

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Minutes of 01-09-12
5:40 p.m.

Selectmen:

Colette Worsman, Chairman
Peter F. Brothers, Vice Chairman
Miller C. Lovett
Nathan J. Torr
Herbert R. Vadney

Town Manager:

Phillip L. Warren

Recording Clerk:

Karin Landry

Call to Order: Chair Worsman announced that the meeting would not be broadcast live due to technical difficulties, but will be recorded for future reference. She called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. She 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:

Minutes of the November 28 and 29, 2011 Workshop, November 21, 2011 Regular Meeting, and December 5 and 19, 2011 Workshops and Regular Meetings.

Selectman Brothers moved to accept the minutes of the November 28 and 29, 2011 Workshop, November 21, 2011 Regular Meeting, and December 5 and 19, 2011 Workshops and Regular Meetings. Seconded by Selectman Torr.

Chair Worsman indicated the following corrections:

November 29, 2011 Budget Workshop, Page 2, Meredith Public Nursing - **\$58,000**

November 28, 2011 Budget Workshop, page 7, - DPW will purchase **one** Kenworth dump truck

(As corrected) 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The Cattle Landing docks are in and miscellaneous items such as wiring, installation of lights, and covers for pilings are being completed. The docks will require aquatherms to reduce the potential for ice damage.

- The New Hampshire legislative session has begun and the Town Manager's office is watching items of concern. Among them is a proposal sponsored by representative Frank Tilton to provide for a weighted vote among Winnepesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP) communities. The Town Manager's office is strongly opposed to the process as it will place all authority and voting power to the City of Laconia. The WRBP Advisory Board voted not to support the legislation and advised Rep. Tilton of its position in writing. Water & Sewer Superintendent Dan Leonard and the Town Manager will attend a hearing on the matter scheduled for January 19. Chair Worsman spoke with the representatives from the Lakes Region

regarding the matter and all hope to be at the meeting to voice opposition to a weighted average. In addition, bills relative to fire sprinkler exemptions are also being monitored.

- Election day is Tuesday, January 10, and preparations are complete. A heavy turnout is expected.
- Lighting upgrades in the water filtration plant, Town Hall, and Annex have been completed; utilizing an environmental conservation grant and a rebate from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. The upgrade was at no cost to the town and results in a potential savings of \$6,000 in annual electricity costs for the three buildings. Upgrades are planned for fire station 2, the recycling facility, and public works.
- Painting has been completed in the Town Hall. Expenditures for the project were kept minimal by utilizing a part time building and grounds staff member.
- A decision has been made on the Zoning Board of Appeal rehearing. The decision reversed the decision of the Zoning Board because "The Zoning Board did not know what use Foundry proposed to make of the property and because there was no evidence regarding diminution in value." Foundry Realty Trust and the Zoning Board of Appeal have 10 days to seek reconsideration of this order and 30 days to file an appeal with the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The Town Manager will keep the Board updated on the matter.
- As part of the groundwater exploration project, permission has been secured from the affected land owners; for the conservation commission to enter an area located off Bonnie Shores Road and install a test well. The Town Manager will keep the Board updated on the matter.
- Effective January 1, the community center changed its closing to 8p.m. Parks & Recreation Director Vint Choiniere indicated that several organizations have expressed disappointment in the reduction in operating hours but understand the need for it.
- On behalf of the GMP, Chris Williams advised that Carol Gerkhin is acting as Interim Director of the organization. In addition, he solicited the Town's position on a charette hosted by GMP regarding improvements to Meredith Center. The Executive Board of the GMP is looking to capitalize on the energies that came out of the Child's Park project. While the idea sounds promising, the Board of Selectman would like additional information on the direction GMP wishes to pursue. The Town Manager informed that the GMP Executive Board will be meeting in the near future, and additional information should be available subsequent to that meeting.
- The Town Manager and others have observed that three to four individuals are spending inordinate amounts of time at the transfer station store. There is a concern that goods from the store are being monopolized, and the practice conflicts with the perceived intent of the store. The Town Manager does not recommend shutting the store down, but inquired whether the Board thinks it is suitable for him to inform the individuals involved in the matter that it is the perception of the Board and Town Manager that they are acting outside the intent of the store. There was an agreement among the Board that the practice is a clear abuse of the intent of the store, and it supports the Town Manager in asking the individuals involved to curtail their visits.

VISITOR'S AND RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

None. Selectman Lovett shared his desire to have better representation from the public at the Board meetings.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS (*Reports on Committees 2nd meeting of each month*)

- The Chair briefly summarized the workshop held prior to the meeting wherein the Board reviewed the Water System Committee's Report No. 9 for the proposed 20-year operating plan. The Board thanks the committee for its tremendous effort and contribution to the town. The Committee asked to reduce their meetings from once a month to once a quarter, with an annual review at the last quarter. The town is proud to accept the recommendations of the committee and turn over the operational review to the department and its qualified staff.

- Selectman Brothers reported that the Planning Board is meeting on Wednesday, January 11, from 7-9 p.m. at the Annex. The Board is reviewing and enhancing definitions in an effort to educate old and new members, and will propose intentional changes that will make the process smoother. Additionally, he reported that a conceptual presentation was held last night for a site plan for Rite Aid on Rte. 25 between the Irving Station and church parking lot. While a nice job was done on the architectural piece of the presentation, the public should be aware that the project has the potential to have a significant impact in terms of traffic and activities in the area. Selectman Brothers encouraged the public to contact a member of the Planning Board to share thoughts or comments, or to attend the Planning Board meetings scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the community center.

- Selectman Torr reported that the Energy Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 12, at 7 p.m. at the Annex. The Committee will come before the Board in the near future to present the results of the work they have been doing.

NEW BUSINESS:**12-01 Execute Grant Authorization - Milfoil Control Grant**

The Town Manager requested that the Board authorize the signing of a Certificate of Authorization between the DES and the Town of Meredith relating to a milfoil control grant. The Certificate will be signed by the Chair, and will authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary documents for said contract.

Selectman Torr moved to execute the milfoil control grant authorization between the DES and Town of Meredith. Seconded by Selectman Brothers.

The Chair expressed appreciation for the grant, which reduces the need for approximately \$10,000 in the 2012 budget. The funds will be used for Fish, Round, and Tommy's Cove, as well as assisting in beginning the process of diver assisted suction harvesting in Meredith Bay and Hawkins Brook. The Board has worked hard to protect water quality and to make decisions that foster that, and this is an example of doing so.

5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

12-02 Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee - Resignation and Recommendation for Appointment

The Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee requested that the Board accept the resignation of Dallas Wrath and accept the designation of the reappointment of Tim Whiting as a Committee

member. Mr. Whiting did not submit a volunteer application as he is a former member of the Committee.

Selectman Torr motioned to accept the resignation of Dallas Wrath as a member of the Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee and to accept the appointment of Tim Whiting to the Committee for a term until a successor is appointed. Seconded by Selectman Vadney. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

12-03 Conservation Commission - Resignation and Recommendation for Associate Member Reclassification

Conservation Commission member Peter Miller requested that he be changed from a full status to an alternate status. The Commission recommends that alternate member Tony Sabutis become a full member, for a term consistent with Mr. Miller's present terms.

Selectman Brothers moved to accept the request of current full Commission member Peter Miller to move to an alternate status and appoint Tony Sabutis as a full commission member for a term consistent with Mr. Miller's present term. Seconded by Selectman Lovett. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Manager recommended that the Board approve a request to appoint Mary Kahn as an alternate to the Conservation Commission for a term to run until a successor is appointed. Chair Mark Billings informed that Ms. Kahn has attended many of the Commission's meetings, and is seen as a functioning member.

Selectman Lovett moved that Mary Kahn be appointed as an alternate to the Meredith Conservation Commission. Seconded by Selectman Vadney. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNAMENT:

The Chair announced that the Board will move into a non-public meeting under NH RSA 91-A:II (a) following a short break.

Selectman Torr moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Vadney. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Warren, Town Manager

Colette Worsman, Chairman

Peter F. Brothers, Vice Chairman

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