

**New Durham Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting ~ August 5, 2010**

Members Present: Theresa Jarvis, Fred March, David Bickford

Others Present: Mary Mc Hale Videographer

**Call to Order.** –Chair Jarvis called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**Legislative Floor Policy Discussion.**

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) reviewed the 11 page June 30, 2010 document from the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Each of the proposals were reviewed and voted on by the Board.

**Bulletin Board Information**

The Board reviewed 3 possible bulletin boards that would be placed on the Town Hall lawn. The choice is a 6X4 foot 3 window board with an enclosed cork board for postings. Since the total square footage exceeds the 16 sq Feet allowed by the Town's ordinances the Board will submit a request for a variance to the ZBA.

**Motion:** *To authorize Chair Jarvis to sign everything that is needed to be submitted to the ZBA.* Bickford/March. Passed 3-0

**Signing of Cartographics Agreement**

The Board reviewed the draft agreement with Cartographics Associates to meet with tax payers at Town Hall relative to issues regarding the new tax assessments. Costs ranged from \$ 1200.00 to \$ 1400.00 depending on the hours. At this time it is not known how many, if any, tax payers will want to meet with Cartiographics Associates. The majority of the Board would like more information.

**Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) Grant Letter.**

A draft letter of support for the SRPC grant application was reviewed. All Board members were unfamiliar with the specifics of the grant and requested further information.

**Fire Department Rules and regulations**

As it was now after 9:30 PM this item was postponed until a future meeting.

**Milfoil Check Request**

The Milfoil Committee has submitted a bill for \$ 10,840.00 for the milfoil treatment of part of Merrymeeting River. They went with the company recommended by DES without obtaining 3 quotes as required by the purchase policy.

Selectman Bickford disclosed he owns a small piece of frontage near the treatment area. Chair Jarvis disclosed that her late father's property, which is for sale, is on Jones Pond but not in the treatment area.

**Motion:** *To waive the purchase policy for the chemical treatment of the Merrymeeting River between where the river crosses the Merrymeeting Road and the Hoover bridge for milfoil.* Jarvis/Bickford. Passed 3-0

**Recreation Department Check Request**

The Recreation Commission is planning to have fireworks at the “Celebrate New Durham Day” on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The Police Chief, Fire Chief and state officials have been involved in the planning. State law dictates the size (amount spent) of the fireworks show based on topography issues. The maximum allowed for this show is \$ 4000.00. It is impossible to obtain competitive quotes on a requirement for a “\$ 4000.00 show”. As a result the Commissioners asked a local (Alton) fireworks company to do the show.

No general funds will be used for this purchase. Any money not raised through donations will come for the recreation Revolving Fund.

**Motion:** *To waive the purchase policy for the Recreation Commissioner’s purchase of \$ 4000.00 worth of fireworks for the Celebrate New Durham Day” on August 7<sup>th</sup>.* Bickford/March. Passed 3-0-0.

**Joint Meeting with Planning Board**

The Planning Board would like to meet with the BOS on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:20 PM for a non-public session relative to possible land acquisition. Due to other commitments not all Board members will be available to meet until 7PM. This will be relayed to the Planning Board Chair to see if he is agreeable to the time change.

**Non-Public Session**

**Motion:** *To enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (e).* Jarvis/March. A roll call was taken. Selectmen Bickford – aye, Selectmen March – aye, Chair Jarvis – aye.

**Return to Public Session**

The Board returned to public session at 10:22 M.

**Adjournment**

**Motion: *To adjourn.*** Jarvis/March Passed 3-0  
The meeting adjourned at 10:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted

*Theresa Jarvis, Chair*