

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 18, 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, Bob Gibbs, Grace Romprey, Ed Otto, and Ray Carbone of the Daily Sun Newspaper.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2007 meeting as written, Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting as written, Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SB2 Petition Receipt

Chairman Cormier explained that there had recently been an article in the newspaper that said that a Belmont resident was circulating a petition to have Belmont become an SB2 town. Town Administrator Beaudin confirmed that on June 11, 2007 the petition was received at her office. She stated that the process now is to have Carol Lacasse confirm the signatures are of registered voters and then it will become a warrant article for the March 2008 Town Meeting.

Town Administrator's Report **Tax Deed Status**

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that the letters that were sent regarding property's that were going to be considered for tax deeding had generated \$29,000 in payments,

two property owners that have made aggressive payment commitments and several others that have not responded at all. Selectman Pike asked what would happen to those that set up payments now and stopped payments in the future, Town Administrator Beaudin explained that they would be re-noticed and the Tax Collector's Deed would be issued. Grace Romprey and Ed Otto were present to tell the Board that they intend to make an aggressive payment on back taxes and pay current taxes as they are due. They told the Board they appreciate them working with them on this situation. The Board agreed that the proceedings to take the properties of those that have failed to respond should begin.

Sargent Lake Dam Update

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed a letter that was sent to DES and copied to the Town from Tony Brown regarding the status of Sargent Lake Dam. It indicated that they have been working on the issues outlined by DES and should have all resolved by this fall.

Belknap County 4-H Fair

The Belknap County 4-H has requested again that the traffic on Mile Hill Road be one way for the days of the fair. The Board agreed however, did ask Town Administrator Beaudin to advise them the Board would appreciate it if they would look into changing the fair date back to a date that doesn't conflict with Old Home Day. This is the second year that they will be held the same day.

Old Home Day Parking

First student will again this year provide the transportation for the parking shuttle on Old Home Day for the day and evening events. The Recreation Committee had expressed concern that the daytime shuttle times may rush people out after the parade so that time may be extended. The Belmont Lodge has allowed the use of their parking area for the shuttle again this year.

Belmont Better Times

Brian Watterson sent a letter to the Board explaining that the Belmont Better Times will no longer be published due to lack of volunteers. It has become too difficult for the few regular volunteers to publish it each quarter. The March publication will be the last. The Board expressed their understanding of the situation and asked that a letter be drafted for the Board to sign expressing their thanks for his years of dedication to the publication.

Veteran's Tax Credit Waiver Request

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that a Veteran's Credit request that had previously been denied by standard guidelines has requested that the Board weigh in on the situation. She explained that the property owner had received tax bills with the credits listed on the back but they would like the Board to consider an exception under mistake or misfortune as they felt their broker was responsible. She explained that he does qualify for 2008. She noted that the deadline is April 15 and the first email received regarding it was May 25, 2007. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to offer half the credit for 2007. Selectman Caldwell moved to authorize half the Veteran's Tax Credit for 2007 for the Clutter application. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Health Officer Appointment

With notice of the Health Officer appointment expiring Town Administrator Beaudin asked the Board to re-appoint Gary Boisvert for another term. Selectman Caldwell moved to re-appoint Gary Boisvert for another term as Health Officer. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mill Dormer Repair

Town Administrator Beaudin explained to the Board that during the budget process she had asked a local contractor to estimate the cost to repair the dormers on the Mill building and subsequently budgeted \$10,000 for the job. Upon putting the project out to bid the prices came in significantly higher than expected at \$52,000 and \$23,000. One of the contractors had commented that we may see figures all over the place because the specifications weren't clear enough. Town Administrator Beaudin explained that will have to go back out for bid once the specifications can be re-written.

Miscellaneous

Town Administrator Beaudin reminded the Board that invitations had been sent out to Cotton Hill residents asking them to attend the July 2, 2007 meeting.

Resident Robert Gibbs of Farrarville Road was present relative to a recent break in at his property. The Board of Selectmen agreed to look into the matter and report back to Mr. Gibbs.

Chairman Cormier addressed his fellow Selectmen as to where to go with the results of the recent survey. Selectman Pike expressed that he feels to continue to aggressively pursue help for businesses looking to come to Town is a great start. The Board's recent actions show a willingness to work with businesses and show a change in the way the Board is doing things. Selectman Pike also thought it may be beneficial to sit with major land owners and see what they are thinking in terms of utilizing there land. He agrees that communication is a problem on Route 106 but he also feels that water and sewer would be beneficial in that area too.

Chairman Cormier stated that a suggestion he had heard to build a new central Fire Station and utilize the existing station for Town Offices and perhaps Police Station isn't such a bad idea as it would eliminate the need for other substations. The sale of the Winnisquam Fire Department could bring substantial revenue to assist with such a project.

Town Administrator Beaudin pointed out that the Board should do something soon with the beginning of the budget process fast approaching. The Board agreed that a public meeting to discuss Municipal Buildings will be held July 16, 2007 at 6:00 at the Corner Meeting House.

Non-Public Session

Selectman Caldwell moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91:A-3 II(c) at 6:20 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 Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 6:25 p.m.

Selectman Caldwell moved to authorize Chairman Cormier to sign the memorandum of understanding on behalf of the Board of Selectmen relative to the extension of sewer to the property to be known as the Colesseum. Chairman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Selectman Pike abstained from the vote.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, July 2, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Reginald Caldwell

Jon Pike