

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2009, 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, Deputy Chief Sean McCarty, Police Chief Vinnie Baiocchetti, Health Officer Steve Dalton, Eagle Scout Adam Seigelstrom, Tom Murphy, and Kinney O'Rourke with the Daily Sun.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes**

Selectman Morse moved to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting as written. Chairman Cormier seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Pike abstained.

### **Eagle Scout Project**

Adam Seigelstrom was present to review with the Board his Eagle Scout project that he built in Sargent Park. Adam noted that he had worked with Janet regarding a location for the pavilion as well as several other people and organizations for acquiring the funding and supplies for the project. He noted that the Rotary gave him \$500 for the project and Fred Hall provided the design and explanation of the design so that Adam understood the construction of it. Adam thanked all that helped with his project.

Chairman Cormier thanked Adam for the pavilion and added that it will be a nice addition to the Park.

### **Solid Waste Contract**

The Board reviewed and signed the Solid Waste Contract for 2010 with Waste Management for a period of 5 years. Town Administrator Beaudin explained that everything is in place and ready for the change over the first of the year.

## **Noise Ordinance Petition**

The Board reviewed signed petitions requesting the adoption of a Noise Ordinance. Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the signatures have been verified by the Town Clerks office and there are more than the required number of signatures. It was noted that the petition contains the same language as the previous petition from 2 years ago. Chief Baiocchetti explained that it will regulate fireworks, motor vehicle noise but firearms have been removed from the language. Selectman Pike asked if a decibel level was needed if action went to court, Chief Baiocchetti explained that is not required in court. Chairman Cormier commented that he isn't happy with the hours but agrees that something needs to be in place to address these issues. The Board discussed that it could remain as a petition article with the Board of Selectmen's support. Ken Knowlton added that as the community grows there is less respect of others space and there are those that have no personal responsibility which is what has lead to the need for this ordinance.

Selectman Pike moved to support the Noise Ordinance as a petition warrant article on the Town Warrant. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Recreation Trailer Buyout**

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the Town has been renting the Recreation trailer for \$1400 per year and with increasing maintenance problems and the rental company not wanting to put money into the trailer the Town has been offered a buyout option of \$1800. The Board discussed the option of moving the Recreation office to the Winnisquam Station and Janet indicated that she didn't have a problem with that move and it would likely allow for more day time programs to be offered. Selectman Pike commented that he isn't in favor of buying the trailer, he feels it isn't worth the money they are asking and it really wouldn't be a good investment for the Town. He would rather see the rental of a newer trailer or the other option of relocating the office. It was noted that although the Town usually pay the entire year up front, there is a monthly rental payment option that could be utilized.

Chairman Cormier stated that there has been a move toward using the Winnisquam Station for more Recreation functions and it wouldn't be unreasonable to have the office there if Janet felt comfortable with working around that location as far as the summer programs go that may require her to more in the Village area. Town Administrator Beaudin said she would talk to Chief Davis and advise him of this consideration so that he can prepare for the change, Deputy Chief McCarty commented that there are two offices at that location and he felt that one of the could be cleaned out for immediate use by Janet if that is what the Board decides. Janet explained that she could work out the summer piece and would be fine with an office in Winnisquam. The Board agreed that they would rent the trailer for the month of December and prepare the office in Winnisquam to be occupied by the Recreation Director before the end of the month.

## **Sidewalk Maintenance**

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the sidewalk maintenance debate that has been going on in the newspapers regarding whether or not the Town is liable to maintain the sidewalks in the winter was brought up at the Budget Committee meeting. She noted that LCG is involved and should be able to provide the Town with what their actual liability is. It was discussed that the new sidewalk to the elementary school will be maintained this winter but the question is the maintenance of the sidewalks on Route 3. There was discussion of the safety for those individuals that use the scooter vehicles to get around even in areas that may not be safe

for them to do so. The Board discussed that if Laconia plows their sidewalk to the Belmont line on Route 3 then the Town should consider how to plow it the rest of the way to the mall.

Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that she will follow up with LCG to determine what they think the Town's liability is as well follow up with Laconia to determine their level of maintenance in that area.

### **Water Bill Adjustment due to Boil Order**

In light of the Board indicating that they would adjust village water bills due to the non usage of water during the boil order, Town Administrator Beaudin explained that she has amended the water rates for the village area only for the next billing cycle. She noted that the per gallon rate users will see a reduction of \$1.00 per 1000 gallon and the flat rate bills will be reduced to \$40.00 for the quarter. The Board discussed that they would like to see a 30% reduction to both rate sets for this quarter billing cycle.

Selectman Morse moved to amend the water rates to \$2.36 per 1000 gallons for meter accounts and \$55.00 for flat rate accounts for this cycle billing only as a result of the boil order. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Sargent Fund Committee**

Town Administrator Beaudin explained to the Board that Brenda Paquette has requested a representative from the Board sit in on the Sargent Fund process. Selectman Morse volunteered to sit on the committee.

### **Personnel Policy Revision**

The Board finished their review of the personnel policy revisions that had been provided to them at their last meeting. The revisions were made to bring the policy current with changes that were made at the federal level as well as minor changes that had been made by the Town over the years since its last update. Town Administrator Beaudin reminded that it has been recommended by LGC and reviewed by town counsel.

Selectman Pike moved to accept the Personnel Policy as revised. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Non-Public Session**

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 6:05 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 (c) and (d). Those present and voting were Ronald Cormier, and David Morse. Also present were Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin and Code Enforcement Officer Steve Dalton.

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 6:30 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 (c) and (d). Those present and voting were Ronald Cormier, and David Morse. Also present were Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin and Police Chief Baiocchetti.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 7:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, December 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Ronald Cormier, Chairman

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Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

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David Morse