

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Selectman Ronald Cormier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., also present were, Selectman Reginald Caldwell, Chairman Brian Watterson (6:05), Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Budget Committee Chairman/Municipal Building Committee Member Ron Mitchell, Ray Carbone with the Daily Sun.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the minutes of the August 24, 2006 meeting as written. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the minutes of the September 5, 2006 meeting as written. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Municipal Building Committee Update

Selectman Cormier explained that to those present that Chairman Watterson had recently signed a contract with Samyn - D'Elia Architects to begin the ground work of the design and layout for the new Police facility. A Public Hearing will be scheduled soon to discuss possible sites and get the communities input regarding possible locations. It was determined that several citizens had expressed a concern with the Field Lane location that was being looked at so the community will be asked for their opinion of a suitable site. Selectman Caldwell asked Ron Mitchell what he is hearing relative to the project, Ron indicated that the majority of what he is hearing is negative and citizens aren't convinced of the need for a Police Station. Chairman Watterson added that he has heard similar response. Ron Mitchell added that they are saying the need isn't critical. Chairman Watterson commented that when this was originally undertaken the hope was to solve two large needs, and after the Building Committee reviewed the situations they sided with the Police Station. The Municipal Building Team aren't

saying that the Town Hall need isn't there, but chose to proceed with the situation that involved handling crimes and criminals.

Ray Carbone as a property owner asked the Board that because the community has been hearing for so long that the Town Hall is in need of replacement that it may be easier to sell that option to the citizens of Belmont or is it too late in the process to pursue that. Selectman Cormier explained that it is too late in the process to change focus, the committee felt that there are two needs and tried to come up with a common solution which is to build a new police station and renovate the existing building to accommodate Town Hall. He noted that if they pursued just a Town Hall it didn't help the Police Department problem.

New Business

Ron Mitchell was present to ask the Board if they would pursue talking to the State Representatives regarding a bill that would allow the State to give back to the Town land that is State owned which was taken many years back. The land that Mr. Mitchell is referring to specifically is in the vicinity of the Town Beach and the BRATT trail that is being constructed and he feels it would act as a buffer to those areas and it could be proposed as conservation land. He added that if it needed to be written up as a bill then action would need to be taken now to allot enough time for the process. Chairman Watterson expressed that if all are in agreement, then to authorize him to meet with the Representatives to discuss this possibility would probably be the easiest way to proceed. Selectman Caldwell moved to authorize Chairman Watterson to meet with the Representatives for the purpose of pursuing a bill that would allow the State to give the surplus land back to the Town. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ron Mitchell also advised the Board that during a recent visit to the NH Humane Society to see their new facility through discussions with the manager discovered that Belmont may be entitled to receive a pick up fee for dogs that are brought there and retrieved by their owner. Chairman Watterson thanked him for the information and indicated that he would follow up on the information with Chief Baiocchetti.

Chairman Watterson noted that letters of resignation had been received from two of the Recycling Committee members. Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the resignations of Pleasant Oberhausen and William Brown from the Recycling Committee. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Selectmen also reviewed a letter received from residents of Woodland Drive requesting that the Town take over maintenance of the Road. It was determined that the street has not been accepted as a Town road yet and the letter should be given to Candace Daigle in the Land Use office to advise the residents of the process for accepting Town roads, which hasn't been completed yet.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be October 3, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Watterson moved to enter non-public at 6:47 p.m. in accordance with RSA 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.

Chairman Watterson closed the non-public session at 7:50 p.m. There were no decisions made.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Brian Watterson, Chairman

Ronald Cormier

Reginald Caldwell