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NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of Work Session at Town Hall
Monday, August 23, 2010 at 7PM

Call to Order: Theresa Jarvis, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Theresa Jarvis, Chair; David Bickford, Selectmen; Fred March, Selectmen

Also present: Bill Straub, CMA Engineering; Mark Fuller, Road Agent; Shawn Bernier, Police Chief; Cathy Orlowicz, Highway Department Assistant; Alison Rendinaro, Administrative Consultant; Mary McHale, Videographer;

The Board reviewed the proposed agreement between the Strafford County Sheriff's Office and the Town of New Durham for Police Call Taking and Dispatching Services.

Motion to sign the agreement between the Strafford County Sheriff's Office and the Town of New Durham for Police Call Taking and Dispatching Services. Jarvis/Bickford 3-0

Motion to allow the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Bickford/March 3-0

The Police Chief quickly mentioned to the Board that there was a burglary on Birch Hill Road. The Police are still looking into the incident.

Bill Straub from CMA Engineering came in to speak with the Board about the Town's recycling options. Mr. Straub brought a comparative analysis for source separated recyclables (which the Town of New Durham is running now) with an updated facility and single-stream recycling. Mr. Straub stressed that the economic advantage is not evident in either choice. When it comes down to it, the revenue that would be generated from source separated recycling, would be eaten up by the cost of updating the Town's recycling facility. The revenue generated and money saved from single-source recycling, would be eaten up by trucking costs. Thus, the decision cannot be made based solely on the economics of the two options.

Mr. Straub presented the estimated cost for the improved Source Separated Facility, in two phases. Mr. Straub stressed that there is an "up-side" to the source separated system, in that the Town would continue to receive revenue from the recycling that is already being done in town, and New Durham's recycling is going quite well. The town would have to continue to manage the system, however, by keeping on top of the markets that have been favorable to recycling, but that is already being done.

The estimated cost to move to a single-stream facility was also presented by Mr. Straub. Selectman Bickford asked what could be done with the building, if down the road the town changed its mind about the recycling facility. Mr. Straub said it would be an investment that could be converted into a general use building. There would be plenty of space to use the building for different purposes.

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This decision comes down to how the Town wants to approach the next few years of recycling. As stated, the building would be an investment, and would provide a place to store recyclables if needed- to wait until the market was high. Recyclables do not have to be covered by law.

For single-stream recycling, the town could purchase a trailer, although the transfer station, as it stands, is not set up for a trailer. The Board, Mr. Straub, and Road Agent Fuller discussed possible options for where a trailer might fit, how much it would cost, and options for trucking. It might be possible to use one of the existing compactors for single-stream.

Selectman Bickford asked about the contract with Waste Management. Road Agent Fuller remarked that it will be up in December, and it will be up to the Board to put it out to bid for Solid Waste and Demo for disposal and trucking. The Town can sign up for one, three, five, or seven years, if they want to. Road Agent Fuller reiterated that the way we are currently recycling is the best way to go, and he advised the Board not to go out to bid with the recycling at this time, as it can be used to negotiate.

Chair Jarvis asked how we can improve recycling at the Transfer Station. Road Agent Fuller explained that eventually, they will pull the tin container out at the Transfer Station and start bailing the tin. Newspaper will not be bailed because it costs more to bail than not. Chair Jarvis restated her question, explaining that she meant what can be done as far as the citizens are concerned, to get people to recycle more. Road Agent Fuller explained that the citizens of New Durham are doing a good job, and as far as he knows, pay per bag is the only sure way to get people to recycle more. Cathy Orlowicz commented that the school is also interested in joining forces to start an educational program for recycling. The process is ongoing and there are several options. Maybe think about bringing "Dump Day" back.

The Board received a large amount of information and would like to take some time to review all of the options. The AC Rendinero will look into starting the bidding process with Road Agent Fuller, and Cathy O. The last contract was for three years.

*Extra materials provided by Bill Straub from CMA can be found at the Town Hall if anyone is interested.

The next item on the agenda is a letter from Paul Doscher, Vice President for Land Conservation from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The letter covers the current situation with Red Oak. It informs the Board that the Forest Society will be returning the grants that were obtained for the purchase of the land.

Motion to send the letter directly to the Planning Board for their consideration and action if they see fit. Jarvis/Bickford 3-0

Discussion of the time frame ensued. The letter may not be clear as to why the Forest Society needs to bail out so quickly. The letter is being sent to the Planning Board because the BOS did not sign the agreement.

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AC Rendinaro will make sure the letter gets to the Planning Board Chair and Land Use Assistant.

-At 8:50 pm AC Rendinaro excused herself and Selectman Bickford assumed the minute taking.-

At this time the discussion turned to drafting updates to the Fire Department Rules and Regulations.

At about 10 pm the work session ended.

It was decided to have another work session on Monday, August 30, 2010.

Chair Jarvis announced that she understood there would soon be an opening for a Parks & Recreation Commission member. Anyone interested could contact Krissie Bernier or Town Hall offices.

She also announced there are 3 open seats on the Budget Committee. Anyone interested in serving this Committee can contact Cecile Chase, David Curry, or the Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:09 pm. Jarvis/ March 3-0

*Respectfully Submitted,
David A. Bickford, Selectman
and
Alison Rendinaro, Administrative Consultant*