

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

January 19, 2012

MINUTES

Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chair, Edward J. Charest, Vice Chair, 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 / APPROVAL MINUTES:** Ed made the Motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of January 5, 2012, 4 PM and 7 PM. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
- IV. **NEW RESIDENTS:** Erin M. Falwell, Jonathan D. Kleiber, Emily H. Bird.
- V. **CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Joel reported that the Board met with the Center Harbor Selectmen on Wednesday. One request that they heard from Moultonborough and voiced to the Center Harbor Board was that of reconsidering their policy of charging the boat launch fee to our property owners. Based on the meeting he felt this was very unlikely and in fact the fee is being increased to \$15. They discussed Stewarts adding a second ambulance, possibility of joint bidding on commodities, and learned of Center Harbor's plan to add on to their Town Hall to provide more room for their departments. Nancy Wright asked if they had discussed a joint Recreation Department. Joel replied that not much was discussed about this. Their beach is run by their Recreation Department and fees charged for the beach and launch partially funds this department, although he was unsure of the amount.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 1. **Review for Approval:** **Election Items:** Jerry Hopkins, Town Moderator, thanked the Selectmen, especially Joel, Barbara Wakefield and the ballot clerks who helped him during last week's primary election, especially since he had been ill. As most people involved worked 12+ hours during the day and then had to count, he asked the Selectmen to consider bringing on an additional ballot clerk for the next election. The hours put in by everyone makes it a long day and adds to the difficulty of tallying the results. This extra clerk could be running an adding machine, taking totals for the upcoming Town Meeting, September and November elections. Mr. Hopkins thought they could possibly also use a laptop computer for this purpose. Joel confirmed that the ballot clerks were compensated for their time. The Selectmen agreed that the Ladies Auxiliary did a great job providing lunch. Joel asked if it was necessary to complete all of the paperwork the night of an election or could it wait until the next day, as it isn't due until Thursday. Mr. Hopkins agreed, and in fact the numbers were revised from the night before. Ed commented that most people don't realize the amount of work that goes into an election, thinking that you cast your vote and it is counted by the machine, which is

not the case. Each page by party has to be counted and now the new election laws require even more information. Mr. Hopkins informed everyone that the sign up to run for office begins next Wednesday, January 25th through Friday, February 3rd. The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Hopkins for attending their meeting and providing them with the update and will consider his requests.

2. Review for Approval: Snowmobile Club's "Snomo" Winter Carnival, Playground Drive: Carter reported that the Fire Chief and Recreation Department have been working with the Snowmobile Club on this event. John Harrington of the club told the Selectmen that they had planned this event for January 28th, but due to the lack of snow they are postponing it and hope to reschedule towards the end of February. The goal is to provide a family and social event for the members and Town. Carter suggested and the Selectmen approved by Consensus to grant their approval to the Snowmobile Club to use Playground Drive for the event on the condition that the Fire Chief and the Recreation Director agree.
3. Review for Approval: MFRD's Deputy Forest Fire Warden Appointments: Joel reported that Chief Bengtson as the Fire Warden is requesting the Selectmen appoint the ten individuals as Deputy Fire Wardens as listed in his memo dated January 5, 2012. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Fire Warden's request appointing those listed in his memo of January 5th as Deputy Wardens. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
4. Review for Approval: NH Police Academy's Request, Sgt. Peter Beede, Staff Advisor: Joel reported that the Police Academy is requesting that Sgt. Peter Beede be approved to act as the Academy Staff Advisor from June 22 through the 29th. Joel added that the Sergeant has been doing this for several years. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Academy's request for Sgt. Peter Beede to act as the Academy Staff Advisor from June 22nd through the 29th. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
5. Review for Approval: NRRA 2012 Membership: Joel reported that this is the Town's annual dues for the Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$1,500 which is based on population. Ed Made the Motion to approve the NRRA 2012 membership dues of \$1,500. Betsey Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.
6. Review for Approval: Recreation Advisory Board, Appoint Alternate, Morgen Gillis: Joel reported Harry Blood has resigned and the RAB is requesting that Morgen Gillis, now an alternate, be appointed as a member. Al Hume's note states that the RAB will be without two alternates. Betsey Made the Motion to appoint Morgen Gillis as a member to the Recreation Advisory Board. Jim Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.
7. Review for Approval: Citizens Petition, Moultonborough Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Coalition: Joel asked that the petition be placed in the budget file.
8. Review for Approval: Citizens Petition, Starting Point: Joel asked that the petition be placed in the budget file.
9. Review for Approval: Employee Sick Bank 2011 Deposits: The Selectmen acknowledged the deposits made towards the Employee Sick Bank.
10. Review: 2011 Tax Collector's Report & Form MS-61: Joel and the Selectmen acknowledged the Tax Collector's report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Board Liaison Reports: Nothing to report.
2. Administrative Update: Carter said that other than his Weekly Report, he didn't have anything extra to report.
3. Milfoil Committee Minutes, January 4, 2012: Acknowledged.
4. Planning Board Minutes, January 11, 2012: Acknowledged.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Time Warner Cable, January 4, 2012, Possible Program Changes: Joel acknowledged that this is their usual letter.
2. Cristina Ashjian, January 12, 2012, Ossipee Park Road: Joel acknowledged Cristina Ashjian's letter regarding truck traffic on Ossipee Park Road from the CG Roxane bottling plant. Ms. Ashjian told the Selectmen she has compiled a summary of problems that have gone on over the past couple of years. She acknowledged that the traffic has been less which she felt is due to the poor economy and speculated that it will increase this summer. Ms. Ashjian told the Selectmen that she met with the Town Planner and he had some ideas based on his former employment experience. Carter said that staff recommends referring the matter to the Development Service office, Police and Highway for their review and recommendations. Approved by Consensus.

- X. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Hollis Austin asked the Selectmen if the website format for minutes could be changed as the split screen makes it difficult to follow. Russ and the Selectmen agreed that this is a problem on the computer he is using and not the website, as they are viewing a full page. Mr. Austin said he'll check with the Library to see if they can correct the problem. He then asked the Selectmen to tell him what they felt the functions of government are. Russ said that the first is to collect taxes with fair assessments and without this, there would be nothing. He added that the RSA's dictate what the local government must do, but it is for the majority of people. Joel felt that it is the local government's role to listen to the people and provide them with an opportunity to speak their mind and then do what is best for the majority of people. Ed said that he felt he was elected to do what the Town wants and is in the Town's best interest. The state and federal governments are not applicable to local governments. He added that the Selectmen are tied to the RSA's. Mr. Austin then asked what the Selectmen felt was discretionary and non-discretionary spending. Russ said that discretionary spending is based on what the Town wants. As an example, he gave the Milfoil funding which the voters want. Peter Jensen asked Mr. Austin and he confirmed that he was looking for core services, such as the Police and Fire Departments. Ed responded that it is the voters at Town Meeting who approve this spending. Betsey added that Moultonborough's VNA is very unique, which is what the voters wanted and it has grown and now Medicare certified. The Library is another area, where the voters said they wanted more than what is required. Another example Betsey gave was to build the Public Safety Building, it was what the people wanted. The Mosquito Abatement Program which the Selectmen were in favor of was turned down by the voters. Betsey cited that it isn't necessary to have a School Resource Officer or a police dog, but the people wanted it. It is the will of the people, those who participate and are part of the process. Joel added that any resident can make the choice to vote for an elected official and can do so by absentee ballot if needed. Russ acknowledged that Mr. Austin has always made sure that his parents were present to vote and to participate in Town Meeting. The Austin family made the effort to vote and participate and others can do the same. 2) Clelia McKay told the Selectmen that not everyone

can attend Town Meeting, and only those that care and can be present participate. Joel said that while he understood what she was saying, he felt that is why the Selectmen are elected, to represent the people. Ms. McKay felt that Town Meeting is an old form of government. Russ replied that the majority of voters have said that they want the Town Meeting form of government. Betsey felt that this was about the question of the Charter Commission and said that for the past four years the SB-2 question has been asked and the majority that voted on the ballot question was against it. The Charter Commission will be the same process and will be on the ballot. If the commission is approved, then the process will take place over the year developing a Charter form of government for the Moultonborough voters to again consider on the ballot in 2013. Betsey said that everyone will have the opportunity to vote on it. 3) Nancy Wright asked when the people will be educated on the Charter Commission and form of government. Joel said that it is planned to have frequently asked questions posted on the Town's website. Betsey added that she planned on writing a letter to the editor on it. Joel said that a presentation will be given on a Charter Commission during the upcoming Public Hearing advertised and scheduled for February 2, 2012, at 7 p.m. 4) Steve Maguire asked when the warrant would be out. Carter replied that after the Public Hearing when they have received the Selectmen's and the ABC's recommendations, the warrant will be made available. 5) Nancy Wright asked if there was any information on the hiring of a new Police Chief. Carter said that there are two meetings which have been posted on the web; the first is to take place tomorrow in Concord, which will go to Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b).

- XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Betsey Made the Motion for the Selectmen to go into Non-Public Session per 91-A:3 II (a). A Roll call was taken: Jim – Aye; Betsey – Aye; Ed – Aye; Russ – Aye, Joel – Aye. The Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 7:54 p.m.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 8:45 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.

- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Ed Made the Motion to Adjourn. Betsey Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously. Joel adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant