

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Ron 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, Town Planner Candace Daigle, Public Works Director Jim Fortin, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Dalton, Deputy Fire Chief Sean McCarty, Firefighter Tom Murphy, Land Use Technician Rick Ball, Meaghan Siegler with the Winnisquam Echo, Harrison Haas with the Citizen and Ray Carbone with the Daily Sun.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Morse moved to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting as written. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Cormier abstained.

GASB 45 – Actuarial Valuation Services Proposal

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the long term liability for having retirees on our health plan needs to be calculated. The initial estimate for the work to be performed is \$3,900. However the Town of Newmarket has a spreadsheet program that they have used and are willing to share with Belmont to calculate the liability which would save the Town the expense of hiring an actuary. There was discussion that the project should be done by a professional the first year and then updated annually by Town staff. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed to have Town Administrator Beaudin look into the utilizing the spreadsheet program initially to determine if it can provide the information needed.

Future Business Leaders of America Proclamation

Chairman Cormier read the FBLA Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 7–13, 2010, as FBLA-PBL Week in the town of Belmont, NH.

WHEREAS, Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda is a nonprofit educational organization whose first chapter was established in Johnson City, Tennessee, in 1942; and

WHEREAS, this organization has grown now to encompass over 250,000 members nationwide in middle schools, high schools, colleges, universities, career and technical schools, and private business schools; and

WHEREAS, FBLA-PBL is a professional business organization dedicated to bringing business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs; and

WHEREAS, members perform community service activities and strive to build a student's understanding of the realities of the modern business world; and

WHEREAS, FBLA-PBL teaches middle school, high school, and college students business and leadership principles, and assists in the transition from school to work;

WHEREAS, Belmont High School currently sponsors an active chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America to provide its students the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in the business world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Belmont, NH do hereby proclaim February 7–13, 2010, as FBLA-PBL Week in the town of Belmont, NH.

Town Meeting Ballot Review

The Board reviewed the Town Meeting ballot and staying with the grouping of related articles Selectman Morse asked that articles #28 and 34 be moved together. Town Administrator Beaudin noted that the Voters Guide has been updated to reflect ballot numbers.

Selectman Cormier moved to accept the Town Meeting Ballot as amended. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Tanker Repair

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that Chief Davis has informed her that during a routine check of fluids removed during maintenance of the tanker there was antifreeze and metal chips detected. The initial estimate is \$10-15,000. Firefighter Tom Murphy further explained that he had sent out a sample of the oil following a routine oil change, which is part of their normal routine. The report that they got back indicated problems with antifreeze and metal chip content within the sample. The tanker was taken to Winnepesaukee Truck to be evaluated. It was diagnosed with leaking pistons which affects the pistons, the Jake brake system, the oil pump and could have also affected the turbo system. He explained that he has contacted the Mack representative who initially has said it is not their problem; however he has also contacted Mack corporate to see if they have anything to offer where the vehicle has only about 1100 hours on it. Selectman Pike stated that he feels that the request should be put in writing as it is harder for them to say no to in writing requests. It was also discussed that a remanufactured motor may be a better investment than having it rebuild because the new motor would come with a warranty.

It was decided that the Board would wait to authorize the work to be performed until Mack has been formally contacted and had an opportunity to respond to the Towns requests.

Public Hearing regarding the discontinuance of Special Revenue Fund

Chairman Cormier opened the Public hearing on the discontinuance of the Special Revenue Fund at 5:23 p.m. He explained that it is being proposed that the Fire Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus fund be discontinued and the funds be put into the general operating budget and an equipment purchase capital fund be set up for the Fire Department similar to the other departments.

With no public input being received, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:24

Tsantoulis Deed

The Board at their previous meeting signed a payment agreement with Ms. Tsantoulis who has begun payments per that agreement. Town Administrator Beaudin requested that they sign the deed transferring the deed back to Ms. Tsantoulis.

Selectman Pike moved to sign the deed transferring the property back to Ms. Tsantoulis. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Belknap County Economic Development Committee Nominee

The Board previously received a letter from BCEDC requesting the nomination of a representative. With Chairman Cormier absent from the last meeting the Board agreed to wait until tonight for the nomination.

Selectman Pike nominated Chairman Cormier to be the representative. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Commission Appointment

The Board received a letter from Denise Naiva requesting to be reappointed to the Conservation Commission, as her term expires this year. The Board discussed the level of hard work and commitment that Denise has shown for the commission and agreed to reappoint her.

Selectman Morse moved to reappoint Denise Naiva to the Conservation Commission for a three year term. Selectman pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Church Street Sidewalk Discussion

Engineer Bill Stack was present to review the proposed plans for the Church Street sidewalk project. He explained that over the three years the project has been being considered his firm has worked up a few options and have selected the option that has the sidewalk on the west side of the street. He explained that it offers the most benefit with the least amount of drawbacks. It was discussed that cross street drainage was not going to be change, however catch basins on the sidewalk side of the street would be rebuilt as part of the project.

Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that Mr. Cozort from the schools had been invited to the meetings for his input and discussion regarding safe routes to school grant options. She noted that those grants are focused on K-8 grade school routes however a joint meeting with the schools transportation committee is being scheduled as the school has to be significantly involved in the application process.

It was noted that the initial estimate is \$100-\$120,000 with approximately \$64,000 currently available for the project. Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the next step in the process would be to hold public hearings for public input. Public Works Director Jim Fortin explained that the reconstruction of Church Street would be incorporated into the project. Chairman Cormier indicated that he was happy with the option that Mr. Stack has presented.

Harris Property Discussion

Code Enforcement Officer Steve Dalton reviewed with the Board a memo that he had previously sent to them stating the current condition of the property as well as 3 options for moving forward to resolve any outstanding issues at Mr. Harris's property located on Hurricane Road.

After a brief discussion of the options that have been laid out for Mr. Harris and making sure Mr. Harris understood the options available, the Board and Mr. Harris agreed to move forward with option 2. Steve stated that he would prepare an agreement to reflect the decision for the Board and Mr. Harris to sign off on that can be recorded at the registry to avoid any question of what has been authorized for use at the property in the future. Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that she will set the Public Hearing to deny the Junkyard Application for February 22, 2010.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, February 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

David Morse