

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of 11-02-09
5:30 p.m.

Selectmen:

(Absent with Notice)

Peter F. Brothers, Chairman
Miller C. Lovett, Vice Chairman
Robert C. Flanders
Charles G. Palm
Colette Worsman

Town Manager:

Recording Clerk:

Phillip L. Warren
Karin Landry

Call to Order: Chairman Peter Brothers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He introduced the Board, Town Manager, and the Recording Clerk, and made announcements pertaining to fire exits, listening assisted devices, the use of microphones, and cell phones.

ACCEPTANCE AND/OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

09-54 Minutes of the October 19, 2009 Workshop and Regular Meeting.

Selectman Flanders motioned to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Workshop and Regular Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Worsman. 4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The Board had the opportunity to review the second round of bids for the Town Hall Annex project at the Workshop preceding this meeting. The Town Manager made a recommendation to proceed with Option C, which includes demolishing the garage and shoring up the building with sonic tubes and a cantilever system. He recommended that the contract be awarded the low bidder, Ambrose Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$36,455, and that the work proceed immediately once the easements for drainage are obtained.

VISITOR'S AND RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

None

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Selectman Flanders reported on the Planning Board. Work has begun at the site of the LRGHealthcare Clinic. The Planning and Zoning Board have granted approval to tear down the existing building, which is approximately 6,000 square foot, and replace it with a new facility of approximately 14,000 square foot. The developers of a proposed housing project on Ladd Hill Rd. of approximately 50 units have submitted a new proposal to phase the project, beginning with developing eight lots that front on Upper Ladd Hill Rd. A site walk will take place in the

near future. In addition, there are a few minor items being addressed by the Planning Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

09-55 Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant Project

Selectman Palm motioned to go into a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Project at 5:35 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Flanders. 4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Manager opened the hearing by explaining that all projects funded with Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) require a progress public hearing during the course of the project to inform the public of the project's progress and accept public comments. The Batchelder Hill Rd. project and the sidewalk for the Pinecrest Apartments were funded in part or whole with CDBG funds. The roadway work included approximately 1,400 square feet of sewer lines, structures, and appurtenances, storm drains and structures, sidewalks with granite curbs, and roadway. The roadway is complete. Pinecrest Apartments is owned by the Laconia Area Community Land Trust and offers 32 units of affordable housing. Five of the units are presently occupied. The remaining buildings are scheduled to be completed in December, with full rent up anticipated in February of 2010. There is \$500,000 of CDBG funds committed to this project. The remaining funding for the project is approximately \$6.5 million. The project is approximately \$50,000 under budget at this point.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

The Chair summarized by saying that the project presented a good opportunity for the Town to work with the Laconia Area Community Land Trust to develop the 32-unit housing project. The partnership aided in the revamping of the water and sewer extension, and new sidewalks and roadway. As a result of the partnership with the Trust, the Town realized significant savings by funding the infrastructure improvements through the Trust's funding of the project. The open house was attended by Selectman Lovett, and the indications are that it was very well received. The project is something that the community can be proud of being involved with in terms of ensuring that there is affordable housing for all the residents of Meredith today and hopefully in the future.

Selectman Palm motioned to exit the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Flanders. 4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman Flanders motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Worsman. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Warren, Town Manager

Peter F. Brothers, Chairman

Karin Landry, Recording Clerk

Robert C. Flanders

Charles G. Palm

Colette Worsman