

SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP
Minutes of 01/13/06
5:00 pm

Selectmen:

Robert C. Flanders, Chairman
Peter Miller
Frank Michel

Town Manager:

Carol M. Granfield

Roll Call at 5:00 p.m. Open Workshop by Robert Flanders, Chair

Invited Guests – Vint Choiniere, Bob Hill, Rob McCoy of SEA, Chris Woodcock of SEA

Community Center Facility Policy

A proposed policy was discussed that included hours of operation as well as fees. The consensus of the Board of Selectmen was to increase the fees proposed by five (5) dollars and add the category of state/federal users. Once modified and reviewed, the Selectmen would sign the policy and the Parks & Recreation Director would be able to move forth with coordinating requests for use.

Water Ordinance and SEA Report

There was discussion concerning the rate structure and the Board requested the Water & Sewer Superintendent and Administrative Services Director to generate some scenarios of cost for some users with a sample bill, as they do not want unintended consequences as a result of changes. Chris Woodcock would further work on the fee structure with this information. The Board agreed on having a tiered rate. The Ordinance with fees to be adopted would be rescheduled for a Public Hearing on February 6. The Selectmen were satisfied with the ordinance revisions, however requested the wording pertaining to the declaration of emergency be modified so it read the Town Manager and / or the Selectmen could declare the emergency. It was noted that with a critical situation the Town Manager would have discussion with Selectmen, however in order to expedite a declaration, the Town manager was more accessible for such decisions. Selectmen Flanders requested the access fees be looked at. The W & S Superintendent would speak with SEA pertaining to the draft report before it is further discussed with the Board.

Volunteer Recognition

The Board agreed to have the Town Manager schedule Volunteer Recognition for April 17.

Community Center

The Board agreed with the open house concept on June 3, but wanted a very soft ribbon-cutting opening in April. Regarding a proposal for the sign at the Community Center of officials, in addition to the current Board listed, the Board requested Jim Hughes be added as retired due to his extensive involvement.

Town Report

Following review of deaths during 2005, the Board directed adding Jane Ambrose and Bill Lance to the names to be recognized in memoriam along with Diane Horne and Frances Eames.

Pending Workshops

The following listing of workshops were discussed; Town Warrant; Location of Sign Shop and Snow Dump; Personnel Policy; Dock Expansion; Erosion Control; Update on Route 3 & 25; Scenic Road Policy; Happy Homes Development request; All America City application. The Board indicated those to be scheduled now and those with actions later that should be held off until the new Board of five Selectmen would be in place.

A non-public meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 17 at 4 pm at Selectman Michel's office to discuss personnel.

*Motion was made by Peter Miller, seconded by Frank Michel to adjourn the workshop at 6:45 pm.
Unanimous vote.*

Respectfully submitted:

Carol M. Granfield, Town Manager

Robert C. Flanders, Chairman

Peter N. Miller

Frank S, Michel