

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN  
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Selectmen's Meeting

January 16, 2014

**MINUTES**

Present: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman; Jonathan W. Tolman (absent with prior notice), Edward J. Charest, Christopher P. Shipp, Russell C. Wakefield; Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator; and 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 minutes of December 19 and 26, 2013, and January 9, 2014 as written. Chris Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

**IV. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Joe Cormier told the Selectmen that he wanted to speak again about the citizens petitions submitted to restrict the use of consumer fireworks, as this was his last opportunity to ask the Selectmen for their consideration prior to Town Meeting. He cited many state agencies/officials, medical organizations, etc. who have stated that consumer fireworks are hazardous to people (decibel levels effecting hearing; injuries caused by explosives) and also to the environment, specifically the lake. He showed the Selectmen two firework mortar cases, one that he found on his property and one on the Long Island Town beach. He added that he felt sure the Town had not given anyone permission to set off fireworks on Town owned property. Mr. Cormier thought that renters are attracted to NH as the use and sale of consumer fireworks is legal in this state. Mr. Cormier concluded by saying that the issue will be decided at Town Meeting. Joel commented that he hopes Mr. Cormier will take his cause to the state of NH and to those who specifically who have cited the danger of consumer fireworks in order to change the laws. 2) Hollis Austin asked if the Selectmen knew of the reason for the Town of Gilford ending their association with the LRPC. Joel replied that they didn't, but reminded Mr. Austin that last year, the Director of the LRPC presented to the Planning Board and it was their finding that the Town is benefitting from being a member. Russ said that in the past he too questioned the Town's membership, but now agrees with the Planning Board's recommendation. He added that if the Town didn't belong, this is considered as a negative when applying for state grants. Mr. Austin stated that "NGOs" shouldn't be able to dictate, and considers LRPC a for profit business. He said an effort should be made with state legislators to stop this. Joel agreed, but felt the majority are in favor of regional planning commissions, and this would result in a change. 3) Bud Heinrich said that Nashua received a HUD grant, that is moving them away from local to regional planning and LRPC is in support of this. He is concerned that LRPC will be pushing for this, result in a loss of local control. Joel stated that the Selectmen carefully review everything they sign, and nothing like this has been before them. 4) Hollis Austin thought that the Selectmen are being victimized by excessive paperwork from the state and federal government, which takes away local control. He wondered how Nashua became a spokesperson for regional planning boards. Mr. Austin then asked if the NH Municipal Association has returned all of the funds and how much more will the Town receive. Carter replied, so far the Town has received

\$65,000 in the last six months, the full amount for the health insurance, and was not sure of the status of the total of \$15 million (statewide) for the workers compensation.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Review for Approval: Payables Manifest & Signature File:

DATE	DOCUMENT	MAP/LOT#
1/10/14	Letters to Discharge Members of Adele Taylor Property Use Committee(6)	N/A
1/16/14	Administrative Abatement	144-002
1/16/14	Abatement, Denied	153-012
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	178-002
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	179-029
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	179-030
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	179-031
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	179-032
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	179-035
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	179-036
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	179-037
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	179-038
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	179-039
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	188-001
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	189-001
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	189-002 & 003
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	189-004
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	189-007
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	190-002
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	223-026
1/16/14	Abatement, Granted	238-033
1/16/14	Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber	095-001-001
1/16/14	Veterans' Tax Credit, Approved	223-020
1/16/14	Veterans' Tax Credit, Approved	094-023
1/16/14	FairPoint & NH Electric Coop. Petition & Pole License Petition	Eden Lane
1/16/14	Payables Manifest & Signature File (2013) \$160,413.41	N/A
1/16/14	Payables Manifest & Signature File (2014) \$1,145,958.34	N/A

Joel read the Payables Manifest & Signature File for January 16, 2014. Russ commented that \$1 million goes to the School (2014). Russ Made the Motion to approve the Payables Manifest & Signature File. Ed Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously. Ed commented that he learned that there is a bill to abolish the timber tax. Joel thought a good revenue source for the state would be to start taxing the water taken from NH.

2. Presentation: Marie Samaha, Chair, Cons. Commission, Priority Wildlife Habitats: Ms. Samaha provided the Selectmen with Priority Wildlife Habitats report. The purpose was to assist the Selectmen and Planning Board in making decisions and the effects on these

habitats. She added that this is a work in progress, to be updated and used as a resource, and posted on their web-page. Russ asked if they had considered adding the location of rare plant species throughout Town. Ms. Samaha replied that it could be added, again it is a work in progress. Joel thanked the Conservation Commission for the report and compilation of this information. Bud Heinrich asked where the Commission got their information. Ms. Samaha replied that as it was a goal on the Master Plan to create such a report, and the information came from the UNH Wildlife for Action, and the links are footnoted in the report. Mr. Heinrich expressed concern as he thought UNH is doing more than just education. Ed said that the habitat in Town has changed drastically from when he first came. When there is no coordination/planning between the towns and state, then habitats are changed/damaged. To prevent this, regional planning is needed.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:** Russ asked Carter about the letter from the NH Highway Safety Department regarding the availability of grants for overtime, and how this would work with the overtime revolving fund. Carter replied they have budgeted in anticipation of this, and that Fire will be the first department to have the revolving fund, and the Police Department will be next year.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Board & Staff Liaison and Update Reports: Russ asked what the rescheduled date was for the Planning Board Public Meeting and learned that it is Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm to 9 pm.
2. Milfoil Committee Minutes, December 4, 2013: Acknowledged.
3. ABC Minutes, November 25, 2013, December 17, 2013 (2): Acknowledged.
4. MVNS Board Minutes, December 13, 2013: Acknowledged.

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Time Warner Cable, Dec.18, 2013, Jan. 2, 2014, Possible Program Changes: Joel reported this is their usual letter.
2. Citizens Petition, Loon Preservation Committee, December 27, 2013: Joel stated they are requesting \$1,000.
3. UNH Tech. Transfer Center, December 18, 2013, Andrew Wolanek, Roads Scholar Two: Joel commented that he was glad that staff were taking advantage of this training and now all are at least at level two. Mr. Austin asked and learned that he can get more information about this training from the UNH Tech. Transfer Center website.
4. Citizens Petition, Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc.: Joel reported that they are requesting \$1,000. Josh Greenbaum spoke in support of this request, and stating that 90% of what the Interlakes Community Caregivers does is to provide transportation to the elderly for doctors' visits, on average to women, 80 years old. Their goal is to assist those in need in order for them to stay in their homes. Their volunteers have provided over 4,000 hours, transporting, visiting, and providing respite for the caregivers of the elderly. Joel suggested that Mr. Greenbaum or someone speak to this at the public hearing scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>, and also have someone attend the Candidates Night sponsored by the Lions Club, as petition warrant articles might be a topic of discussion. Mr. Greenbaum said that the majority of their funding comes from private donations and fund raisers. Bud Heinrich said he'd be in support of a petition warrant article for more than the \$1,000 requested. Peter Jensen asked and learned that the majority of funds are spent on transportation reimbursement, along with their office and a small support staff.

Hollis Austin asked if they deliver groceries. Mr. Greenbaum replied that this does occur, but not often.

- 5. Resignation of Paul LaBranche, MFRD, January 3, 2014: Acknowledged.
- 6. Citizens Petition, Tri-County Community Action Program, Fuel Assistance: Joel reported that \$7,500 is being requested.
- 7. Citizens Petition, Village Sidewalk – Phase I: Joel reported that \$590,000 is being requested for Phase I, which does not include segments S1A and S2A, for the design acquisition of land, easements, construction, acquiring needed maintenance equipment, etc. Chris asked when they would decide the wording for Article 2. Carter replied that they would work on the warrant tomorrow, at their budget work session. Kim Prause said that she and the other sponsor of this petition were available to answer any questions.

**IX. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Bud Heinrich asked the Selectmen when they'd be discussing the wording of the warrant articles. Carter stated that the public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., and the draft warrant will be posted next week. Russ told Mr. Heinrich that the Selectmen were elected to work on the articles, and if it were up to public discussion, it would never get done. He added that the warrant is reviewed by Town Counsel to insure legal wording, and then again by DRA. Joel reminded him that articles can be amended at Town Meeting. Ed added that the Selectmen do not change the wording of citizen petitions. 2) Joel praised Road Agent Scott Kinmond for an exceptional job done during the ice storm this past Saturday. It became necessary to stop sanding the back roads due to the rain washing it away. He prioritized the need to maintain the main roads to allow emergency vehicles to get through. Joel added that they've received favorable correspondence, and a few who were not happy. Jean Beadle reported that the School Board also sent a letter of appreciation to Scott Kinmond. Joel added they need to work on coordinating cancellations of Town events and CodeRed alerts. Hollis Austin said that WMUR posted Moultonborough closed, which was confusing. Carter informed him that this wasn't a Town sponsored notice of cancellation. Chris added that in such situations, they need to insure that the Fire Department is manned, as volunteers wouldn't be able to respond if they were home. Carter said he would talk to the Fire Chief about this. Mr. Austin asked who owned Moultonboro Neck and learned that it is owned by the state, but during the winter maintained and plowed by the Town, which was unusual arrangement. 3) Chris asked on behalf of a property owner why WMF/Beach stickers aren't sold at the Transfer Station. Russ commented that would mean that one worker would need to be in charge of this, taking him away from his regular duties. 4) Peter Jensen thought a CodeRed when called, should trigger closing all Town sponsored meetings and departments.

**X. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Not needed.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Ed Made the Motion to Adjourn. Russ Seconded.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously  
 Joel adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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Approved

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Date  
 Respectfully Submitted  
 Hope K. Kokas