

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

November 29, 2012

MINUTES

Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Edward J. Charest, Betsey L. Patten, Jonathan W. Tolman, 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:** Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of November 15th, November 16th and November 21, 2012. Russ Seconded the Motion. Russ asked that the minutes of November 15, 2012 be amended, page 4, Old Business #2, although he said Moose Track, he meant Moose Trail (*sic Moose Walk*). Betsey amended her Motion to reflect this change and Russ Seconded. Ed abstained from the vote for the work session of November 16th as he was unable to attend the full meeting. The Motion carried.
- IV. **NEW RESIDENTS:** Michael D. Frank, Ernest E. McGuirk, Marianne K. & Dennis M. Tompkins, Kimberly Trotter, Joseph E. Whippen, Charles J. & Carole O'Hara, Christopher W. Gobeille, Dawn M. Smith, Alexia A. & Jacques Steyn.
- V. **CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Bob Goffredo commented positively on the new carpeting in the meeting room. 2) Hollis Austin asked the Selectmen for an update regarding the use of the public room at the Library, as there haven't been any meetings of late. Joel replied that the meetings that have occurred have been on all of the Town's meeting rooms. Carter added that the subject has been deferred until after the budget is done. Mr. Austin felt it was good that the conversation was expanded to include all of the Town's meeting rooms and not just the Library's. Joel said that the Library has its own policy and the Selectmen do not have any jurisdiction over them. However, they felt that the present meeting room policy needed clarification for the Ernest Davis Meeting Room and the Public Safety Building meeting room, and if the Library chooses to adopt the Town's policy, that is up to the Library Board of Trustees. Carter stated that the meetings have included the Library. Mr. Austin asked how much more time is needed and hoped that Town money isn't being spent unwisely with too many meetings on this subject. Carter thought that two meetings would be sufficient allowing the Selectmen to review/edit a draft policy and then a meeting to approve it. 3) Nancy Wright asked for an update of taping board meetings with Time Warner Cable. Carter replied that he has visited two towns and will visit another to see what other municipalities are doing. Joel added that they are trying to gather information, learn from others successes and mistakes. Russ said that he spoke to people at the LGC conference and heard success stories and horror stories.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 1. Review for Approval: Payables & Payroll Manifest & Signature File:

| DOCUMENT DATE | DOCUMENT | MAP/LOT# |
|---------------|---|----------|
| 11/19/12 | Veterans' Tax Credit | 253-031 |
| 11/27/12 | Personnel – End of Probation | N/A |
| 11/27/12 | Personnel – Change of Employment Status | N/A |
| 11/28/12 | 2012 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate | N/A |
| 11/29/12 | Administrative Abatement | 174-056 |
| 11/29/12 | Payroll Manifest & Signature File, \$132,397.58 | N/A |

Joel read the Payroll/Payables Manifest and Signature File as listed. Russ Made the Motion to approve the Payroll/Payables Manifest & Signature File for November 29, 2012. Ed Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously. Joel reported about the electric bill for the repeater and that he's learned that the cabinet has a heater inside. It was suggested that the cabinet be insulated which should help reduce the bill. He said he will coordinate this.

2. Review for Approval: Tax Collector – Final Tax Deeding: Susette Remson told the Selectmen in the memo she provided them, she is requesting that they accept the tax deeds for properties 1 through 4. Two of these properties are unknown owners and she is requesting that the Town hold them for 10 years to allow the owners to come forth to claim them. Susette said that property #5 has paid and there is no need for a deed waiver. For property #6 she asked that the Selectmen waive the deed acceptance, as the owner has submitted two checks, one dated November 30th and the other December 7th, and authorize the Tax Collector to tax deed and record same if there is any problem depositing the checks. Jon Made the Motion to accept the tax deeds for the properties 1 through 4, authorizing the Tax Collector to record said deeds, waiving the tax deed for property #6 and if needed authorize the Tax Collector to tax deed and record same if there is a problem with the checks submitted. Properties #3 and #4, both unknown owners, will be held by the Town for 10 years as written in her memo dated November 29, 2012. Betsey Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Review for Approval: 2013 Steam Boat Rally: Joel commented about the letter sent by the Steam Boat Rally Association, which thanked the Selectmen and listed the support provided by the Town. He asked if they had advertised the notice to restrict the admittance of dogs unless for medical assistance. Carter replied that they are required to advertise the notice for two weeks, which he thought they had done. Betsey Made the Motion to approve the dates for the 2013 Lee's Mills Steam Boat Rally at Lee's Mills for September 4 – September 16, 2013 and the Town to continue to provide support, including the restriction of no dogs allowed unless for medical reasons, which they must advertise for a two week period. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Board Liaison Reports: 1) Betsey reported that the ABC met and is suggesting that the Selectmen consider a warrant article regarding a feasibility study for the construction of a

gymnasium for the Recreation Department. The members of ABC realize that this was a recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Commission, but feel that it would be advisable to let the people decide at Town Meeting if they want to spend the money on the study. Joel said that he would be OK with a warrant article. Jon suggested that the Selectmen should first go through the budget process and then decide. Carter added that in their work session packet, this is one of the items addressed. 2) Russ commented that in a discussion he had with the Town Planner, Bruce Woodruff, they both agreed that the construction of a playing field at Playground Drive was being unnecessarily held up by the state's permitting and its quasi agency. From this discussion they suggest that the Board ask Betsey to contact Executive Councilor Ray Burton to see if he can get the permitting to move forward, and have Carter forward him the necessary documents. Betsey was agreeable to doing this and the Selectmen agreed that it was worth a try. Russ reported that the Executive Director of the Lakes Region Planning Board, Kim Koulet met with the Planning Board to describe the services provided to Moultonborough. The Planning Board members agreed that their services are beneficial as they do a lot for the Town. Russ said he questioned the mechanism LRPC uses to set the cost to the Town. In addition, the Planning Board received a letter from Bob Goffredo offering his services as an alternate to their board. 3) Joel reported that he attended a Stewarts Ambulance meeting, along with representatives from Center Harbor, Meredith and Sandwich. The 2013 cost to Moultonborough will be \$175,359, which is an increase from \$169,856 and is due to increase in service calls. Stewarts will be providing the towns with more information on their write-offs and gave as an example that for one individual living in Meredith they wrote off \$62,609 (several years' worth). Joel felt that they are doing a good job and the other towns agreed.

2. Administrative Update: Carter reported that other than his weekly update, he didn't have anything else to add.
3. ABC Minutes, November 5, 2012: Acknowledged.
4. Planning Board Minutes, November 14, 2012: Acknowledged.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Time Warner Cable, November 6, 2012, Program & Cost Changes: Acknowledged.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Betsey reported that she sat in with the stakeholders/neighbors regarding the public hearing to be held regarding the possible name change for Ossipee Park Road which was facilitated by the Town Planner, Bruce Woodruff. She told the property owners that the Selectmen have not discussed or decided whether to change the road's name. Betsey added that she was impressed that everyone came to talk about the matter. She reminded them that the public hearing was set, but they have not made any decision. 2) Mr. Austin asked when the meeting was held and learned that it occurred yesterday, November 28th at 5 p.m. 3) Cristina Ashjian (requested that Mr. Austin not directly video her) said that she attended the meeting which was well attended, and agreed with Betsey that Bruce did a good job facilitating the meeting. She felt that overall the attendees were not in favor of a name change, and felt that the additional signage should occur first. Ms. Ashjian added that a list of road names was developed, which was less objectionable than names she had previously heard. Joel stated that the Selectmen have not discussed or made any decisions regarding this subject, and he doesn't appreciate people saying otherwise. 4) Mr. Austin suggested that the email he's seen suggests that signage should be done first and not changing the road name. Joel replied that staff wants to look at the whole picture. Russ commented that it is odd that when a topic like this comes up,

there are people who don't want meetings to discuss the problem, but there are other topics where people are demanding that there must be a meeting. 5) Russ reported that the Planning Board met last night and they have finalized the Zoning ordinance warrant articles, most of which are housekeeping items. Russ asked Planning Board member, Paul Punturieri for the public hearing dates. Mr. Punturieri thought they were scheduled for January 9th with a snow date of the 15th (*sic 14th*) and January 23rd with a snow date of the 28th. These public hearings will be posted on the web. 6) Ms. Ashjian commented that in other towns that video tape their meetings, they have a stationary camera which eliminates having a camera on the audience, which she objects to.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: None needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Betsey Made the Motion to Adjourn. Ed Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.
Joel adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Approved

Date:
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant