

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

August 18, 2011

MINUTES

Selectmen: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman; Edward J. Charest, 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:** Russ made the Motion to approve the Minutes of August 4, 2011. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
- IV. **NEW RESIDENTS:** Matt J. Wiley, Todd E. Ryan, James H. Opie, Frank J. & Sandra A. Zucco, Michael J. McLaughlin, IV, Lisa L. Stevens, Sarah C. Funke, Robert P. & Jennifer Ingham, Robert C. Strang, Bradford D. & Marybeth Emerson.
- IV. **CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Steve Maguire, referring to the new residents read at each meeting, asked if the Town tracks who leaves and changes residency. Ed replied that we don't track who leaves, but the Supervisors of the Checklist have to purge their list every 3-5 years. 2) Peter Jensen, Chair of the Milfoil Committee, told the Selectmen that out of the 4 "hand pulling" vendors approved, only 3 were able to complete the job. He feels that there will be 14 more days of hand pulling needed. He asked how to proceed based on the motion they had made for 4 vendors not to exceed \$5,000 per vendor. Joel asked if they have been able to identify 1 vendor over the other 2 that is better than the others. He replied that they don't have enough data yet, adding that each one's experience varies. Russ asked and learned that there is money left from the 9 days not worked. Joel asked and Mr. Jensen confirmed that he is requesting to waive the bid process for the rest of the hand pulling that needs to be done. Joel stated that they would take this question up under New Business. Mr. Jensen updated the Board on the permit tracking by the Lake Hosts at the Town's launch sites. On average 61% of all vehicles using the launches do not have permits, with 69% with no permits at Lee's Mills. The herbicide treatment done in the spring of 43 acres and the projected 138 acres for the fall is a dramatic decrease from the number of acres treated last year. Mr. Jensen confirmed that the Lake Hosts are tracking permits on the weekends and holidays only. 3) Al Hoch told the Selectmen that he requested the Library's pass for the Castle in the Clouds and found that it was for only 1 adult and 1 child, versus the car load pass which was stated by the Castle board at the previous meeting. Once at the Castle's gate, he complained about it and was given access for all in his car. 4) Hollis Austin asked the Selectmen if they have identified the Town's share of the \$100 million to be returned to municipalities by LGC. He added that he is very concerned about the economy and suggested that the Selectmen not fill any vacant positions or act to combine positions in order to save money. Joel replied it is his experience to not have high expectations, especially when it is too early to even say what the final outcome is. All positions are evaluated when they become open. Regarding the recent police officer's resignation and his desire to work part-time, Joel explained that having someone with experience work part-time means no over-time for a full time officer, which is a big

savings. Ed added that he feels Moultonborough has been very lucky regarding this poor economy, with continued sales of million dollar properties, some of which have no mortgage. The Town is a service community and the taxpayers expect quality service. Joel pointed out that there are many private contractors and small businesses in Town without benefits that have had a difficult time during the recession. Mr. Austin agreed and thanked the Selectmen for considering his request.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: 2011 Investment Policy: Joel explained that the Selectmen review this policy yearly and the only change is the date. Ed Made the Motion to approve the 2011 Investment Policy, No. 5, Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
2. Review for Approval: Sandwich Fair Request, Bleachers & Temporary Sign Permit: Joel reported that this is an annual request. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the request to lend the Town's bleachers to the Sandwich Fair for October 8th, 9th and 10th based on the Recreation Department's approval, and to approve the 3 temporary sign permits. Ed Seconded the Motion. Joel stated that he is abstaining from the vote, as his wife is the Chair of the Sandwich Fair. Betsey, Russ and Ed were in favor. The Motion carried.
3. Review for Approval: Request to Amend Ordinance #3, Dog Control at Town Beaches: Joel reported that Donna Kuethe is making this request, due to people bringing other pets to the beach (geese, cats, etc.). Carter confirmed that a public hearing is required to change an ordinance and suggested September 15, 2011 during their regularly scheduled meeting would allow a 2 week notice. In addition, he would like to check with the Police Department to get a definition of a pet. The Selectmen agreed to a public hearing scheduled for September 15, 2011.
4. Review for Approval: Request to Change Swim at Your Own Risk Sign, LI Beach Boat Launch Area: Joel reported that Donna has also made this request. He voiced his concern that a sign saying No Swimming versus Swim at Your Own Risk, will become problematic for the Police Department to enforce, especially after Labor Day. Many people choose to sit on the launch side versus the beach. Russ wondered if putting swim lines out would help keep swimmers away from the boats. Carter suggested and the Selectmen agreed to ask Donna to provide further explanation.
5. Annual Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque: Joel asked the Selectmen to consider a date and if they wish to hold it again at Camp Robindel. He suggested either September 24th or October 1st. They all agreed September 24th, same hours. Joel asked Carter to obtain a certificate of insurance for the event.
6. Milfoil Hand Pulling: Betsey Made the Motion to waive the bid policy for hand pulling milfoil for the 2011 year, the total to not exceed \$25,000. Russ Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lakes Region Conservation Trust, 2011 Exemption: Don Berry of LRCT addressed the Selectmen, stating that they submitted the A-9 and A-12 in April. Per RSA 72:23 they qualify for the charitable exemption, as the land is used for charitable purposes. He feels that LRCT benefits Moultonborough and the region in 4 areas: By being stewards of the land they are maintaining wildlife, providing scenic value, nature observations, and

recreational opportunities. Mr. Berry said that LRCT has 30-40 trails on Red Hill and at the Castle for public use without cost. These trails are maintained by over 200 volunteers, many from Moultonborough. They have guided tours and paddles available to people in the region free of charge. He is optimistic that his Board will have a PILOT agreement for the Selectmen's consideration in a month. LRCT is planning on inviting town officials to attend a yearly meeting. LRCT has begun to work collaboratively with the Conservation Commission and looks forward to continuing this. Betsey asked how LRCT publicizes these opportunities to the public. Mr. Berry replied that they use their website and brochures and in the future will be sure to have information at the Town Hall. They also have an email blaster for members. Ed asked what LRCT's relationship was with the Castle Preservation Society. Mr. Berry explained that now they are fully separate. In 2004-2005, the Castle Preservation Society was a subsidiary of LRCT, and once they were solidly established it was decided to separate the two. Most of the land is owned by LRCT (approximately 5,200 acres) and the Castle now owns the buildings and 135 acres. LRCT holds a conservation easement on the Castle Property to ensure that it remains as is and continues to be preserved. Mr. Berry asked to return on September 29th, expressing his appreciation for the Selectmen's patience and thanking Carter for working with him in this process. Russ asked Mr. Berry to explain the endowments reported on the last page the IRS 990 and learned that they are used to generate funds for the stewardship of the land.

2. Interim Rule Re Hiring Procedures: Carter reported that he's received 1 response from one of the Selectmen and is waiting for more. He commented that he feels there is more agreement on what is proposed, but there is a difference in philosophy that needs to be addressed. Carter requested to move this item to a work session to further work on it. Approved by Consensus. Ed commented, that on page 5 of the proposed procedure the statement about per-diem nurses, it was the VNS Board's decision to hire per-diem nurses versus full time, which was a result of not being able to find anyone who wished to work full time hours and not due to Carter suggesting it as a cost saving. Carter said he did not wish to argue the point, but that the end result proves what he has been saying.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Board Liaison Reports: Betsey reported that the CIPC has scheduled 2 public hearings, on Monday, August 22nd and 29th, 7 p.m. at Town Hall. She added that they are using an asset management outline to help them. Ed reported that the Planning Board has been holding work sessions due to not having any new submissions. They are looking at the Sign Ordinance. He complimented the Interim Planner, Dave Holden for his expertise. Russ reported that at the July 28th ABC meeting, Jean Beadle was elected to continue as the Chair and Alan Ballard as Vice Chair, and were introduced to Tom Randell as the new Alternate. They have scheduled their fall budget meetings and have received updates on school and library financials, out sourcing payroll, and the CIPC.
1. Administrative Update: Carter said that other than his weekly update, he informed the Selectmen that there are 2 alternate openings on the CIPC. They have received 1 application and requested that the Selectmen review the application for the next meeting.
2. Milfoil Committee Minutes, July 25 & August 8, 2011: Acknowledged.
3. Planning Board Minutes, July 27 & August 10, 2011: Acknowledged.
4. Advisory Budget Committee Minutes, July 28 & August 11, 2011: Acknowledged.
5. Capital Improvements Program Committee Minutes, August 3, 2011: Acknowledged.
6. Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes, August 3, 2011: Acknowledged.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Time Warner Cable, August 3, 2011, Possible Program Changes: Joel reported that this is their standard letter.
2. Kim Prause, August 11, 2011 Rock Pile Real Estate, LLC, 84 Gov. Wentworth Highway: Ms. Prause told the Selectmen that she is following-up on the question being asked at Town Meeting and to see if the Selectmen had information regarding a lease or any options. Carter responded that he has learned that zoning for this area requires that parking must be on the property owner's land. Therefore the only option is for the Town to sell the land. He again suggested that Ms. Prause go to the Planning Board for information and guidance. Ms. Prause said that she would and will let them know of her plans based on the Town approving to sell her the land at Town Meeting.
3. Carol K. Young, August 10, 2011, Tax Payment: Joel reported that Ms. Young in her letter requests that \$7 in interest be abated. Betsey and the Selectmen agreed that this shouldn't be done as it would set precedent. Russ asked and Susette Remson confirmed that this was prompted from the courtesy letter that was sent out. Susette replied that her response which is attached to Ms. Young's letter was written in defense of her deputy, adding that she heard the telephone conversation and at no time was the deputy discourteous. Susette added that 95% of taxpayers respond favorably to the courtesy letter. Betsey Made the Motion to deny Ms. Young's request to abate the \$7 interest for late tax payment. Russ Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
4. Carol Ashton, August 15, 2011, E911 Road Name Change: Carter informed the Selectmen that there is a problem with Google Maps and GIS maps. Chief Bengtson responded to Ms. Ashton's email, assuring her that emergency services know where she is located. Carter added that state law prohibits sharing E911 information with commercial vendors and he will send a follow-up letter.
5. Joel reported that they have received a letter from Josiah Bartlett expressing his willingness to volunteer his time to serve on a Town committee.

X. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Peter Jensen reported that on average the DASH units harvest 103 gallons of milfoil, while hand pulling does 101 gallons of milfoil. The cost for the DASH per gallon is \$6.50 and hand pulling is \$5.50 per gallon. He provided the Selectmen with photos of milfoil harvested by the DASH unit and by hand pulling. 2) Hollis Austin reported that he attended the Preserving Community Character workshop on Tuesday, which was well attended. He pointed out that others would have liked to attend, but there was a conflict of 2 other meetings going on at the same time. Joel commented that meeting dates have been set by volunteers, many who work, and there will be conflicts.

X. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: None needed.

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

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant