



Town of Plaistow ♦ Board of Selectmen
145 Main Street ♦ Plaistow ♦ NH ♦ 03865

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 22, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 pm

PRESENT: Michelle L. Curran, *Chairman*; Lawrence W. Gil, *Vice Chairman*; Daniel J. Poliquin; Charles L. Blinn, Jr.; John A. Sherman

EXCUSED:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

The board of Selectmen postponed reviewing the 10-15-2007 minutes. The selectmen would like more time to review the document.

► Motion by J. Sherman and second by D. Poliquin to approve the minutes of October 1, 2007 with comments.

VOTE: 4-0-1 C. Blinn Jr. abstains

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public wishing to speak.

BUDGETS:

Health Department

J. Hoch states the permanent positions has increased from 35 to 40 hours per week. It was my suggestion that it be considered for discussion. Some of the responsibilities for the health officer have increased. We are doing regular inspections and licensing for food establishments. The mosquito control program has evolved into a year round process. State continues to change public health laws with some of the changes impacting School inspections and lead paint laws. The biggest reason is the regional public health emergency preparedness planning. That has increased significantly over the past few years. Our primary representation has been our public health officer. Those types of planning for emergencies seem to be an on going exercise, something that most of us don't have strong preparedness for. That is what leads me to consider additional hours in order to be able to deep and expand the emergency-planning portion of the position.

M. Curran states this does not include the salary adjustment except for the COLA, is this correct.

J. Hoch replies this includes the COLA and wage adjustment from the merit performance pay that I made this year.

J. Hoch replies yes and further, the wage line is increased from 35 to 40 hours. The increase is based on the wage adjustment plus the additional five hours per week.

J. Sherman asks has Dennise been working more than 35 hours per week.

J. Hoch replies no because she has been limited to 35 so she tries to stay within the required hours.

J. Sherman asks has anything not been getting done.

J. Hoch replies the issue is the degree to which we are engaged in some of the regional planning exercises. I would expect over the coming years that the core responsibilities for inspections, licensing and some of the other public health laws will continue to consume more of that 35 hour allocation, leaving less time for regional public health work

J. Sherman asks if we don't go with the increase what won't get done

J. Hoch states that some of the time spent on the emergency planning would have to be pulled back on in order to maintain the core licensing, inspections and mosquito control. I believe we have some discretion with the degree of time we have for emergency planning.

M. Curran states reserve comment until later.

J. Hoch states in all the budgets presented, what I bring forward to the selectmen or budget committee are reasonable things coming from departments that I think we should have a discussion about. I put more in the budget than I actually expect to get approved. I'm not doing the political filtering before it comes to you, that's the guidance I'm looking for. I bring the information in so we can have a public conversation about the issues.

J. Hoch states telephone and training are basically unchanged at \$825 and \$550 respectively. Reduction in dues from \$225 to \$200. General supplies, office supplies. postage and mileage reimbursement remain unchanged. Medical services has a reduction of \$50 due to flu shots. Most of the people are covered through our coverage or their spouse's but we do cover for uninsured with flu shot. Water testing remains unchanged at \$425. Mosquito control unchanged at \$40k. However there is an updated revenue sheet this time. For the past two or three years and I expect again this year to receive reimbursement from the state for some of our mosquito control activities. Based on our past track revue we will most likely be seeing that revenue so I'm trying to on second page of revenue there is mosquito control reimbursement again this year so on page two is mosquito control reimbursement of \$8,500 so the net is actually \$31,500.

M. Curran asks approx how many establishments do we inspect.

D. Horrocks replies usually between 60-65 plus schools, childcare facilities and foster care homes.

M. Curran states and this would be periodically throughout the year with licenses expiring at different times throughout the year.

D. Horrocks replies yes for new establishments their licenses would begin once they meet compliance and is good for one year.

L. Gil asks how much of your time is involved in mosquito control.

D. Horrocks states I kept a log of my time and although not all of it was approved, some of it was reimbursed by the state. In order to get assistance, we need an approved plan and that took a while and needs to be updated annually. Also, the education component is the most important part so I work very strongly with the schools and area vendors getting the word out about using protection. Although the summer is very important it is also a busy off-season getting the plan revised based on what we saw for surveillance so we can get approval the following year.

L. Gil states with respect to the amount of hours, where are the additional 5 hrs allotted to.

D. Horrocks states I think a lot of it would be public health emergency planning. One of the newer public health issues is staff infection. That's considered a public health emergency. We need to be on top of it and share the information with local schools or sports teams. Different emergencies arise all the time.

J. Sherman asks how did we treat the revenue last year?

J. Hoch states the mosquito control revenue we do retroactively. We are just getting the last slice of reimbursement. The theory was that you weren't entirely sure you would receive reimbursement however, based on the past three years of receiving it, we should now change it from unexpected and treat it as expected reimbursement.

D. Horrocks states it's a portion of our total mosquito control activities. In order to qualify you must have an approved plan by the state, things that qualify for reimbursement are larva side programs at 25% of our total cost. It's substantial considering the size of our program.

J. Hoch states the piece that's missing is that the state doesn't pay for surveillance activities.

C. Blinn states it's obvious with the budget you have done and excellent job. But this is a new proposal. Your setting your own daily schedule so sometimes you may be over worked while other days may have some down time. What would the extra hours do for your job and improving the health department. Maybe you are spending more time on daily operations or emergencies that have taken you away from your normal health duties. I realize that emergency, mosquito and staff power are very important but do you feel that you consistently need more than 35 hours every week.

D. Horrocks states there are some weeks that I feel I need 65 hours per week. It varies. The tracking is based on the number of inspections that have to get done on a daily basis. There is work that has to be done on a monthly basis no matter what even for the emergency awareness component. We meet once a month and are trying to work on this plan not just for an epidemic but also for any public health emergency.

C. Blinn states basically you need more hours because of the increase in activity in your dept.

J. Hoch states I'm driving this concept more than Dennise based on our past conversations about the extra role planning and regional efforts. That is where we get a lot of information and good resources back so that is a good use of our time. Unfortunately, when push comes to shove, that meeting that was scheduled for Friday may be the item that gets cancelled because there was a major recall of a particular toy that required immediate attention.

D. Horrocks states we have also been assisting state in the most dangerous recalls. So that's time consuming when you have to visit every establishment to see if product has been pulled from shelves. We also have to consider is it effecting the elderly, meals on wheels, most importantly educating the public. I have to go to the schools and SAU, and update the website.

Blinn state the extra hours would be servicing the public differently than you can with the current 35 hours. Because businesses, emergencies and meetings are causing you to need additional hours. What if you have one week when you work overtime and request it earlier in the week. If you're working 35 hrs and need 38 that week and following wk you only need 35.

M. Curran states my concern is that the extra hours may not be needed consistently every week.

C. Blinn states Sounds like protection of the public would benefit from the extra five hours.

M. Curran states Jason had an opportunity to speak with you about this. Are you comfortable with taking on the extra hours.

D. Horrocks replies yes I'm comfortable with extra hours.

J. Sherman asks how does your job compare to surrounding towns.

D. Horrocks replies none of the surrounding towns are self-inspecting and don't have a large amount of food establishments or retail stores so most of them are part time.

J. Sherman asks why do you go to superintendent's office.

D. Horrocks replies they use me as a resource. Had meeting on Friday regarding staff infections with principal athletic director and school nurse regarding how to better educate the students and staff.

J. Sherman asks and why did they call you.

D. Horrocks replies I believe they call me because we have always worked well together.

J. Hoch states from a public health education point of view you reach a large amount of people quickly. That is one of our fastest ways to distribute info by going through the school system.

J. Sherman asks whom would Atkinson call?

D. Horrocks replies that would be me.

D. Poliquin states personally I have no qualms with the extra five hours. Your presentations are excellent so I know why the super calls you and I have the high respect for you.

► Motion by J. Sherman to approve the health budget for \$83,631 and second by D. Poliquin.

Discussion on the Motion

J. Sherman states the board reserves the right to reconsider so we have the opportunity to re-open.

Vote

Passes 5-0-0

Recreation

J. Hoch states the recreation commission last night has reviewed this budget. This reflects the sense of that commission as well. First line permanent positions has the same staffing level as before. Slight increase for the director to \$38,471. The part time positions line has a slight increase from \$36,353 to \$36,493. Under overtime there an increase for the director from \$2,074 to \$2,178. We added a line for the summer assistant director that is a 20 hour per week position. This is not a new application. The 20 hours has always been there but we are now reporting it as overtime.

M. Curran states this is for the summer director and occurring during the six week program.

C. Sarty replies this occurs during the six weeks the summer program is running. Every week she needs to make up group lists and set up activities based on how many children will be attending. That can't be done during the hours the summer program is running so that's where the overtime hours are accumulated.

J. Hoch states uniforms show increase in t-shirts for summer rec staff. Telephone- the increase here is the addition of the new phone on Old County Road. Electricity- this line existed when it was just Smith Field. As it grew we decided to break out Old County Road. Cost remains unchanged but just split so our best estimate is \$2,400 for Old County Road and \$240 for Smith Field. The training budget increase from \$600 to \$635 is Northern NE Rec & Parks conf. General supplies, postage and equipment maintenance remain unchanged. Grounds keeping moved electricity out. Also removed the water bubbler repair and maintenance line. Mowing contract of \$6,500 is a much more realistic number. Last year's

number was incorrect. This is a real number. Mowing of Old County Road plus spring, fall clean up and long grass mow for a total cost of \$27,000. Twenty- six weeks at \$750.

M. Curran states \$27,000 to mow the grass seems like a lot of money.

C. Sarty responds Anthony Cantone will mow, rake, weed, weed-whack three feet down on each side, and take care of wetlands. It's maintaining fields rather than just mowing. It will either be this or hire a grounds person. The \$750 per cut is a great price. The fertilizer is separate but includes checking the irrigation, maintaining irrigation, shutting down, and bringing it back up in the spring.

D. Poliquin asks why is all of it under fertilization.

C. Sarty replies because he maintains the all the irrigation systems as well. He put it in and he'll maintain it.

J. Sherman states maybe we should add the line irrigation system.

D. Poliquin asks can we pull it apart.

C. Sarty replies we can break it down but he's giving us one price. I can ask him to pull it apart if you choose.

J. Hoch states if the preference is to pull it apart, that's no problem. States the additional items make up aprox \$7k.

J. Hoch states mileage and expense moved up based on the new higher rate. Summer rec program has a \$2,000 increase going from \$27,554 to \$29,554. The increase of \$500 was for ice cream and cookouts and the \$600 increase was for rainy day events. Summer transportation the base rate for busses has gone up and takes the cost from \$9,510 to \$12,705. Plaistow pride day kept unchanged and talked about strategies to keep it that way. Concerts increased from \$3,300 to \$4,300. One concert at \$1,500 and 4 at \$700.

M Curran states I know that line was over spent this year by \$350

C. Sarty states that was due to the cost of one of the bands. One of the bands was more expensive than anticipated.

M. Curran asks is there another way to look at these costs to try to cut costs while still providing services.

C. Sarty states It's almost impossible to get a band for under \$1k unless they are free or a no name band. The one band that was more expensive I would fight tooth and nail to have return. They drew in over 400 people.

M. Curran states I wasn't sure of the exact reasoning for the increase.

C. Sarty states, it was the portable toilet that cost the \$350 overage.

M. Curran replies I'm in no way questioning your ability but I do want to know where the money goes.

J. Hoch states community trips one of the things I like to do is break out the cost of trips vs. transportation. I started looking at this because we pay for transport on senior trips and ask them to pay the fees. This shows tickets for one red sox game, the other two still coming out of the revolving fund. Disney on ice, a trip yet to be named and page 3 shows transportation. So the net change is an increase of \$1,440 if comparing last year to this.

M. Curran asks last year we had just under \$11k. Is it going to be a wash on the community trips.

C. Sarty states will be close to a wash. We have a lot of trips coming up. We didn't do a lot of community trips in the spring and we still have to hold money back from the revolving from the Red Sox money so that will be a revenue of aprox \$5k.

M. Curran asks do you think this will cover all our expenditures.

C. Sarty replies I think we should be fairly close we have one trip that didn't work out so well, the circus on Saturday. Other than that we are in good shape.

J. Hoch states the senior trips, what I wanted to do is to break them down. We have a lot in the \$19,700 line and would them unbundled. The 1st line is programming for seniors. The material supplies for that is \$3500, which is unchanged. We moved the 6 trips out to a separate line and the trip transportation at \$7,500. The cumulative effect of all three lines is a slight decrease by \$600. The idea is to be able to track these different items.

M. Curran states I know you try to offset trips but excluding the buses do the trips pay for themselves. Can we breakout residence vs. nonresident. Are we charging a different fee for non-residents.

C. Sarty replies yes we do breakout residents from non and there is a larger fee for people from out of town.

M. Curran asks do you allow someone to bring a parent.

C. Sarty states yes I would absolutely tell an in-town person yes. An out of town person, I might say wait to see if we have enough room. We cater first to Plaistow.

J. Hoch states special events unchanged at \$1,000. Baseball increased by \$1,246. Some of that is based on the numbers that we saw this past year. Increased interest. We are pretty close but just slightly overshot the budget.

C. Sarty states for baseball, we added about 4 new teams. Adding a whole little league was a major expense but we had the number of children so we were able to manipulate the fields to add a pony league. We made some really big leaps and bounds and didn't turn anyone away.

M. Curran asks will you be adding additional costs so you won't be subsidizing this.

C. Sarty states yes we have already made the changes.

J. Hoch states look on the updated revenue sheet on third page you'll see the rec revenue areas. Special events are at \$400; summer trips \$11,465; baseball \$17,000.

M. Curran states I think this is a wonderful program and I'm glad you were able to accommodate everyone. Heard good things from parents.

C. Sarty states the baseball piece we are adding is still less than surrounding towns. We've brought them up but left them reasonable and no child is turned away because they can't pay.

J. Hoch states increase in umpires due to additional teams at \$4,280. Cheerleading unchanged. We dropped the youth basketball program. The junior football, youth soccer, and babe Ruth baseball all remain unchanged. The Misc. Events are a variety of items at \$1,500. Holiday events include Easter egg hunt, Halloween, caroling and coloring contest. We wanted to change the allocation but the budget is the same. Remaining summer baseball, softball and youth lacrosse all remain at \$500 unchanged.

M. Curran asks any questions from the board.

L. Gill asks when county fields are open do you foresee times when you could rent them out to other towns. In particular the private sector might want to use them.

C. Sarty states the commission needs to set up a subcommittee to see exactly how things are going to work. There could be problems the Atkinson tournaments may float from town to town. I wouldn't consider Timberlane as another entity. Also our kids have been housed in Atkinson and surrounding towns. I hadn't considered but I don't believe there would be a lot of time available that people would be interested in.

L. Gil replies I was thinking private rather than public use.

G, Mason states it's just something we've not talked about and it would depend on availability. We need to wait until we form the subcommittee.

M. Curran states you had alluded to how to rent the space out.

C. Sarty states there will be a set of bi-laws and it needs to be looked at as a form of added revenue.

J. Sherman states you might want to look at what other communities are doing. Such as concession stands or other ways to increase revenue.

C. Sarty states I made contact with the seacoast because they had a concession stand and asked if they would bring their rules so we could take a look at it.

M. Curran states so there is \$94,465 in revenue.

M. Curran asks if any other questions.

D. Poliquin states on some of the line items I noticed, uniforms 10-291 what is the additional \$488.

C. Sarty replies I used the bare minimum. Counselors need to wear bright colored clothes so they can be seen. 2 t-shirts, long sleeve shirt, sweatshirt and caps. Hats are mandatory. This was the best I could do.

D. Poliquin states on equipment maintenance you only expended \$588.

C. Sarty replies we will encompass this next year. We need drainage so it's more cost effective to wait until early April or beginning May and do it all at once.

D. Poliquin states the summer rec program increased \$2k yet you're under by \$6k.

C. Sarty states not complete yet \$2500 min to replace equipment. We wait until end of year for everything to go on sale. Everything is bought at end of year on sale. There are larger items that we would have replaced but I didn't because I was nervous about the fuel.

D. Poliquin replies not all items are replaced every year.

C. Sarty states no backboards were donated two years ago. I anticipate about \$1500 left in the account if I replace things that need to be.

C. Sarty states we've instituted cooking for the cookouts. Dennise has trained everyone on how to serve things so it works out easier if the food could be delivered to wherever the summer rec is being housed.

D. Poliquin asks that would be delivered directly to the rec field or concession.

C. Sarty states will move freezer to location needed. Right now Old County Road has no shelter. We may have to accommodate summer rec program out here again. It depends on the money. I can't move 140 kids with no shelter. The fire chief will call if severe storm warnings and we can walk to Pollard. Out there we need a bus in case of an emergency

M. Curran asks are children requested to bring supplies.

C. Sarty states, they may be asked to bring chips, or cookies, we supply water and a punch drink. Sometimes we purchase items that run out like cups and we provide lunch.

M. Curran states you mentioned time. Have we thought about making this a salary position?

J. Hoch states yes we haven't had time to pin down an appropriate number. We need to look at both sets of numbers because of overtime. We certainly are amendable to it.

M. Curran states we know you do a lot on your own time, which isn't necessarily fair to you. If you have a weekend trip do you take time off during the week.

C. Sarty states sometimes I do but other times I can't. This week I have too much going on. Jason and I had a conversation about prioritizing and trying to pull back. Things that can wait I try to hold off on or swap hours but at times it's inevitable.

C. Blinn states I think it's a good budget but with the new field and larger operation, I believe this is our first look at larger budgets to come. The increase is all in the new field line. I guess a new field had to happen so I don't see the budget looking really bad. The overall budget has really changed and we're looking at a bigger picture now. I don't think you are ready for it but I think you are getting ready for it. I don't see a giant increase on a lot of stuff. I don't see it out of shape but anticipate it will be increased considerably. I can't say enough about how well you run the program. People don't appreciate it but when you have a great season and everyone gets to play this would not be my gripe with my taxes. I think you're doing a great job.

M. Curran asks if all the increases they spoke about on Sunday have already been added.

J. Hoch states yes, based on last night's meeting.

C. Blinn states I think you have great people behind you. Hopefully we can keep those people working with us and run some fundraisers to get some monies in to help support the program.

► Motion by J. Sherman and second by C. Blinn Jr. to approve the Recreation Budget in the amount of \$261,501.

Discussion:

J. Sherman asks about a second quote on the grounds keeping. Was there only one quote used on the project or multiple vendors.

C. Sarty states two or more on mowing and basically the grounds keeper and we want to stay with him for at least another year because he knows the whole system and how it runs. Last year we had only a few small issues so he did a phenomenal job with irrigation system

M. Curran states we are talking about almost a full time position

J. Hoch states your talking about hiring a person, buying equipment, maintaining that equipment; this is not the same equipment that we could use out here so I can imagine pursuing it considering the costs. I don't see it. Also looking at somebody that has been doing fields we have been very pleased with our properties.

C. Sarty states the last point is that you can't just hire a person and expect them to mow the lawn. Depends on grade, weather. You have to be careful one bad cut can ruin lawn for the summer.

D. Poliquin states talking about Old county road, library and court house safety complex. Can be used with attachments for snow removal and become year round position.

C. Sarty states two years ago a mower was approximately \$28k and then \$10k in additional equip. An example of what a difference the equipment makes is taking care of the grass outside. One quote was \$1500 yet another was \$250 because he had that \$30k piece of equipment. Originally I thought of expanding this but I believe whole-heartedly that this year we don't have an option. We need to have at least two good growing years.

Vote: 4-1-0 M. Curran votes no

Conflict of interest:

J. Hoch states all items remain unchanged, training at \$300; general supplies at \$ 100; office supplies \$357 and postage at \$140.

► Motion by J. Sherman and second by L. Gil to approve the Conflict of Interest budget in the amount of \$897.

Vote: 5-0-0

Selectmen report

J. Sherman states last week budget committee met and I have exciting news we have three new members on budget committee. They need to go through process and get sworn in officially. Recreation commission met here last night and there was a decision to change the meetings from Sunday to second Wednesday. First meeting will be Nov 14th and we will stick with firm hours of 6-8 pm. Mark Denoncourt requested his resignation from the commission and it was accepted. We would like to thank him for all his years of service

M. Curran asks Jason if you would please send a thank you letter to Mark.

J. Hoch replies yes.

J. Sherman states part of the meeting was discussion of field usage. Future discussions should be easier now. Will speak with local towns with respect to what they are doing. One activity coming up this week is the pumpkin lighting here Friday night at 6pm. Hope people show up for that.

C. Blinn states nothing to report.

L. Gil states conservation committee met last Thursday. Upcoming budget 2008 cost savings related to general supply line. Will continue water quality sampling but align it more closely with NH DES water quality, using sampling parameters that they currently use. Received a letter regarding the rec fields that was quite bothersome to us. Based on their visit to the site in Oct, they are looking for some major restorations to bring it back so it's more in line with what was originally constructed. This was a big surprise since we were out there with her on several occasions in Sept, I did not get the sense there were issue.

J. Hoch states rather than get upset, we will review it first.

M. Curran states should be in good shape.

J. Hoch states I find it strange to have a request 1.5 years later. Part of what we need to do is go back through everything and find out what the exact issues are. I'm concerned at the moment but we will have more info for next meeting.

L. Gil states when I inspected it there was no question the flow had altered but there was also no question that those changes had been in place for a while and everything seemed to have stabilized.

M. Curran states that is a surprise.

D. Poliquin states nothing to report from last week.

M. Curran states we had two planning board meetings last week and we now have 2 alternates Neil Warren and Madeline Center. Thank you to both of them. Had discussion with Keith and Marjorie regarding possible Ice cream parlor wanted to go out behind Eggy's. Several things have tried to open up out there but had difficulties because it's such a small lot. There will be an office building on the corner of Jesse George. They came in with a very nice proposal. It will be a 1,250 two-story building. Final public hearing on day care facility and they were approved the only issue was a waiver on the dumpster and it was not granted. We don't want to encourage lots of food drawing in animals with the children. State Line Pet request wave of public safety impact fees that were denied. We approved it all as one plan and felt they owe us the money. Building on Garden Road regarding auto tire. They withdrew. Wanted wholesale dealership license. There were gray words in the ordinance. We already had a problem with Dicks Auto Body because it said sale or display of vehicles – felt better to turn it down. We then had a meeting with our lawyer which led to the meeting with the ZBA and the Plaistow planning board has decided to appeal the ZBA's decision regarding the language in the packet. Acted quickly because it would be another two months before anyone would hear it and didn't want to place hardship on anyone. Met for 5 minutes on Friday. Repeal the ZBA decision. Plaistow planning is going to have a rehearing. Mr. Brown came in for brief conversation but not much information was avail until after our meeting with lawyer. We can now make all information available to him.

D. Poliquin asks is Birch Street proposal going before ZBA.

M. Curran replies unsure because don't have ZBA itinerary for the meeting yet.

J. Hoch states must be this Thursday for non compliance setback of septic because there is no way they can make the 100 ft setback.

L. Gil states check to see if their letter went to the ZBA to make sure letter is actually part of ZBA record.

J. Hoch states received request from Rockingham planning for budgeting \$6,958. Estimate of our population is 7,731 people at 81 cents per capita. You will be seeing these number coming up in budget form. Passed along info in your folders about Wal-Mart looking for a place to put the tree. They had two questions, first are you interested and where would you like it. This is a generous gift of an elm tree in the amount of \$1500.

M. Curran states this is wonderful and would like to make a motion to accept the gift.

Sherman states he is concerned about land space when deciding on a location.

J. Hoch states I guess I'm looking for a consensus that it go to the rec field so knowing that I can have a conversation with Harley and the commission about it.

M. Curran states need to put so many trees at the rec field anyways that this would be great.

L. Gil states conservation committee was considering up to 5 elm trees possibly along entry way or shading portions of the fields.

M. Curran states that's great that everyone agrees.

J. Hoch states copy of DRH newsletter in folder. Flyer from NH DPS on water shed conference on Nov. 17th. Also received invitation today addressed to the board for ribbon cutting ceremony for Shaws. RSVP by Thursday for Friday the 2nd.

M. Curran asks is this open for business and will our road be open. Please double check to be sure road is open. Please let me know by Thurs.

J. Hoch replies ok and requests board members respond by Thursday as to availability for ribbon ceremony. Received invitation from town of Derry to discuss NH citizen pool program. Arrived today with rsvp date of today for meeting on Wed.

M. Curran states I'm a no.

J. Hoch states last item under budget is look at alternatives for the library. The outstanding bal is \$405,501 our net cost after the libraries \$70k contribution for next two years would have been \$137,001 for 2008 and \$138,500 for 2009. That's our starting point if nothing changed. The new intervention with the Nelson Trust being dissolved there's \$163,179 that we can apply towards the bal this year. That will leave us with a balance this year of \$242,322, which would exceed our original expected payment for 2008 by over \$100,000. I wanted to see if it would make sense to pay it all off but given the \$100k difference between balance and what we would have other wise planned to spend in 2008. Recommendation is to continue payments for 2008 and 2009 of approximately \$121k each year. So it's slightly less than we would have expected. We are paying 4.47% interest.

L. Gil replies after paying the library we will be left with \$242k. That would be left at the end of this year and we would then pay the \$137k next year.

J. Sherman states it's reducing what we owe from \$265k to \$242K.

J. Hoch states doesn't make sense to pay it all off in one year.

M. Curran states would it make sense to continue original amount I know it's small money but anytime you can prepay a loan you always save.

J. Hoch states given 4.5% interest rate, it's very small money. Gut reaction is we will be better off spending money elsewhere

J. Hoch states water system report arrived today so not quite prepared for questions, can discuss at future date. Spoke with contact regarding courthouse lease and will send proposal back to her showing increase over three years. Little issue with contract of prev years included only wages cost of janitorial services and not taxes and benefits so I will be changing those to reflect increase and actual cost. Lastly Nikki passed along copy of this Old Home Day flyer, committee Selectmen Blinn will be holding a meeting Thursday at 8 PM for anyone interested in volunteering for the 08 Old Home Day committee.

C. Blinn hopefully this will resolve questions as to chair and who will run and any other issues.

New Business and correspondence

J. Hoch states if you're interested in going fill it out and get it back to us.

J. Sherman states Wed, Thur and Fri , 7th 8th and 9th.

C. Blinn I recommend everyone go. There are a lot of town managers and selectmen. It's quite interesting and we could all go together.

M. Curran states nothing in signature folder and manifest being circulated now. Next is a non-public session so we poll the board to go into non-public under RSA91A:B2B.

Vote: 5-0-0

ADJOURNEMENT: 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen Iacozzi
Recording Secretary



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