

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

Present: Thomas Creamer, Chairman
Mary Blanchard
Scott Garieri
Thomas Ford, Acting Town Administrator

Absent: Mary Dowling

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

T. Creamer announced that he and several members of the press were recording the meeting.

Public Hearing: Logging Permit for Walker Pond Road:

M. Blanchard read the Public Hearing Notice as Christian Kruger appeared before the Board to request a Logging Permit for Walker Pond Road. T. Creamer stated that he had reviewed the application and that all required information had been properly provided. He indicated that M. Blanchard had reviewed it as well and requested her confirmation that all the required documentation was present; M. Blanchard agreed that it was.

C. Kruger provided the notice to abutter's cards and provided an overview of the project.

M. Blanchard noted that the current Bond that is required will expire in March and that the proponent will need to renew if work is to continue beyond the Bond's expiration date. C. Kruger agreed and stated he would renew the Bond as necessary.

S. Garieri asked if there would be any work on Sunday's and if so he believed that it should not be allowed to commence until noon time. C. Kruger stated that there would be no cutting or significant work on Sundays and that he believed it would only be necessary if weather during the week presented any challenges.

M. Blanchard stated that traditionally the Board has refrained from allowing construction in subdivisions and logging on Sunday's and that she believed the Board should restrict the proponent from working on Sundays to remain consistent with past practice. She said that if weather does become a significant problem the proponent could then reappear before the Board with a request to work on Sundays. C. Kruger agreed as did the Board.

MOTION: To close the public hearing, by M. Blanchard.
2nd: S. Garieri

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen approve the Logging Permit request by C. Kruger for 8 acres of land on Walker Pond Road owned by Scott Hengen, as requested in the application submitted by C. Kruger, dated January 6, 2011 with the following conditions:

1. No Work will be allowed on Sundays, unless authorized by the Board of Selectmen,
2. The applicant will renew the required Bond if work is to continue past the expiration of the current Bond, which is dated March 2011, by M. Blanchard

2nd S. Garieri

Vote: All in favor.

Board of Health – Pay as You Throw Program (PAYT):

Linda Cocalis and Robert Audet of the Board of Health appeared before the Board to introduce the Pay as you Throw Program (PayT).

L. Cocalis outlined plans for possible fees for Recycling Stickers and fees for trash bags for those utilizing the Landfill. She stated that fewer than 1/3 of the residents currently use the Recycling Center/Landfill yet all residents pay for it through taxes. The sticker fees and fees for trash bags would help raise revenue for future capping of the Landfill, when such became necessary. L. Cocalis further suggested that perhaps the money could go directly to an account established for the BOH, thereby allowing them access to the funds as needed.

M. Blanchard indicated that if the program were to move forward that perhaps the money should be directed to the general fund where it could be better managed.

S. Garieri asked if the BOH had given any thought to developing a video that would better educate people on how to recycle and just what is recyclable as he himself has never used the Recycling Center and is not well versed about what is and what is not accepted as recyclable material. L. Cocalis stated that they have given thought to developing something of that nature utilizing students at Tantasqua Regional High School.

T. Creamer stated that he believed such a video must already exist as recycling was not a new concept and that many organizations or entities must already have developed such and would have it available on the market. S. Garieri agreed and thought the BOH should pursue it.

L. Cocalis state that the BOH would be holding a series of Public Hearings so that the community could provide input and feedback about any potential sticker fees or trash fees resulting from a PayT program. T. Creamer suggested that the BOH schedule and conduct their Public Hearings using Veteran's Memorial Hall so that they could be live

broadcast and taped. L. Cocalis agreed. Both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health agreed to further discussions at a later date.

L. Cocalis then requested the signature of the BOS Chairman on a grant agreement with DEP providing technical assistance with predevelopment of PayT program. T. Creamer indicated that he had just received the agreement this evening and had not had time to review it and would prefer to hold on signing until it has been reviewed.

Acting Town Administrator Thomas Ford stated that he felt it should be reviewed as he too had questions and he agree with T. Creamer that it would not be wise to sign it this evening. All agreed to further review of the grant agreement prior to signing.

Senior Municipal Service Program:

T. Creamer indicated that the Board had a request for 4 applications to the Senior Municipal Program.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen approve the following applications to the Senior Municipal Service Program

Diane MacNaughton – to the Assessor’s Office

Constance Berger – to the Council on Aging Office

Jacqueline Ciance – to the Board of Health Office

Michael Stevens – to the Board of Health Office, by M. Blanchard.

2nd S. Garieri

Vote: All in favor.

Executive Session

MOTION: To convene in executive session under MGL Ch. 30A, §21, Paragraph #3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation; not to reconvene in open session, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: S. Garieri

Roll call vote: T. Creamer in favor; S. Garieri in favor; M. Blanchard in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Creamer

BOS Chairman

Date