

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Ron Cormier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.; also present were Selectmen Jon Pike, Selectmen David Morse, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Receptionist Tracey Russo, Police Chief Vincent Baiocchetti, Deputy Fire Chief Sean McCarty, Retired Fire Chief Richard Gray, Brad Lawrence, Henry Dionne, Gail Ober of the Sun and Kenny Constant, of the Citizen.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Chairman Cormier made a motion to accept the minutes of July 26, 2010 as written. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Gray:

Chairman Cormier wanted to thank Retired Fire Chief Dick Gray for his 26 years of Service to the Belmont Fire Department. Stating he was a key cog in the wheel of the department and a tremendous asset to the town. Several Fire Department members attended.

Henry Dionne:

Mr. Dionne is having a boundary line dispute with his neighbor Mr. Berwick. He claims Mr. Berwick built a garage on Mr. Dionne's land at the time it was built. Mr. Dionne was unaware this was on his property. When Mr. Dionne wanted to make some improvements to his own property the problem was discovered. After several meetings with the Planning Board, it was suggested to Mr. Dionne to try and get a boundary line adjustment from Mr. Berwick. Mr. Berwick was willing to give Mr. Dionne land in the rear of his property to compensate for the loss of road frontage he had lost. However the land is not comparable and Mr. Dionne feels it is unusable and not a fair trade. Mr. Berwick will not entertain any other ideas or offers. While the Board of Selectmen does sympathize with Mr. Dionne's situation, Selectman Cormier explained the Board has no legal recourse in this matter, and Mr. Dionne should take the matter to Civil Court. It was also explained that the Building Inspector Steve Dalton is aware of this matter and has Mr. Berwick on a three strike schedule to resolve the matter from that perspective. Mr. Berwick is on his second strike however, there are time constraints attached to each strike and if Mr. Berwick refuses to comply by removing his garage the Town will be forced to take him to court. Mr.

Dionne was very unhappy with this result as he feels he should not have to wait any longer to expand his business.

Chairman Cormier again reinforced the fact that the Town at this time has no legal recourse in this matter. They cannot force the Planning Board to give Mr. Dionne approval for the portable garage he wants to set up.

Police Department:

Chief Baiocchetti is submitting a request to purchase a 2007 Dodge Nitro, with an extended warranty. He explained that the newer smaller SUV would replace the Expedition that Detective Rachel Moulton drives. He said there would be a cost savings on gas with the smaller vehicle. Selectman Pike wanted to know if it would do the job that needed to be done. Selectman Morse needed to understand why a four wheel drive vehicle was needed. Chief explained that yes it would be adequate to handle the Detective's crime scene equipment; and although it would not be used primarily for driving in bad weather it is nice to know the Department has a vehicle equipped to handle bad weather if needed.

Chairman Cormier explained that the Police Department is on a 2 cruisers per year rotation and this would not be considered part of that rotation. Chairman Cormier made a motion to purchase the 2007 Dodge Nitro, Selectman Pike added with the extended warranty and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2011 CIP Submissions:

Town Administrator Beaudin said the submissions are due by August 19, 2010 to Land Use. She wanted a quick review of what was to be included this year. Collectively it was decided the Sewer Pump Stations at a cost of \$700,000 should be spread out over 10 years, \$50,000 to go into the Municipal Facility Fund and the standard for Capital Reserves such as Highway, Police Vehicles, and Assessing. There is a \$25,000 threshold on CIP submissions.

Other New Business:

Town Administrator Beaudin explained she has been looking into getting some other town's copies of grant applications, specifically Tilton, Londonderry, and Pelham.

The playground equipment has been delivered and is in the process of being put up. It will be in for Old Home Day on the 14th.

Mr. Bob Stevens requested the presence of the Board of Selectmen at the dedication of the benches in the park behind the library on the morning of Old Home Day. They said they could be there.

The Laconia Police Department sent a letter acknowledging Officer Pickowicz collaring of a criminal wanted in Laconia while on a road detail in Belmont.

Old Business:

1. Ambulance Fee Write-off Policy: Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the Town can't lien unpaid charges. She suggested either sending it to a collection agency or they can apply for hardship. Selectman Pike suggested a 90 day review. Ms. Beaudin thought a monthly review however noted that accounts cannot be sent to collection without reasonable time for insurances to reimburse.

2. Other Old Business: Selectman Pike brought up the fact the homeowners in Pleasant Valley are not happy with their current mailbox situation. The homeowners passed around a petition to place a unit with locked mailboxes in place of the ones they are now using. The issue is cost which some are not willing or able to pay for. Selectman Pike suggested he could call Senator Shaheen and see about getting this paid for these residents. The members of the Board of Selectmen all agreed this was a good idea. Selectman Morse did want to make known that Selectman Pike would not be representing as a Selectman but rather as a citizen.

Miscellaneous:

Town Administrator Beaudin mentioned closing Fuller Street and Main Street for the Belmont Old Home Day. Selectman Pike made a motion to accept, Selectman Cormier seconded all were in favor motion passed unanimously.

Deferred Items:

1. Fire Department-Software Request
2. Backflow Prevention Inspection Program

Non-Public Session:

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing union negotiations. Roll call was taken and those present and voting were Ronald Cormier, Jon Pike and David Morse. Also present was Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 6:41 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Roll call was taken and those present and voting were Ronald Cormier, Jon Pike and David Morse. Also present was Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin. The Board reviewed information from Attorney Mark Dunn relative to a tax deed/hardship issue.

The Board agreed to work with Attorney Dunn regarding the matter in hopes of finding an amicable solution. Town Administrator Beaudin will contact Attorney Dunn.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 6:50.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

David Morse