

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Cormier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., also present were, Selectman Reginald Caldwell, Selectman Jon Pike, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, and Deputy Fire Chief James Davis.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2007 meeting as written, Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2007 meeting as written, Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

E911 Coordinator Appointment

At the Board's previous meeting there was discussion regarding appointing a new E911 Coordinator due to the position becoming vacant with the retirement of Chief Siegel. The Board had asked that Deputy Davis recommend a Lieutenant for the position in an effort to give more responsibility to the Lieutenant's. Deputy Davis has recommended appointing Lieutenant Sean McCarty as the E911 Coordinator. Selectman Caldwell moved to appoint Lieutenant Sean McCarty as E911 Coordinator. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that she had been approached by Rick Ball following the Conservation Commission meeting to ask the Board of Selectmen if they would purchase a painting in memory of Jeff Marden. It is her opinion that this purchase meets the

definition of a public purpose as long as the painting was to be hung in a Town building but will research further.

Selectman Pike explained that at that meeting he felt as though this option had previously been discussed and decided by the members prior to the meeting and just needed to know who was going to pay for it. Selectman Caldwell expressed that the Commission had decided to rename the Town Forest and start a scholarship fund and felt that was great tribute to Jeff. Chairman Cormier expressed that he wasn't comfortable commissioning a painting, but if the Conservation Commission wanted to spend their own funds, that was fine. Selectman Pike made a motion that the Conservation Commission could use their own funds to purchase the painting. Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Administrator Beaudin has received a request from David McLelland to rehire Tom Miller to work for the Water Department for the summer. She noted that David has indicated that he plans to finish the water meter installations, work on gate box maintenance and curb stops with Tom. The Board agreed to have David hire Tom Miller for the summer.

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed a letter received from Tina Fleming regarding the Old Home Day meeting to be held Wednesday at 6:30 and requesting the attendance of the Board. Chairman Cormier explained that he had suggested after last year's Old Home Day that the Board get involved with the process and he will do his best to attend that meeting. Town Administrator Beaudin noted that she had sent a memo to the Recreation Committee regarding Janet's level of involvement being limited to one function.

A letter from the American Legion Post requesting the attendance of the Board of Selectmen at the Memorial Day parade was reviewed and Town Administrator Beaudin and Chairman Cormier indicated they would try to attend.

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed a letter received from a resident requesting that the Town owned lot in the Pleasant Valley area be cleaned up. Town Administrator Beaudin requested Code Enforcement Officer Gary Boisvert to provide a report on the situation and the information he provided shows many years of dumping has taken place there. Because there is no way of knowing who is responsible for the dumping, Town Administrator Beaudin recommended coordinating a clean up of the lot with the assistance of the Public Works Department. Gary's report also shows other violations in the area that he will be addressing. There was a brief discussion regarding an ordinance regarding aesthetics of property which the Board agreed may help with other Code Enforcement efforts, Town Administrator Beaudin will look into whether there are other communities that may have such an ordinance.

The Police Department applied for and received a grant for 4 traffic data collectors which require a 50% match, Town Administrator Beaudin requested to take the approximately \$2,000 out of the Highway Block Grant fund as the devices can be used for Police efforts as well as for the Road Management program to help determine traffic counts in areas being considered for repair or reconstruction. The Board agreed.

The Concord Street sidewalk project is moving forward with the Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for early June.

Community Service Day is scheduled for May 12th with approximately 80 students assisting with a Town Wide clean up that will include work on the BRATT trail, work at the Town Beach and planting of flowers to name a few. The project will allow students to graduate on their scheduled day.

Town Administrator Beaudin noted that she has asked Rick Ball and Candy Daigle to approach their boards & commissions to solicit interest in appointments to the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

The Board was reminded that the DRED meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed a letter from Youth Service Bureau expressing their disappointment in not being allowed to discuss their budget request with the Board. Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that she has gathered the documentation that will show that they were given that opportunity on more than one occasion, as they had been given in the past, with no response from them to take advantage of the opportunity.

MS-5 Signatures

The Board was presented with the MS-5 documents for signature prepared by the Town auditors. Town Administrator Beaudin noted that Brenda, Nikki and herself had met with the auditors regarding the accounts and how to coordinate smoother operations.

Non-Motorized Boat Access – Town Beach

Janet Breton had provided a memo regarding non-motorized boat access via the path that is currently at the beach and used for putting bob houses on the lake in the winter. She requested that the path be improved to allow non-motorized boat access during the summer. Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that there will be no dock or mooring and improvements would be limited to the addition of crushed gravel. She noted that Rick Ball thought that it may require DES Wetlands approval however they won't be contacted unless the Board agrees to the project. The Board agreed that it would be a nice addition to the beach area, however did not want there to be any hindrance for the bob house access. The Board agreed that if in the future there was misuse of the path that there may be a need to install barriers that would limit access.

Miscellaneous

The Board discussed email communication that may be happening between board and commission members that could pose problems with the right to know laws. The Board agreed that a memo from the Board of Selectmen should be sent to all board and commission members requesting that email communication be limited and if there is email communication between members they should disclose those email communications at there next meeting.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Cormier moved to open the non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (b) at 5:45 p.m. Roll call was taken and those present and voting in the affirmative to enter

non-public session were Ron Cormier, Reginald Caldwell, and Jon Pike. Also present was Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin and Deputy Fire Chief James Davis.

Selectman Pike moved to promote Deputy Fire Chief James Davis to the position of Fire Chief effective immediately; compensation to be set at a labor Grade 24 Step11, 6-month probationary period, and salary review after successful completion of Fire Officer Programs I and II at the NH Fire Academy. Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board congratulated Jim on his promotion and stated that they look forward to working with him in the future.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Reginald Caldwell

Jon Pike