

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 7, 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 Lagace, Ron and Gerri Mitchell, Donna Cilley, Chief Baiocchetti, David Parenti, Lieutenant Bavis, Steve Dalton, Deputy Sean McCarty, Tom Murphy, Mike Newhall, Harrison Haas and Gail Ober with the Daily Sun.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Pike moved to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting as written. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Announcement

Chairman Cormier explained that the search for a new Fire Chief had been ongoing with the assistance of the Town Administrator and LGC. There were several qualified candidates however the Board has narrowed it down and offered the position to David Parenti who will begin his post with Belmont on July 6, 2010. He comes to Belmont with more than 20 years of service on the Merrimack, NH Fire Department where he most recently served as their Assistant Chief. Chairman Cormier added that Mr. Parenti was able to attend the Charette and met a lot of individuals that day. Chairman Cormier indicated he is looking forward to working with Mr. Parenti. Mr. Parenti expressed that he is excited about the opportunity and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Town Administrator Beaudin noted that an appointment ceremony will be held prior to his start date. Selectman Pike expressed his thanks to Chief Baiocchetti for stepping up and assisting during the search and orientation of the new Fire Chief.

Conservation Commission Appointment

Town Administrator Beaudin advised that Nicholas Coates has submitted a letter of interest to fill a vacant full position on the committee. She noted that both Rick Ball and Ken Knowlton have supported his appointment.

Selectman Pike moved to appoint Nicholas Coates to a full Conservation Commissioner, his term to expire March 31, 2013. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Board Resignation

Russ Davis has submitted his letter of resignation from the Planning Board as his schedule and other commitments have made it difficult for him to participate. The Board asked Town Administrator Beaudin to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Davis.

Selectman Pike moved to regretfully accept Russ Davis's Planning Board resignation. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Belknap County 4H Fair Request

The Belknap County 4H Fair Association has made their annual request of the Board to waive vendor fees for fair participants and to allow traffic to be directed in a one way manner on Mile Hill Road during fair hours.

Selectman Pike moved to waive vendor fees and allow one-way traffic on the fair days on Mile Hill Road. Selectmen Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mill Roof Proposals

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed with the Board the 6 bids that were received for the RFP for the roof work at the Mill Building. She indicated that Steve had received and cataloged the bids and they were copied for review by Ron Mitchell. The bids ranged from \$39,493 to \$86,700. Ron Mitchell advised the board that his review of the proposals has him looking at a firm that falls in the middle of the bids and explained that it was the fact that they went above and beyond to provide many options and suggestions that has him leaning toward their proposal. He explained that there are many options that can be considered for the work that needs to be done and this firm explained them, while the other firms strictly bid what was in the request. It was suggested that if those other options were to be considered that the other firms be given the opportunity to bid on them.

It was discussed that the project would have to be funded out of the facilities capital reserve account unless the Board chose to propose the work in the next budget. The Board thought if they waited that long the damage to the building will just continue to get worse. The Board agreed to review the current proposals individually and discuss the issue further at their next meeting.

NH Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that as part of the grant process the Board needs authorize the Chairman to sign the contract documents. She noted that the bid documents are almost completed.

Selectman Pike moved to authorize the Chairman to sign all agreements/contracts, amendments to contracts, affidavits, agreements or obligations on behalf of the Town of Belmont as they relate to the NH Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Special Town Meeting/Deliberative Session

Town Administrator Beaudin reminded those present that the Special Town Meeting/Deliberative Session to ratify the Public Safety Union Contract begins at 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 21, 2010. She noted that voting for this process will be July 27th 3pm-7pm at Belmont High School.

Miscellaneous

Town Administrator Beaudin advised that with Mr. Cozorts last day approaching she will prepare a letter of thanks for the Board if they would like, they all agreed this would be a nice gesture. She stated that Chief Baiocchetti attended the surprise function for him and it was well attended and he was quite surprised. Chairman Cormier commented that the new Superintendent attended the Plan NH meeting.

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that she had just received a letter from the Mooney's that indicated that they couldn't participate in the function but wanted to express that they would still support a Route 140 by-pass and feel it would be beneficial to the Belmont Village.

Chairman Cormier expressed his thanks to everyone that assisted in the planning and setting up of the Plan NH Charrette, it went very well. He further discussed that he believes it would be important to pull the Village Revitalization Committee back together to discuss the ideas that came from the Charrette as several are similar to ideas that were previously discussed by the committee. He added that in about 6 weeks the Town should receive a summary of the event from Plan NH. Also the event was recorded and should appear on LRPA-TV in the near future.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 5:55 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (b). Those present and voting were Ron Cormier, Jon Pike and David Morse. Also present was Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 6:20 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, June 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

David Morse