

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2009 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Canada, Selectman Bruno Federico, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

The meeting opened at 7:31 PM.

Mr. Canada started the meeting by noting that the dedication of the 2008 Town Report was to the memories of Shirley Daley and Jim Scamman. Mr. Canada proceeded to read the dedication from the Town Report. Representatives of both families were present to receive copies of the Town Report autographed by the Board. The Board expressed their many thanks and the honor of being able to provide this tribute to their family members.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Treasurer: Treasurer Kevin Peck reported that he had \$1,892,971.00 in the general checking account and that he had \$2,600,000.00 invested.

Police Department: Mike Daley was present to provide the report. The department received a call today reporting that an armed robbery had occurred at the D'Angelos Restaurant. The result of the investigation later that afternoon led to a charge of theft and filing a false police report against the store manager.

Mr. Daley then discussed the need for the appointment of a local Highway Safety Committee. In years past, members of that committee have been Mr. Daley, Fred Hutton, and Tim Mason. He is aware of at least three grant programs available under this Highway Safety Fund to include a speed control grant, a DWI prevention grant, and an equipment grant to buy video cameras for the new cruisers. However, a local Highway Safety Committee is needed in order to apply for these grants. Mr. Canada moved to appoint Michael Daley, Fred Hutton, and Tim Mason to the local Highway Safety Committee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Daley cautioned the Board about the potential damage to the sprinkler heads around the Police Department grounds this year. He has not budgeted for the amount of repairs that are going to be needed as a result of plow damage. He just wanted to make the Board aware of that potential expense.

Administration: Paul Deschaine gave the following report. He presented three abatement requests to be approved upon the recommendation of Andrea Lewy. Two of the requests are to resolve pending actions before the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Those included the Route 11 Investment, LLC for 4 West Road, and SIP-Lot 5A, LLC at 22 Marin Way. Approval of these abatements would resolve the pending appeals to the BTLA. The third request was from First Altex for 200 Domain Drive currently occupied by Timberland. Ms. Lewy had done an interior inspection and had made a number of adjustments to reflect the current condition of the building. The Board approved all the recommended abatements.

Mr. Deschaine discussed the possibility of doing a Silver Star Family Proclamation. The Board concurred that it is something that should be done for a target date of May 1, 2009.

The Board read and then signed a proclamation naming March as Red Cross Month.

Mr. Deschaine then discussed the results of the review of the PRIMEX Insurance agreement. Mr. Federico had reviewed the coverage binder, which clearly had a specific exclusion against bounce houses. Mr. Federico questioned if there was other coverage available for an additional fee. Mr. Deschaine stated that no inquiry into the cost of additional insurance was made since it was a policy decision whether to have them in the first place. Mr. Canada said that if bounce houses were insurable he would want to know the price before deciding whether to ban them from Town sponsored activities. This would also include the exclusion of aeronautic activities, whether or not that included helicopter rides at the Fair. Mr. Deschaine will investigate potential coverage for both types of activities. Mr. Federico noted no other elements of concern within the agreement particularly excluded items.

The discussion moved to the number of voting booths needed for next week's local elections. Under certain standards, we would need in excess of forty booths set up; however, Mr. Deschaine noted that there has rarely been a need for more than twenty to thirty booths during local elections. The capacity is never used completely. The Board concurred that somewhere between twenty and thirty booths would be all that would be required.

A discussion occurred regarding alternative dates for Town Meeting should Town Meeting run longer than expected or if foul weather were to occur. The Board targeted March 27, 2009 as the backup date. Mr. Deschaine will investigate availability of space both here at the Municipal Center and at Stratham Memorial School.

Mr. Canada discussed the results of his investigations in obtaining a magnetic sign for the assessing vehicles. Mr. Canada received a quote from Vista Printing, which is a web-based printer, for \$8.00 per sign. He showed a proof, which Mr. Federico concurred in what was proposed.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Federal Stimulus Package implementation. Mr. Canada asked if we were attempting to find out whether any of our suggested projects were fundable. Mr. Deschaine stated that he was monitoring the results of Federal and State regulators who were still working on standards, terms and conditions and other regulations to implement the Stimulus Package. Mr. Deschaine noted that information comes out daily on it and when, and if, there is a program that meets our needs he will bring it to the Board's attention.

The Chairman then moved on to the regularly scheduled elements of the meeting by reviewing the meetings scheduled for this week and the meetings that were held this past week.

PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:

Debbie Grubbs was approved for a family outing at the Park on June 28, 2009.

The American Legion Post #6 requested the use of the Park on August 29, 2009. A request was made to waive the fee. Mr. Federico moved to waive the fee. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada reported on his discussions concerning the request by the Richie MacFarland Children's Center to use the Firehouse for a staff retreat on March 23, 2009. Mr. Canada had discussed the possibility with Mike Keane who said when he designed the building, these were the type of groups that were considered. Mr. Federico did not object to the use. Mr. Canada moved to allow the use as requested with no fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:36 PM, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed By,

Norma Corrow
Recording Secretary

Paul Deschaine
Town Administrator