

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2006, 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Brian Watterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., also present were Selectman Reginald Caldwell, Selectman Ronald Cormier, Jr., Town Administrator K. Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Melanie Nelson of the Citizen.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2006 as written. Selectman Cormier seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Board and Commission Appointments

Chairman Watterson moved to have Selectman Caldwell serve as the Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board, Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Watterson moved to have Selectman Cormier serve as the Selectmen's Representative to the Budget Committee, Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Caldwell to have the remaining Selectman Representative positions on all other Boards and Commissions remain the same, Chairman Watterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Caldwell moved for Brian Watterson to remain Chairman and Selectman Cormier be Vice-Chairman, Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Purpose Statement – Municipal Facility

The Board will discuss the purpose statement at their April 3, 2006 meeting.

New Business

Town Administrator Report

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that she has received letters from Lakes Region Planning Commission regarding the need to renew the Town's appointee's to the TAC committee. Land Use would like Rick Ball to be the Town Representative and Candace Daigle the alternate.

Selectman Caldwell moved to appoint Rick Ball as the Town Representative to the LRPC TAC Committee, Chairman Watterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Cormier moved to appoint Candace Daigle as the alternate to the LRPC TAC Committee, Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Administrator Beaudin explained she has received a letter from Kim Koulet of LRPC requesting that a representative for the Town be appointed, she noted that she has also received a request from Jeff Marden to be reappointed to this position, it is a 4 year term. Chairman Watterson felt that the Planning Board should weigh in on the decision so another member might have an opportunity to serve. The other Board members agreed and Town Administrator Beaudin will ask Candace to bring it to the Planning Board at their next meeting.

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed a memo from the Land Use Office requesting the Board to approve a flowage easement on the Blue Sky property; it has been reviewed by the attorney and is being recommended by the Land Use Office.

Selectman Caldwell moved to approve the flowage easement as presented, Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed the MS-2 figures with the Board and explained that the projected tax rate will be down approximately \$1.06, the overall assessed value of the Town is anticipated to go up, too. She noted that Seeds of Promise Daycare has been put up for sale and she has been approached to transfer the lease to a new owner. She added that the rent has just been increased for that unit. Chairman Watterson commented that if we are satisfied with the lease that is in place it should be fine to transfer to new owners, Town Administrator Beaudin indicated the current lease is satisfactory.

Bob Bennett will be out for 2 weeks and Jim Fortin will be covering in his absence. An electrician will be looking at the Public Works garage to help determine its capacity for a generator to help in its use as a back up Emergency Command Center. The generator for the Highway garage and possibly another for the Water Department will be taken from the Emergency Power Supply Capital Reserve account.

The measure and list project is under way with postcards being mailed out March 14th and the contractors for the job beginning their work on Friday March 24th. The two part time clerical positions have been advertised as well as the internal posting for the grounds/maintenance position.

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that the posting of notices on the external bulletin board at Town Halls has become an increasing safety concern. Recent conversation regarding a new location for a notice board generated interest in combining a notice board for use by both Town Hall and the Library. There was a suggestion for a free standing unit in the area of the trough by the Library. Library Trustees are in support of the suggestion and thought that lighting the notice board would be a nice feature. The Board felt that it would make a good Eagle Scout project; Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that an Eagle Scout had just today come to Town Hall in search of a project and she would suggest this project to him.

Town Administrator Beaudin asked if the Board would like to ask Tony Brown to come to the next meeting to discuss the Sargent Lake Dam, it was decided to send Mr. Brown an invitation to the next meeting and to also copy the invitation to Karen Gilbert who has expressed interest in being present at such a meeting.

Selectman Caldwell noted that Mr. Depetro, who worked with Peter Poire in the past on Fireworks shows, had approached him regarding submitting a request to bid on future shows. Selectman Caldwell advised him to submit his request to the Town Administrator so he can be notified when bids go out.

Town Administrator Beaudin advised that she has begun the application for RDA for the Route 3 waterline project and will need to know the stance that the Board is going to take on the funding mechanism for the project as part of the application process. The Board agreed that they will discuss that and make a decision at a future meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meetings were set for April 3, 2006 and April 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Brian Watterson, Chairman

Reginald Caldwell

Ronald Cormier, Jr.