

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN  
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**Selectmen's Meeting**

**March 15, 2012**

**MINUTES**

Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chair, Edward J. Charest, Vice Chair, James F. Gray (absent with prior notice), Betsey L. Patten (absent with prior notice), Russell C. Wakefield; Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator; Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Joel called the meeting to Order at 7:05 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- III. **REVIEW / APPROVAL MINUTES:** Ed made the Motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of March 8, 2012. Russ Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
- IV. **NEW RESIDENTS:** Caresia J. Capone, Randall M. Bickford, Mary B. Lee, Kayla A. Young, Mary E. & Jonathan F. Carver, Britney L. Waldrip, Herschel B. & T. April Chambers, James C. & Carla J. Salerno, Tamara J. Patterson, Logan M. MacDonald, Melanie S. Frazier.
- V. **CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Town Moderator, Jerry Hopkins gave the Selectmen an overview of events for Town Meeting, with the Girl and Boy Scouts involvement, the Women's Club lunch, and the National Anthem being sung by a Middle School student. If the Town Meeting continues and if needed, they will adjourn the meeting at 4 p.m. to be continued Tuesday evening at the Moultonborough Academy Auditorium. Mr. Hopkins asked if the Selectmen would first read their warrant articles, alternately, and then he will read the articles a second time. He is aware that a motion will be made to combine articles 23 and 24 (fiscal year and May Town Meeting), and a motion to group all of the "hearts and flowers" articles into one. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Hopkins for the update and agreed that they would read their articles first. 2) Hollis Austin expressed his appreciation to Mr. Hopkins for his thoughtful efforts in keeping everyone informed by posting the rules on line. Mr. Austin asked the Selectmen if they had considered his request from last week to find areas in the budget to cut in order to make up for the increased cost to replace the Fire Department's rescue truck. Ed replied that since last week's meeting, they have not met, therefore not discussed it. He added that he felt this will be hard to do, as it might mean a small cut here and there. Russ responded that they asked the department heads to keep their budgets as flat as possible and there is very little discretionary spending in this budget. He added he tried to think of what could be cut and really couldn't identify anything. Mr. Austin expressed his concern that next year the Fire Department will have more expenses. Joel agreed with Russ, saying that over the past years they've worked hard to keep the budget as close to a zero increase as possible (in fact last year the voters added money to the budget). Departments are fiscally responsible and often spend under budget. Joel said that they will continue to look at areas to save money, adding that the rescue truck should've been replaced in 2007. 3) Nancy Wright questioned the \$30,000 budgeted to replace the carpeting in the meeting room and asked if it was necessary. Joel informed her that carpet will be replaced in more than just the meeting room. Russ asked her to look at the situation with the rescue truck which should've been replaced in 2007. He felt it was better to stick with the CIP plan and not wise to put off

maintenance plans. 4) Bob Goffredo was of the opinion that the carpeting in the meeting room didn't need to be replaced, but just one area needs to be repaired, and should've been done before it became a problem. Carter stated that carpeting is scheduled to be replaced at Recreation and other facilities, and not necessarily in the meeting room. 5) John Anderson asked why the budget includes more money to be spent on Sheridan Road, adding that he will ask this question at Town Meeting. Joel commented that if Mr. Anderson lived on Sheridan Road then he'd feel differently about it. Ed added that the portion of the road that was worked on was done improperly. Joel asked why these questions weren't asked during the budget hearing. 6) Hollis Austin asked if cameras are to be installed at the Transfer Station and if so, asked why. Joel confirmed this. Ed replied that it is due to vandalism at Playground Drive and also at the Transfer Station. Mr. Austin questioned the cost for cameras at the Transfer Station versus his request to install video equipment to tape the Selectmen's meeting. Russ replied that there is no need to do this, which he felt would be discretionary spending, and if Mr. Austin feels that strongly about it, then make a motion to amend the budget at Town Meeting. 7) Peter Jensen asked what the net change to the CIP 6 year plan would be, and what was pushed out. Carter replied that there is a zero added cost to the CIP, as the 6 year total will cost the same. 8) Hollis Austin asked why all of the Annual Reports did not include the posting of the restoration of involuntary merged lots. Joel acknowledged that this omission has been corrected, and unfortunately a few Annual Reports were taken prior to the problem being identified and corrected. Carter added that notification will be available at Town Meeting.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Review for Approval: Primex WC and Liability Contribution Assurance Program:  
Carter reported that this proposed contract is for four years with a 5% discount and rate caps, which were not previously available. Joel wondered if this really was a discount if offered to everyone. Carter reminded the Selectmen that they stopped using the multi-year contract, looked to get bids for the Town's workers compensation and liability and found that insurance companies needed three to four months to develop a bid. He felt that the Town probably couldn't do better and wondered if the cap program was a result of the Town not going with their multi-year contract. The current contract expires at the end of 2012 and if the Town goes with the four year program, then they'd receive a 5% discount for 2012. Joel asked when Primex needed to have an answer and Carter thought it was by the end of March. Russ asked Carter to see if Primex could extend that deadline, as they need a full board to make the decision at their next meeting, March 29th. Carter said he'd check, but if not, then he'll post a meeting for Saturday morning for the Selectmen to decide. The Selectmen agreed to table the question.
2. Review for Approval: Disposal Agreement, 468 Ossipee Mountain Road: Ed Made the Motion to approve the Disposal Agreement for Jon Burrows of 468 Ossipee Mountain Road, as outlined in the agreement. Russ Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Review for Approval: Request to Abate Taxes, Map 283 Lot 014: Tax Collector Susette Remson requested that the interest and costs be abated on the Yield Tax. She explained that the mailing address in Vision for some unknown reason did not download to Vadar. The management company didn't receive the bill and she later learned that the mailing address on the Intent to Cut was the correct address. Russ Made the Motion to abate the interest and cost on the Yield Tax for map 283 lot 014. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
4. Review for Approval: Launch Requests (5), NH Basscasters, States Landing & Lee's Mills: Russ Made the Motion to approve the five Launch Requests for NH Basscasters

for April 22, May 2, August 25, September 29, and October 13. Joel asked Hope if she includes a notice of milfoil harvesting (divers) in her packet that she sends out with the approval. She replied that if Peter Jensen forwards a notice to her, she's happy to include it and she in turn will be sure that he receives the fishing tournament schedules. Mr. Jensen said he will forward a notice to her. The Motion carried Unanimously.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:** Ed told the Selectmen that the Heritage Commission has an applicant for the Downtown Revitalization, RSA 79-E and the application needs their approval. Cristina Ashjian, Chair of the Heritage Commission asked the Selectmen if they want to include a fee with the application, a \$50 fee is standard for most towns. She also asked to change the order of some of the questions to provide clarity. Ed Made the Motion to adopt the Downtown Revitalization application with a \$50 fee and as amended. Russ Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Board Liaison Reports: 1) Ed reported that the Planning Board's meeting was a long one with 2 site plans, Murphy's Downtown Groceries and Richardson's Garage. 2) Joel reported that the CIPC met today at 11 a.m. Peter Jensen, member of the CIPC said that Chief Bengtson answered their questions regarding Rescue #1 and learned that the Fire Department is working on improving their process of monitoring their vehicles/equipment. He added that the MFRD has been doing the best they can with old equipment. Some of the members went and looked at the truck and saw the problems first hand. This expense will have a zero impact on the overall CIP, but will come one year earlier. The CIPC recommends supporting the proposal.
2. Administrative Update: Carter reported that other than his weekly report, he didn't have anything new to add.
3. Milfoil Committee Minutes, February 29, 2012: Acknowledged.
4. Planning Board Minutes, February 29, 2012: Acknowledged.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Time Warner Cable, March 7, 2012: Joel reported that this is their usual letter of possible program changes.

**X. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Cristina Ashjian told the Selectmen that she was present when Carter opened the bids for painting the historic buildings. She asked and the Selectmen agreed that the Heritage Commission could review the bids at their next meeting. 2) Hollis Austin asked if the Highway Department utilizes the chips/slash from the tree trimming by recycling it for fuel. Joel replied that most goes to the Highway Department, unless someone offers to pick it up on the roadside, and are in a mound outside of Highway's gate for residents to access. 3) Nancy Wright said that she found that there was glass in the mulch she received from the Transfer Station. 5) John Anderson said he too got mulch from the Transfer Station and found that it had a lot of unknown seed in it which resulted in unidentified growth in his yard. Joel replied that the chips from the Highway Department and mulch from the Transfer Station "is what it is." Staff at either facility are using a bucket loader and chipping/mulching and don't have the time to sort through it. 6) Hollis Austin asked if the Selectmen are working with any legislators in Concord regarding health care insurance. The Selectmen replied that they are not. Mr. Austin expressed his concern about the high cost. Ed replied that he's concerned that the legislators aren't doing

anything for the people. Russ made a comment about not supporting the present federal government and their efforts towards health insurance. Joel asked that questions and comments be kept to Town government issues only.

- XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Ed Made the Motion for the Selectmen to go into Non-Public Session per 91-A:3 II (a) and only to reconvene for the purposes of adjournment. A Roll Call was taken: Ed – Aye; Russ – Aye, Joel – Aye. The Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 8:00 p.m.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 9:15 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:** Russ Made the Motion to Adjourn. Ed Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.  
Joel adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

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Approved

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Date  
Respectfully Submitted  
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant