

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Vice Chairman Jon Pike called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.; also present were Selectman David Morse, Town Administrator K. Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary, Town Planner Candace Daigle, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Dalton, Fire Chief Jim Davis, Deputy Fire Chief Sean McCarty, Peter Harris, Donna Cilley, Charles Moretti, Meaghan Siegler with the Winnisquam Echo, Harrison Haas with the Citizen and Ray Carbone with the Daily Sun. Chairman Cormier was absent from the meeting.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes**

Selectman Morse moved to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting as written. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Hearing regarding Peter Harris Junkyard Permit Application**

Vice Chairman Pike opened the public hearing at 5:02 p.m. in accordance with RSA 236:116 relative to the Harris application for a junkyard at 346 Hurricane Road. Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that the purpose of the public hearing is to act on the junkyard application submitted by Mr. Harris and that through other meetings and discussions of the Board, Mr. Harris and Code Enforcement Officer Steve Dalton alternative resolutions to the issues at the property at 346 Hurricane Road have been discussed and agreed upon. A document has been drafted with conditions of use of the property as a licensed used vehicle dealer. It was noted that the final draft of the agreement will be recorded at the registry, which will attach the conditions to the property.

Vice Chairman Pike stated that he thinks the Board should deny the application and move forward with the agreement on the use of the property. Steve Dalton noted that the document needs to be reviewed by town counsel. Peter discussed the possibility of withdrawing the application; Selectman Pike noted that the site does not meet the setbacks for the junkyard guidelines so withdrawal of the application isn't necessary.

Selectman Morse asked how the antique vehicles fall into the agreement, Steve Dalton explained that the total vehicle count for the property is 80 and that includes all vehicles.

Selectman Morse moved to deny the junkyard application of Peter Harris for property at 346 Hurricane Road. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Pike closed the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

### **Fire Chief Retirement Letter**

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that Fire Chief James Davis has submitted his letter of intent to retire as of April 16, 2010 after 26 years of service to the Town of Belmont. Vice Chairman Pike stated that Jim has been a valuable asset to the community and the Board wished to thank him for his years of service. He added that the Board will regretfully accept the letter of retirement. Selectman Morse asked if the April date was absolute, Jim stated that it was pretty firm but may be able to help out for an additional 2 weeks if necessary.

Selectman Morse moved to accept the retirement of Fire Chief James Davis effective April 16, 2010. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Fire Truck Repairs**

Selectman Pike stated that he has recently had discussions with Winnepesaukee Truck and Mack regarding the repair of the tanker and it has become evident that the Town will have to pay for the repairs to the tanker. He noted that he would like to meet with the maintenance staff for the fire trucks to discuss future maintenance procedures. The Chief indicated that the meeting wouldn't be a problem. He noted that he has asked Winnepesaukee truck to put together the final estimate.

### **Belmont Elderly Housing Payment in lieu of Taxes Agreement**

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed with the Board the payment in lieu of taxes agreement for the Belmont Elderly Housing, noting that it is a quarterly payment that does not include the school tax portion of the tax rate.

Selectman Morse moved to accept the payment in lieu of taxes agreement with the Belmont Elderly Housing as presented. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Notice to Quit Document**

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed with the Board a Notice to Quit document for property located at 2 Eagle Drive, which was taken by tax collectors deed.

Selectman Morse move to sign the Notice to Quit being issued to Linda Dononian on property at 2 Eagle Drive, 117-015-000-075. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Church Street Sidewalk**

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that with the proposed location of the Church Street sidewalk running by the Highland Cemetery, the state is requesting that an archeologist be present when digging along the cemetery. Selectman Morse noted that if digging is taking place within 10' of the bounds of the cemetery and archeologist needs to be present. He noted that if anything where to be found it would need to be moved to another appropriate burial ground. It was noted that for cost savings the Public Works Department can do the initial dig to determine if the sidewalk needs to be related.

## **Actuarial Valuation Services Proposal**

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that by utilizing the Excel program provided by the Town of Newmarket she was able to create the actuarial value, which has been provided to the auditors for their review.

## **Public Hearing on Moretti Discretionary Preservation Easement**

Vice Chairman Pike opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. in accordance with RSA 79-D regarding the application for Discretionary Preservation Easement submitted by Charles Moretti for his property located at 66 Union Road.

Town Administrator Beaudin noted that the easement request is for an existing 36' X 46' barn and an ancillary barn and sap house. It allows a reduced assessment on the structures and land beneath the structures. For this property it will be approximately \$24,000 reduction. Mr. Moretti explained that he is just trying to preserve the entire property, and that starting from the foundation up the barn is being restored and other than the sills the rest of the structure is sound.

Selectman Morse suggested that someone from the Heritage Committee look at the property to help determine the level of easement that the property should receive. He suggested that Wallace Rhodes be contacted to view the property. Mr. Moretti indicated he would be willing to show the property to committee members. Mr. Moretti explained that the house is dated to 1790 and was moved to its current site around 1840.

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the easement could be granted pending the finalization of the terms following a site visit by the Heritage Committee.

Selectman pike moved to accept the application for Discretionary Preservation Easement as submitted by Charles Moretti for property located at 66 Union Road, with final terms to be determined following the Heritage Committee site visit. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Pike closed the Public Hearing at 5:38 p.m.

## **Next Meeting**

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Ronald Cormier, Chairman

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Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

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David Morse