

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 5, 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 Ronald Cormier, Selectman Reginald Caldwell, Town Administrator K. Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Land Use Technician Rick Ball, Chief Baiocchetti, Elson Moody, Ray Carbone with the Daily Sun, Megan with the Winnisquam Echo and Melanie Nelson with the Citizen. Arriving later in the meeting for the CRSWRRC presentation was Jim Prescher from Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative, Craig Mussleman from CMA Engineers, Conservation Commission members Ken Knowlton, Denise Navia, Ginger Wells-Kay, and Planning Board Chairman Peter Harris.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Chairman Watterson inquired at what point the Board of Selectmen minutes are being posted to the website, Cary Lagace explained that they are being posted after the Board signs them but can be posted sooner if the Board would like. Town Administrator Beaudin added that the Board of Selectmen's agendas are now being posted on the website too.

Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2006 meeting as written. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing regarding Hawkers/ Peddlers Ordinance

Chairman Watterson opened the Public Hearing for public input on the newly revised Hawkers and Peddlers Ordinance at 5.04 p.m. Town Administrator Beaudin explained that Town Counsel had reviewed the draft ordinance and provided several changes that had been accepted into the proposed ordinance and the document is now ready for the Board of Selectmen's approval.

There was discussion that the Hawker/Peddler Permit and Vendors Permit had not been addressed and revised for several years and Chief Baiocchetti had concerns that these individuals soliciting sales in the community should be better tracked with stricter requirements. They will under go a thorough review through the Chief's application process. Selectman Caldwell inquired what the time frame for the process will be, the Chief explained that if they provided all the information required up front the Vendors Permit which would be

the longer process would be approximately a week. It was noted that the Chief would enforce the permits, however, if there is an appeal of the Chief's decision it would come before the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Cormier moved to accept the Hawker/Peddlers Ordinance as written. Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Watterson closed the public hearing at 5:14 p.m.

Public Hearing regarding Vendors Ordinance

Chairman Watterson opened the Public Hearing for public input on the newly revised Vendor's Ordinance at 5:15 p.m. There was further discussion regarding an item that exempted sales of antiques and used items that the Board request be removed as they felt by excluding these types of sales one might think they can set up long term sales in their front yard. Chairman Watterson also noted that there wasn't an appeal process in this ordinance and asked that the clause be added.

Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the Vendors Ordinance as amended, Selectman Cormier seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Watterson closed the public hearing at 5:27 p.m.

Louis Berger Group

Town Administrator Beaudin advised that the presentation from Louis Berger group has been postponed until the Board of Selectmen's June 19th meeting.

Miscellaneous

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed a letter from Ron Mitchell regarding the State owned property in the vicinity of the Town Beach and trail system in which he asked that the State be contacted to find out if they would be willing the dispose of any of those properties to the Town. Land Use Technician provided a map to the Board for their review showing the properties in questions. After a brief discussion the Board authorized Town Administrator Beaudin to draft a letter to the State requesting the status of those properties.

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that she is in receipt of the completed Rural Development Application from Underwood Engineers which had been prepared for her signature if the Board authorizes her to sign the application. She noted that she is putting together all the information required for the application.

Selectman Cormier moved to authorize Town Administrator Beaudin to sign the application on their behalf. Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Administrator Beaudin commented that she had forwarded draft Request for Qualifications documents to Selectman Cormier and Chief Baiocchetti for the Municipal Building Committee. There was discussion whether a Request for Qualifications should be sent out or if it should be a request for proposal. It was decided that it should be a request for Proposal with the qualifications built in. Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that she will redraft the document as a Request for Proposal.

Selectman Cormier explained to the other Board members that the last Municipal Building Committee meeting was attended by several community members that were there to protest the usage of the Mill Building for this purpose. They had heard that the committee was contemplating its use and they were present to speak against it. It was explained to those community members that it had been determined through the grant documents that it is not possible to utilize the Mill for this purpose.

Town Administrator Beaudin added that she and Chief Baiocchetti had visited several possible sites for a Police Department and the Chief's preference is the property on Field Land with a second choice being the first property on Higgins Drive. Selectman Cormier noted that the committee's first choice was Field Lane also. Chairman Watterson inquired if the decision of the committee for Field Lane property was unanimous; Selectman Cormier indicated that it was the consensus of the committee. Selectman Caldwell asked what the visibility of the Police Station at that location would be; Chairman Watterson noted that the visibility isn't great at that location. Selectman Cormier added that the committee's second choice was Higgins Drive and noted that the cost is higher.

There was further discussion regarding the size of the proposed Police Station and if the Request for Proposal would be for just the Police Station. Selectman Cormier indicated that it would also include the renovations to the existing Police Station into Town Offices. It was determined that the Police Station structure is not significant enough to have a second floor built on it so the proposal for Town Office space would be renovation and addition to the current Police Station to make enough space for all the Town Offices to be located together. Selectman Cormier expressed that he feels the Board of Selectmen should review the qualified applicants. It was noted that with the committee moving forward and making good progress at this point it will be close to provide all the numbers for budget season.

Chairman Watterson called for a recess from 5:56 to 6:03.

Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative Presentation

Town Administrator Beaudin introduced Jim Prescher from the Concord Regional Solid Waste and Craig Mussleman of CMA Engineers who were invited to the meeting to provide information regarding the proposed new landfill site in Canterbury.

Mr. Prescher started by explaining that Belmont is a charter member of the 27 community member co-operative. He provided statistics relative to the amount of tons processed annually and the number of people that it serves. He explained that the co-op is operated similar to a municipality, as far as budget and nonprofit status. Communities pay for disposal of trash by the ton.

Mr. Prescher then provided a PowerPoint presentation on the needs of the community members and the proposal for a new landfill that will address those needs for many years to come. Through out the presentation Mr. Prescher and Mr. Mussleman answered questions from audience members regarding many topics from the oxbow and how it will be affected, to how bird populations are handled. Mr. Prescher explained that there will be a total of 4 professional geologist's opinions regarding the site and the erosion of the area by the time the project moves forward. There are currently at least two different opinions of how the site is being affected by time. He noted that his organization has looked at approximately 90 sites for consideration for this project and after thorough review of all the sites this one is still the best.

Mr. Prescher explained that the co-op has been working on the proposed project for over 6 years and would not present a project that was not responsible. He noted that they are not dumps anymore and the Co-op meets or exceeds all State and Federal requirements for the project.

Chairman Watterson thanked Mr. Presher and Mr. Mussleman for coming and providing the information on the project. He also thanked the Planning Board and Conservation Commission members for attending the presentation.

Town Administrator Beaudin noted that the housing study presentation has been moved and will take place with the Planning Board in July.

Selectman Cormier requested that the Board of Selectmen change their regular meetings to Tuesday to better accommodate his schedule, with no objections from other Board members the Board of Selectmen will hold their regular meeting the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Brian Watterson, Chairman

Ronald Cormier

Reginald Caldwell