

**New Durham Board of Selectmen
Public Session
Friday, July 15th, 2011**

Members Present: Theresa Jarvis, David Bickford, Jeffrey Kratovil

Also Present: Bob Snow, Jan Bell, Adele Haskell, Chris Cairns, Videographer Mary McHale, TA Alison (Rendinaro) Webb

The meeting was called to order at 11:03AM by Chair Jarvis, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Fireworks Bids for New Durham Day!

Recreation Director, Kellie Chase, solicited bids for fireworks, and received two quotes. The first quote was from American Thunder Fireworks, the second from Atlas. Both bids were competitive, with the vendor, Atlas, adding \$1,000 in donated fireworks to their bid. Rec. Director Chase had made the recommendation to use American Thunder Fireworks, as the Town used their services last year and were very pleased. Rec. Director Chase was not familiar with the other vendor, and had not heard back from neighboring Towns who had used their services prior to this meeting.

All members of the public were present to express their concerns over using Town funds on fireworks. There was a question raised at Town Meeting in the past, and the citizens of New Durham voted not to allow the use of tax money to be spent on fireworks.

Chair Jarvis alleviated their concerns by explaining that no tax dollars are being spent on fireworks, they will be paid for by donations. In the event that the donations fall short of the cost of the fireworks, the remaining balance will come from the Recreation Revolving Fund, within which there is currently about \$40,000. TA Webb was not able to tell the public how much has already been secured by donations, but would look into it.

Motion that the purchase of \$4,000 worth of fireworks come from American Thunder, with all of the funds coming from donations and the recreation revolving fund. Made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman David Bickford.

Discussion: In the future, the Selectmen would like to make sure that more information is accompanied with the bid proposals. There should be a definite deadline for bids to be received by. It was recommended that the final amount available for such purchases not be advertised. It was also suggested that Rec. Director Chase try to secure some sort of price lock on fireworks for next year. TA Rendinaro will work with Rec. Director Chase on the next bid package put out, and will take into consideration all of these issues/suggestions for next year.

Selectman Kratovil recommended that the Board go with Atlas, and Selectman Bickford remarked that had it not been for Rec. Director Chase's recommendation, he would have agreed.

Vote: 2-1, with opposed by Selectman Kratovil.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) and (c) made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Kratovil. Roll Call Vote: Jarvis- aye, Bickford- aye, Kratovil- aye.

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Nonpublic session entered into at 11:32AM.

The Board of Selectmen returned to public session at 12:55PM. While in non-public session, the Board voted to seal the non-public minutes of July 15, 2011.

Motion to adjourn made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Kratovil. 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 12:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison Webb

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