

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 5, 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, Sewer commissioners Rich Fournier & Bruce Arey, Deputy Fire Chief Sean McCarty, Harrison Haas with the Citizen, 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 July 20, 2009 meeting as written. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Tioga Drive Speed Limit

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed a letter with the Board from Sara Flynn regarding the speed limit on Tioga Drive. Ms. Flynn and several neighbors signed the letter requesting that the speed limit be reduced to 20 mph. Chief Baiocchetti in a memo regarding the request indicated that the speed limit could not go below 25 mph and only to that speed limit after investigation of the street traffic is done. Town Administrator Beaudin explained that Chief Baiocchetti has advised that the traffic counters are currently assigned to other areas through this year. Public Works Director Jim Fortin commented that buses seem to be a big part of the problem as well as a few known residents of the area. Selectman Pike expressed that he would like to see the police department contact the resident and add more patrols in the area. Chairman Cormier felt a letter to the resident explaining the process was necessary and if counters can be done this year he would like to see that done. Selectman Morse commented that Tioga Drive is a circle and not a through street, so the problem must be a neighbor issue.

Other New Business Beach Access Road

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that last year during the construction on Route 3 at the intersection of the road that goes to the beach the State erected a sign that referred to the street as "Beach Access Road". During a recent request to the 911 program for a

911 number for the beach property a number was issued under that name however the road was never formally named. It is suggested that another more appropriate name be used. The suggested name was: Leslie E Roberts Drive. The Board agreed to that name.

Solid Waste Proposals

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed the 2 bids that were received for solid waste removal for the Town. Bestway Disposal and Waste Management were the bidding parties,

	1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year
Waste Management proposed trash pickup	\$203,635	\$210,800	\$218,150
Bestway proposed trash pickup;	\$197,000	\$205,000	\$213,000
Waste Management for curbside recycling;	\$152,200	\$157,500	\$163,000
Bestway for curbside recycling;	\$135,000	\$140,000	\$146,000

It was noted that Waste Management would institute a fuel surcharge if fuel rates exceed \$2.60 per gallon and Bestway would institute a fuel surcharge if fuel rates exceed \$3.50. The Board discussed that Bestway had offered a 5 year proposal that locked the rate for the first two years before increasing and it may be to the benefit of the Town to look at the longer contract. Selectman Cormier cautioned that the offer would need to be made to Waste Management for provide a 5 year option because it was not part of the original bid request. Town Administrator Beaudin advised that the apparent low bidder is Bestway Disposal and that she will contact Waste Management to determine if they are able make a better offer if they proposed a 5 year contract.

Selectman Cormier went on the review the updated revenue list. Town Administrator Beaudin noted that the interest & penalty on taxes has increased and motor vehicle revenue is on track with last year. Selectman Morse noted that investment revenue was down, Town Administrator Beaudin pointed out that the investments aren't down just the revenue from those investments at least through the July revenues.

Town Administrator Beaudin noted that Steve Dalton had provided for the Board's review an analysis of the cost to perform a junkyard inspection. The analysis showed that the current rate of \$25 is significantly less than the actual cost of \$103 for time spent on the inspection.

Discussion with Sewer Commissioners

Selectman Cormier explained that the discussion the Sewer Commissioners is to review the status of the system and the pending transition to the Tow running the Sewer Department effective March of 2010. Rich Fournier spoke indicating the he feels things are going well. He added that with Frank Clairmont retiring at the end of August, Jim Fortin, Public Works Director will be doing the day to day work of the sewer Department. Rich noted that he is finishing up organizing some paperwork and Frank has begun working with Jim Fortin and Don Hurd from Public Works regarding the pump stations. Frank will be going station to station with them and going over the operation of each. The original manuals for all are still in the possession of the Sewer Commission and will be given to Jim Fortin. He wanted the Board to know that he and Frank will both be accessible after the transition for anything they may come up. He felt that everyone is working for the same thing and the transition will be smooth.

Selectman Cormier indicated that he felt the transition would go smoothly as well and asked where the commission was in the budget process. Rich noted that the commission has approximately 58% of the budget left at present time. He added that he will work with Jeanne Beaudin and Jim Fortin on the budget for next year. It was noted that Jeanne Beaudin, Jim Fortin and Rick Ball will attend the next WRBP meeting to gather additional information on the upcoming capital projects related to that.

The Board was pleased to hear that the beginning stages of the transition are going well.

Miscellaneous

E-Reg

Town administrator Beaudin announced that the Town Clerk's office now has E-Reg online registration now available on the Town's website. Any one renewing an auto registration can go to the Town's website and do it on-line.

Road Work

There was a brief discussion regarding road projects. Chairman Cormier asked about the increase in paving costs on the sidewalk, Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that there was an over run of approximately \$10,000 in pavement costs and other costs due to additional work authorized by the state. She advised the Board that there were 5 bidders at the recent preconstruction meeting regarding the water service meter and waterline work and bids are due August 17th for that bid.

Chairman Cormier noted that Town Hall looked good with the new siding. Town administrator Beaudin added that the Town seal from the front of the building which was hand painted will be given to the historical society per the request of Ron Mitchell and a new one is being created to replace it.

Sales Update

Selectman Morse asked if before the new assessments are mailed out if the Board will receive a summary of the new figures, Town Administrator Beaudin advised that they would receive a summary and noted that approximately 63 million in value has been lost town wide by the sales update. She added that waterfront didn't see that much of a change but residential land values and mobile homes will see a more significant decrease as well as commercial property.

Budget

Selectman Pike commented that at a recent planning board meeting the Town Planner had discussed the upcoming budget and had indicated that she had not received direction regarding any cuts. He felt that all department heads should be aware that there may be a money crunch Town Administrator Beaudin acknowledged that when budget sheets were distributed department heads were advised that they need to hold the line to the best of their ability and were not advised that there needed to be any cuts as that direction had not been received from the Board. The budgets should be reviewed in order to determine if cuts need to be made. Chairman Cormier noted that it will be a tight year for the budget.

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that following last year's vote that virtually eliminated all funding for technology maintenance and purchases, the computer related expenditures will be found in each department's budget. Selectman Morse felt that wasn't giving a clear view of the technology costs. Selectman Pike stated that because voters didn't understand the technology request they voted it down because it had a larger value attached to it and he feels it should be budgeted in the individual departments. Selectman Morse felt that the computer equipment purchases should be in a capital account; however Chairman Cormier and Selectman Pike want the equipment purchases reflected in the individual department budgets.

Chairman Cormier suggested that the Bean Hill project be looked at to determine if it can be done in more than one section so funds could be diverted to move up the downtown road project. Town administrator Beaudin stated she would look at the Road Management program and discuss the possibility with Jim Fortin and advise the Board at their next meeting.

Non-Public Session

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

The Board approved a hardship abatement.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, August 17, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

David Morse