

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2007, 5:30 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Watterson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., also present were, Selectman Reginald Caldwell, Selectman Ronald Cormier (6:15 p.m.), Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Deputy Fire Chief Jim Davis and Ray Carbone with the Daily Sun.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pay and Classification Study

At a prior meeting the Board of Selectmen had requested that Town Administrator Beaudin obtain an additional proposal for the Pay & Classification Study that is to be conducted prior to Union Negotiations per the Union Contract. The first proposal, which the Board had reviewed at the prior meeting, was from Local Government Center at a rate of \$200 per position and the second proposal was received from Municipal Resources and their rate is \$300 per position. Town Administrator Beaudin recommended that the Town hire Local Government Center to conduct the study. She added that the entire study will take approximately 3 months to complete and that a 50% deposit is required.

Selectman Caldwell moved to hire Local Government Center to conduct the Pay & Classification Study. Selectman Watterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joint Meeting with Planning Board Housing Study – 3/12/2007

Town Administrator Beaudin reminded the Board of Selectmen of the joint meeting with the Planning Board regarding the Housing Study is scheduled for March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Following their most recent meeting the Planning Board has requested an additional meeting on April 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. with the Board of Selectmen to discuss general issues of importance for 2007.

Candidates Night Reminder – 3/7/2007

The Candidates Night for the March 13th Elections will be held March 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belmont High School to introduce the individuals running for elected positions to the community.

SB71 – CRSW/RRC Request

Town Administrator Beaudin explained to the Board that last year after the application for the landfill was filed CRSW chose to pull the application following information that there were erosion problems on the access road and CRSW determined they needed more time to address a solution to that problem. After doing that there was proposed legislation that could change the flood zone which if passed would virtually eliminate that site for the landfill. With enough support from member Towns CRSW is prepared to send a letter supporting the legislation with an amendment that would grandfather land purchases prior to the date of the legislative bill which would still allow the site in Canterbury to be used.

The Board of Selectmen discussed that they felt that CRSW could have handled the situation better with more informed communication with member Towns, but are in support of sending the requested letter.

Selectman Caldwell moved to send a letter expressing their support of CRSW supporting the legislative bill with the amendment to grandfather sales prior to the legislative bill date. Chairman Watterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Belmont Land Use Building Fee Schedule Amendment

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed the “building fee schedule” changes proposed by the Land Use Office. She explained that as the building fee schedule is utilized more it has been determined that there are fees that need to be addressed to correct problem areas. The changes are on fees for Multi Unit buildings, Commercial/Industrial buildings, Cell Towers and Membrane Structures.

Selectman Caldwell moved to amend the building fee schedule as proposed by the Land Use Office. Chairman Watterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Commission Appointments

The Board of Selectmen had received two requests for re-appointment to the conservation commission; first Magnus McLetchie has requested re-appointment as an alternate member, citing his 6 years on the commission as well as the many years he has spent on other committees and commissions. Second Denise Naiva has requested to be re-appointed to the commission as a full member, citing her years of service since her original appointment in 2001.

Selectman Caldwell moved to re-appoint Magnus McLetchie for another 3 year term as an alternate Conservation Commission member. Chairman Watterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Caldwell moved to re-appoint Denise Naiva for another 3 year term as a full Conservation Commission member. Chairman Watterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Sergeant O'Connor Retirement

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged receipt of a memo from Sergeant O'Connor announcing his intention to retire effective March 31, 2007. He noted that he is looking forward to retirement and working part-time as the Police Departments prosecutor.

Selectman Caldwell moved to accept Sergeant O'Connor's retirement effective March 31, 2007. Chairman Watterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Coviello Letter

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Coviello regarding their property on Durrell Mountain Road. The Board asked Town Administrator Beaudin to draft a letter of response to the Coviello's indicating that their concerns are not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

Town Meeting Agenda

Selectman Cormier arrived at the meeting. (6:15p.m.)

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed the Town Meeting agenda with the Board to determine who would speak to each article. She advised that Father Albert has agreed to perform the blessing. Selectman Caldwell agreed to read the dedication of the Town Report. They discussed the process for voting on the 4 bond articles and determined that the Moderator will give the final decision as to the process.

Minutes

Selectman Cormier moved to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting as written, Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Cormier moved to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting as written, Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that she has received 2 Zoning Ordinance protest petitions. Notice of receipt will be posted at the polls.

Selectman Cormier discussed with the Board that there is legislation being discussed regarding gambling. He noted that a number of representatives are in favor of the bills so it will be interesting to watch and see if any of the bills hit the floor for voting. He added that there are 5 bills being presented for increased gambling in the State. He plans to continue to watch and will keep the Board advised of the status of these bills.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Watterson moved to open the non-public session at 6:53 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II a. Roll call was taken and those present and voting in the affirmative to enter non-public session were Ron Cormier, Brian Watterson, and Reginald Caldwell. Also present were Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, and Deputy Fire Chief Jim Davis.

Chairman Watterson closed the non-public 8:30 p.m.

The Board unanimously agreed to advertise the Fire Chief's position regionally in addition to any in house applications.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Brian Watterson, Chairman

Ronald Cormier

Reginald Caldwell