

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Ronald Cormier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.; also present were Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman David Morse, Town Administrator K. Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Land Use Technician Rick Ball, Public Works Director Jim Fortin, Conservation Commission Member Ken Knowlton, Richard & Peggy Meyers and Kinney O'Rourke with the Daily Sun and Gail Ober of the Citizen.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Morse moved to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting as written. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meyers Property – Purchase & Sales

Ken Knowlton of the Conservation Commission was present to review with the Board a Purchase & Sales agreement for property located at 344 Durrell Mountain Road owned by Richard & Peggy Meyers. Ken noted that the property is in close proximity to the Sanborn property purchased by the Commission last year. He added that the property has the Tioga River running through it and has a significant amount of wooded area that could possibly be harvested in the future. It was explained that the parcel is approximately 52 acres and 5 acres would be subdivided out by the Meyers for their residence and the balance sold to the Conservation Commission for \$2430 per acre which would be consistent with the price they paid for the Sanborn property.

Ken indicated that the owners had requested that no wheeled vehicles be allowed on the property and asked that if the parcel is named that it be called "Pop's Woods". It was also noted that the parcel is abutted by conservation land in both Gilmanton and Gilford.

Selectman Pike moved to authorize the purchase of the Meyer property according to the terms of the Purchase & Sales Agreement for \$2430 per acre approximately \$114,000. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

McDonough Property – Building Inspection Report

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed the building inspection report from Water Loom regarding the property located at 154 Main Street per the Purchase & Sales Agreement signed by the Board at their December 21st meeting. The report noted a few items that may need to be addressed, such as stained ceiling tiles (making certain the roof isn't leaking), making certain bathrooms are ADA compliant and cracking in the retaining walls. He added that none of these items should prevent the sale. Selectman Cormier suggested that the Town speak with the tenants to see if they are aware of any issues with the building as well. The Board expressed interest in walking through the building themselves and agreed to survey the property at their own convenience.

Energy Grants

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the OEP has \$6.6 million dollars in Energy Conservation Grants that are available for energy projects. Following a review of the application process and eligibility it was determined that without an energy audit the Town doesn't qualify, however an energy audit itself can be paid for by this grant if the application is approved to do so. Once the energy audit is done then the Town would qualify for other grant opportunities. She explained that any of the Town owned buildings could qualify for grants in the future. The Board agreed it was a good idea to move ahead with the grant application for the energy audit.

Forest Fire Warden Appointments

Following Town Administrator Beaudin's review of the list of Fire Department personnel to be sworn in as Forest Fire Wardens, Selectman Morse moved to appoint the Forest Fire Wardens as per the list provided by the Fire Chief. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Deliberative Session

Town Administrator Beaudin discussed with the Board the options for holding the deliberative session and the Board agreed to hold the deliberative session Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Belmont High School.

Budget Committee Public Hearing

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that the Budget Committees Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at the Corner Meeting House.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 5:35 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Those present and voting were Ronald Cormier, Jon Pike and David Morse. Also present were Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin and Public Works Director Jim Fortin.

Jim Fortin left the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The Board then discussed the proposed agreements with the Public Works Bargaining Unit and Police/Fire Unit.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 6:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, January 25, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

David Morse