

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2005, 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Also present were Selectman Roy Roberts, Town Administrator Donald McLelland, Administrative Assessor Jeanne Beaudin, Malvina Cherrette, Donna Cilley, John and Gary Merrill, Mike Rowell, Chief Vincent Baiocchetti, Lieutenant Mark Lewandoski, Ray Carbone of the Daily Sun, and Melanie Nelson of the Citizen. Chairman Brian Watterson was not in attendance.

### **Minutes**

Selectman Roy Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 3, 2005 as written. Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Roy Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2005 as written. Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 2005 will be considered at the Board's next meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **Conservation Commission Appointment**

Selectman Roy Roberts moved to reappoint Ginger Wells-Kay as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission for the term ending March 31, 2008. Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **No Thru Trucking Ordinance – South Road**

Selectman Roberts inquired if there had been any additional contact with the individual who had made the complaint about the trucks on South Road. Town Administrator McLelland indicated there had been none. Selectman Roberts asked if the Merrill's had spoken with Bill Nutter. Gary Merrill indicated he had spoken to Bill

and that Bill had said he would send a letter to the Town highlighting his concerns with the proposal. Town Administrator McLelland recommended that the Board not enact the ordinance at this time based on only one complaint and the opposing views of those who have attended the public meetings. In the future, if multiple complaints are received, the Board could reconsider the matter at that time.

Selectman Roy Roberts moved to enact the ordinance as proposed. Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion failed on a 1-1 vote by the Board members present. Vice Chairman Caldwell voting nay on the motion.

Donna Cilley asked why the Board would consider enacting such an ordinance if Town roads are being built to a proper standard. Selectman Roberts noted that truck traffic does significantly more damage to a road even if the road is built to a quality standard. The issue is primarily the cost of maintaining the roads.

The Board thanked those in attendance for speaking on the proposed ordinance.

### **New Business**

#### **PLT2008**

Administrative Assessor Jeanne Beaudin explained that the Property-Liability Trust was offering a rate cap program, which would cap the increase for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 at 2% over the rates that were in effect for July 1, 2004, and no increase for FY2007 and FY2008 except for any underwriting exposures.

Selectman Roy Roberts moved to approve the Resolution for Participation in the Multi Year Rate Guarantee Program with the Local Government Center Property – Liability (PLT2008). Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Heritage Commission Warrant Article**

Selectman Roy Roberts moved to include the warrant article proposed by the Heritage Commission relative to the establishment of a Heritage Fund. Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Call Company Vacancies – FD**

The Board will discuss this matter at their next meeting on February 7, 2005, as Chief Siegel was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a meeting relative to the cleanup of the property located on Route 3 recently destroyed by fire.

#### **Other Correspondence**

None

## **Other Business**

Town Administrator McLelland advised the Board that the last day to sign up for office in Belmont is January 28, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Town Administrator McLelland advised the Board that recent heating problems at the Belmont Mill have already impacted the proposed 2005 budget for maintenance and repairs. He noted that a warning light has been installed on the outside of the building for the purpose of alerting when the heat is malfunctioning.

Administrative Assessor Jeanne Beaudin asked that the Board approve an abatement request for property located at 70 Tucker Shore Road. She explained that the property owner had the wetlands delineated on the property, which required a change in value. The Board approved the request.

Town Administrator McLelland advised the Board that he had received several requests from taxpayers/residents to know what the Board's stand is on the Growth Management Ordinance being proposed by the Planning Board on this year's ballot. Discussion followed on the matter; Donna Cilley offered her comments on the impact the ordinance will have on low to moderate-income housing projects, noting that the community needs this type of housing. Town Administrator McLelland also commented on the proposed Aquifer Protection Ordinance and the Conservation Commission's plans to pursue the purchase of land for conservation. He feels these are proposals, which could have far reaching impacts on the community. Town Administrator McLelland is also concerned that the document may be used to control the Town budget in the future, i.e. no growth, no growth in budget.

## **Non-Public Session**

Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell moved to enter non-public session at 5:40 p.m., in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Roy Roberts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Roll call was taken and those present and voting were Roy Roberts and Reginald Caldwell.

The Board of Selectmen approved a hardship abatement request as recommended by the Administrative Assessor.

Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell closed the non-public session at 5:45 p.m.

Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell moved to enter non-public session at 5:46 p.m., in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Roy Roberts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Roll call was taken and those present and voting were Roy Roberts and Reginald Caldwell. Also present were Town Administrator Donald McLelland, Administrative Assessor Jeanne Beaudin, Chief Vincent Baiocchetti, and Lieutenant Mark Lewandoski.

Vice Chairman Reginald Caldwell closed the non-public session at 5:55 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen will forward a letter to Mr. Helmut Busack regarding his earlier discussions with the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Brian Watterson, Chairman

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Reginald Caldwell

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Roy Roberts