

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 31, 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, Public Works Director Jim Fortin, Land Use Technician Rick Ball, Police Chief Vinnie Baiocchetti, Sergeant Mann, Gretta Olson-Wilder(5:20), Denise Naiva(5:25), Ken Knowlton(5:40), Linda Frawley(5:45), Donna Cilley(5:50), and Kinney O'Rourke with the Daily Sun.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Pike moved to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting as written. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Solid Waste Collection Bid Results

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed with the Board two bids that were received for Solid Waste Collection for a 5 year term. Previously the Board reviewed bids for a three year term and one bidder also provided a 5 year option so the bidders were asked to re-bid for a 5 year term. Waste Management and Bestway Disposal submitted bids.

Waste Management bid for curbside collection for the first year \$188,417, second year \$195,011, third year \$201,837, fourth year \$208,901 and fifth year \$216,213. For curbside recycling they bid for the first year \$118,364, second year \$122,507, third year \$126,795, fourth year \$132,233 and fifth year \$135,826. Their fuel adjustment price is based on a baseline of \$2.60 per gallon for the term of the contract.

Bestway Disposal bid for curbside collection for the first year \$197,000, second year \$197,000, third year \$205,000, fourth year \$213,000 and fifth year \$221,000. For curbside recycling they bid for the first year \$135,000, second year \$135,000, third year \$140,000, fourth year \$146,000 and fifth year \$152,000. Their fuel adjustment price is for any costs above \$3.50 per gallon.

The Board requested copies of the proposals so that they can review them more thoroughly. Chairman Cormier inquired what the disposal costs would be; Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that with an estimated 800 tons the monthly disposal cost would be approximately \$2,400. There was discussion if switching disposal companies would affect the drop off site, Selectman Morse pointed out that that facility accepts waste from all over not just Belmont so it shouldn't be a problem. Selectman Pike noted that Bestways recent letter to the Board expressed that they may be perturbed that the Town would consider a change in carrier. The Board will review the proposals and decide on a carrier at their next meeting.

Well #3 Site Work Bid Acceptance

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that on August 24th the bid opening was held for the site work for the Well #3 waterline. The bids have been reviewed by Public Works Director Jim Fortin and the apparent low bidder is Jeremy Hiltz at \$37,706, next was Lyman Construction at \$42,925 and lastly DBU Construction at \$43,290, he recommends awarding the bid to Jeremy Hiltz. Selectman Morse asked where the funding for the project is coming from, Town Administrator Beaudin explained that there are funds for Well #3 that were approved for the project.

Selectman Pike moved to award the Well #3 site work bid to Jeremy Hiltz Construction in the amount of \$37,706. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing Edward Bryne Grant

Chairman Cormier at 5:15 p.m. opened the Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 31:95-b to accept a grant in the amount of \$22,252 from the BJA FY 09 Recovery Act Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

Chief Baiocchetti explained that the funds will be used for juvenile prosecution.

With no further comment Chairman Cormier closed the Public Hearing at 5:19 p.m.

Selectman Pike moved to accept the grant as awarded. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DOT Request – NASCAR Traffic

Chief Baiocchetti discussed with the Board a recent letter that was sent from the State regarding the use of Concord Street during the September NASCAR race. Chief Baiocchetti expressed that they are now asking to make changes that they had previously made at the June race. He noted that a large number of vehicles are being diverted to Concord Street which by the Town's ordinance doesn't allow the truck traffic that is being diverted there. The Board discussed with the Chief the flow of traffic that takes place during the race and they all tried to understand why traffic was routed the way it was. Selectman Pike asked if the Lieutenant who sits on the committee had discussed the situation with them, Chief Baiocchetti indicated that the Lieutenant had conveyed the concerns of the Chief; however they didn't like the objections to their plan.

Following the discussion the Board agreed to have the Chief draft a letter to the State requesting that they provide another option for the flow of traffic without utilizing Concord Street due to the existing ordinance that is being violated and the heavy residential population.

MS1 Extension

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that due to utility values from the State not being available yet she has had to file for an extension for the MS1 Summary of Values for 2009. It has been approved and extended until September 15th.

Budget Review Schedule

Town Administrator Beaudin noted that she has received all but a couple of budgets and would like to know what kind of a schedule the Board wants to set up to begin reviewing them. Following a brief discussion of dates that worked, the Board agreed to begin budget deliberations on September 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Allowing them to attend the regional meeting discussions being held in Gilmanton at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Cormier indicated that they he did not want the Health Agencies to come in to the budget session this year.

BRATT Request

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that through a request to Councilor Burton for his assistance, he has issued a letter to the State requesting the right of access along Lake Winnisquam for the benefit of the BRATT project.

Officer Resignation

It was noted that Officer Sullivan has tendered his resignation with the Town effective September 5th. Chairman Cormier wished him luck in his new position and added that he is a good officer.

Tioga Drive

Chief Baiocchetti, following an investigation of the petition letter received from Sarah Flynn of Tioga Drive regarding a speed limit change request, has determined that it is his recommendation that no change be made and the street is left as un-posted with a speed limit of 35 mph. Through the investigation including traffic counter data from August 15th through August 26th, it was determined that 3 complaints had been received from that street since 2006, the median speed traveled during the investigated time span was 23 mph and there were approximately 2600 vehicles logged.

The Board agreed that a letter be written to Ms. Flynn explaining that the speed limit will remain the same, include a copy of Chief Baiocchetti's memo showing the finding of the investigation and request that any future concerns regarding traffic issues, the neighborhood should contact the Police Department to have those issues addressed.

Noise Ordinance

Chief Baiocchetti advised the Board that the Noise Ordinance that was voted down at last year's Town Meeting will be presented again and the Police Department will be in support of the ordinance.

Municipal Parking Lot Safety Concerns

As follow up to their last meeting the Board discussed options to address safety concerns with in the municipal parking lot located at the Police Department and Corner

Meeting House. Town Administrator Beaudin advised that she had obtained pricing for fencing, chain link fence is \$26 per foot and cedar type fence cost \$23 per foot and it is approximately 80 feet from the existing fence to the side of the building.

There was discussion of locking the gates at the basketball court portion of the park and Gretta Olson-Wilder commented that the concern with locking those gates is that if there were an incident or emergency in the park there would only be one way out which the Recreation Committee sees as a safety concern. She added that the committee has looked into other types of closures there that would limit the entry and exit to foot traffic. Chief Baiocchetti explained that they will leave their bikes at the gate but when they come back out there, there is enough area for them to build up speed across the parking lot and shoot into the road as they are still doing now even after the accident. Chairman Cormier pointed out that there are 2 issues here; first being the open hill between the Corner Meeting House and the Police Department fence and the second is the berm at the end of the parking lot or the exiting of the parking lot. Donna Cilley suggested a fence between the CMH and PD fence with a spring loaded gate for people using the CMH to still be able to get through. Chief Baiocchetti pointed out that the parking lot in question is designated for the use of the PD and the CMH, not the park.

There was further discussion of options for resolving the safety issues, and Chairman Cormier and the other Board member felt the fence between the CMH and PD's existing fence was an easy and good resolution to the first concern however Chairman Cormier felt the Board needed additional time to review the other situation and physically go look at it prior to making further decisions.

Conservation Commission

Chairman Cormier commented that he believed Denise Naiva and Ken Knowlton were present on behalf of the Conservation Commission due to comments he made at the last Selectman's Meeting. He noted that at the last meeting a discussion with Happy Tails Dog Park he suggested that they contact the Conservation Commission to see if they had a suitable piece of land that could be used for a dog park and in that conversation he made comments regarding no recreation uses being developed on the most recently purchased conservation properties. He stated that he apologizes for his comments he was frustrated that he believed those parcels would have recreation development take place on them and he hasn't seen any development in that direction. Denise Naiva spoke indicating that they could answer any questions the Board may have regarding those properties and went on to explain that the Town Forest has been a large focal point for development by the commission with the handicap access project now moving forward at this time and that the other properties are being accessed as to their future uses too. She believes that communication between the Board and Commission will improve in the future. She added that the parcels the Commission has purchased are sensitive to human impact and all impact must be taken into consideration prior to moving forward with any projects. Chairman Cormier stated that he realizes that they are a small group working on large projects.

Ken Knowlton added that whatever projects are created on these properties it is their goal for them not to become a financial burden to the Town. Some projects that had been considered immediately showed signs of them needing Town financial support, so they needed to be reevaluated. They take careful consideration of the uses for these properties because they don't want to set up a wrong use and potentially damage the property. Rick Ball noted that some of the properties that are purchased with Current Land Use penalty funds have been purchased with the intent that their use be consistent with prior use under the Current Use law and not be developed. Ken commented that the dog park would need to be carefully

considered as well because if land were to be opened up to that use then perhaps horse owners would expect the same usage of the land and horses can tear up land and lead to erosion problems. Ken noted that they would consult with the Board on ideas that they have.

Heritage Commission

Chairman Cormier stated that the Heritage Committee is setting up a celebration day for the bandstand. Linda Frawley noted that October 3, 2009 from 11:30 to 3:00 there will be a celebration with Representative Burton speaking, music and the Rotary providing food. She stated that it is the 100th year of the band stand.

Linda noted that although they did not receive the Moose plate grant for the second year they have gotten closer and will try again next year. Selectman Morse questioned whether the bandstand could withstand another year without some kind of stabilization work being done. Chairman Cormier indicated that it could be discussed during the budget process.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 6:40 p.m. in accordance with 91-A:3 II (c). Those present and voting were Ronald Cormier, Jon Pike and David Morse. Also present were Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin and Donna Cilley.

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, September 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

David Morse