

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Brian Watterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., also present were Selectman Ronald Cormier, Selectman Reginald Caldwell, Town Administrator K. Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Recycling Committee Members Pleasant Oberhausen, William Brown, Jennifer Despres and George Condodemetrak, Stephanie with the Winnisquam Echo and Ray Carbone with the Daily Sun.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Copies of the July 3 meeting minutes will be distributed to the Board of Selectmen and they will be approved at the next meeting.

Recycling Committee

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the curbside trash pick up contract will expire soon and with requests for proposal being prepared the Board wanted to include a supplement for curbside recycling proposals as a separate item. The documents will be sent out in late September or early October. Chairman Watterson inquired if the Recycling Committee had been meeting recently, Committee Chairman Pleasant Oberhausen stated that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the last time they had attended a meeting had told the Committee to "hang loose" so they hadn't been meeting and some members had lost interest and quit. Chairman Watterson stated that he had not asked them to "hang loose" but had asked them not to disband as he felt recycling would have to move forward in some fashion in the future, perhaps starting out small and getting larger in time, "hang loose" was not a term that he used. George Condodemetrak commented that they need to look to the future and asked the Board of Selectmen to provide a scope in which the committee should be focusing because their visions are far greater than the Board's.

There was discussion that the Board would like input from the committee in moving forward in working with Bestway when they install recycling bins at their new facility on Route 140 later this year, as well as options for curbside recycling. George noted that Pleasant had previously done extensive research and is very knowledgeable in all phases of recycling. He also commented that what the committee had previously proposed was not supported by the Board because it was greater than what the Board had envisioned so the Board of Selectmen should decide on a scope for them to work with in.

Town Administrator Beaudin advised that she sits as Belmont's representative to the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative board and they have formed a recycling committee and will advise how the Co-op can move forward with plans for recycling through the Co-op. Chairman Watterson added that he and Town Administrator Beaudin had met with Bestway regarding the center on Route 140 and they will be putting in recycling containers this Fall. They are looking for input from the Recycling Committee regarding hours and days of operation for the containers. Initially the hours and days will be limited, however they hope to eventually offer 5 days a week. Town Administrator Beaudin suggested that the recyclables will be simple recyclables such as cans, newspapers, plastics, etc. The Board of Selectmen had discussed the possibility of providing small in home recycling containers to Belmont residents to help push the idea of recycling. New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants for that type of container. Chairman Watterson commented that the Town needs to be proactive in recycling efforts.

George stated on behalf of the committee that they would be interested in working on these projects but would really like the Board of Selectmen to provide a scope, will it be compulsory, voluntary or full scale. Selectman Cormier commented that we can't just go full scale it has to start out smaller and with people's busy lives it has to be easy. There was discussion that a pay as you throw program may need to be looked at too. Mr. Brown commented that he thinks half of what needs to be done to get recyclables to the bins would be on Saturday and that needs to be an option. Town Administrator Beaudin added that initially Bestway can't offer that but as time goes on and their business is established more will be offered. Bestway will provide an attendant to monitor the bins.

There was further discussion that the community will need notification for the program that they decide to go with. The Board of Selectmen agreed to develop a scope of work for the Recycling Committee to follow.

Municipal Facility RFQ's

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that she has received 12 Request for Qualifications for the Board and Municipal Building Committee to review and they will meet jointly on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 6:00 to discuss them.

Code Enforcement Process Update

Town Administrator Beaudin updated the Board on the progress that has been made regarding a list of code violations and their current status. She has met with the Code Enforcement Officer and he will provide information that he feels is important to consider for the additional staff that is being considered. She noted that the new Building Permit software has been installed and staff has undergone training. Melissa will be assisting Gary with clerical work. Chairman Watterson pointed out that Laconia is having similar Code Enforcement issues.

Central Baptist Church Request

A request from Central Baptist Church to use the gazebo for a weekly church related gathering has been received. It was noted that it is not the usual use of Town property and it was felt that Town's policy has been to not use Town space to promote religion or business. The Board agreed to send the Church a letter explaining their stance.

Junk Yard License Renewal's

2006-2007 Junk Yard licenses have been prepared for the Boards signature. Gary has reviewed 5 applications and he has reviewed and inspected them all and recommends the approval of 4 of them. Gary does not recommend the renewal of Gordon Walkers application at this time because he has not met the previous requirements. The Board of Selectmen signed the 4 licenses that were recommended.

Town Administrator's Report

At the Board's August 7th, meeting the Pleasant Valley drainage problems will be discussed also in attendance will be Keith Pratt, Bob Bennett, David McLelland, Rick Ball and Town Administrator Beaudin who have all recently met to review the situation. Bob Morency with the Rural Community Assistance program will be attending for the purpose of assistance with financing as the project may qualify for grants.

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that the Request for Proposal for the Fire Department Study has been reviewed and edited by herself and Chief Siegel. There will only be a few qualified companies to do the study and Chief Siegel would like for the companies to have firefighters on staff. If the Board of Selectmen would like to add any additional input it should be received by the end of the week as that is when the RFP's will be sent out. The Board agreed that they were comfortable with the RFP as it is and it can be sent out. There was discussion of the time frame with Selectman Cormier expressing that they would like the final report prior to the budget season. Town Administrator Beaudin explained that she hopes to have the company hired by September 1, 2006. The Board agreed that they would like it done as soon as possible.

The State has responded to the request from the Town to obtain surplus land from the State. Two of the lots that the Town is interested in have previously been reviewed and it was determined that the lots would require archeological studies prior to any type of use, those studies cost approximately \$10,000. Town Administrator Beaudin has been advised that the State has passed legislation that requires the State to now get fair market value for any properties that they dispose of. Chairman Watterson commented that they took these properties off the tax rolls 20+ years ago and now that they may not have a use for them they want to make money on them. Town Administrator Beaudin explained that if the properties went for sale the Town would have first option but it will be at market value. Chairman Watterson added that perhaps there should be talks with the Conservation Commission regarding the possibility of these purchases. Selectman Cormier suggested that the Selectmen's representative discuss it with the Conservation Commission.

The Public Hearing for BRATT will be August 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. the Board of Selectmen will be in attendance.

Town Administrator Beaudin advised that the Capital Improvements packets have been distributed and are due by August 1, 2006. The Capital Improvements meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. on August 17th, August 24th and August 31st.

Budget worksheets will be updated with salary figures and soon distributed to the Department Heads. The Board of Selectmen should put together their requests of the Department Heads at this time. Town Administrator Beaudin reported that fuel expenses are of concern even with the preplanning done last year. Budget Committee Chairman Mitchell has expressed the same concern over fuel costs.

The Public Works Director issued the Board of Selectmen a memo updating them on the work that is being performed by his department. Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that the Road Management program is going well, each road is being documented in segments and a joint meeting at the end of September is being planned to review it with the Board of Selectmen.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be August 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Watterson moved to enter non-public at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II(c), selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll call was taken, those present and voting were Brian Watterson, Reginald Caldwell, and Ronald Cormier. Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin was also present.

Chairman Watterson closed the non-public session at 7:30.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Brian Watterson, Chairman

Ronald Cormier

Reginald Caldwell