000, with some of the work being done prior by the Town's electrical contractor (\$5,500 - \$6,000). With 90% of the costs being recovered, Carter recommended accepting this offer. Joel agreed. Betsey Made the Motion to accept the settlement of \$5,749.59 from Chicoine for the electrical repairs to the Public Safety Building. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously. Carter reported that the other claims are still in process.

4. Planning Board Minutes, March 9, 2011: Acknowledged.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Kate Lancor, February 28, 2011, Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service: Joel reported that Ms. Lancor's letter praised the VNS. He added that it's always nice to hear that a Town employee or a department has done a good job.
2. Catherine Nilson, March 6, 2011, Shannon Cemetery: Joel said that Ms. Nilson's letter will be addressed at their next work session, March 24th.
3. Time Warner, March 8, 2011, Program Changes: Joel reported that this is their standard letter. Carter reported that Mike Edgecombe was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting, but he was unable to until 8:30 p.m. Considering this week's agenda, he rescheduled to April 7th. Joel updated Russ on Time Warner and the difficulties that property owners have to get cable accessibility. He added that Time Warner needs to follow-up on these requests and to communicate with the Town. If the problem is with FairPoint, then the Selectmen want to know.
4. Joel thanked Peter Jensen for his PowerPoint presentation at Town Meeting. Joel felt the Selectmen should keep one work session per month. Betsey agreed, suggesting that if needed the time could change. Adding that the only time the Selectmen discuss issues is during a business meeting or a work session. Joel asked the Selectmen to review the Town's policies and ordinances and asked that Russ get a copy. He felt there were ordinances that need amending, i.e., the acceptance of private roads.

- X. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Peter Jensen, Milfoil Committee Chair, provided a copy of a proposed policy statement entitled Objectors to Herbicide Treatment of Milfoil. He said that it mirrors the state's policy for lakefront property owners who object to milfoil treatments due to the lake being their source of drinking water and providing them with potable water. Joel thanked him and said they would consider it. 2) Joe Quaresima asked the Selectmen to consider having Time Warner attend a public meeting which could be held at the Academy to accommodate a large attendance. Joel said that they will invite the reporter from *Meredith News* to attend the April 7th meeting and will advertise it on the Town's website along with a press release. 3) Hollis Austin was glad to hear that the parental notification bill passed. Betsey agreed, stating that parental approval is needed to give a child an aspirin. Certainly parental notification should be given for an abortion.

- XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** The request for a Non-Public Session was withdrawn.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Russ Made the Motion to Adjourn. Jim Seconded the Motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
Joel adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant