

TOWN OF MEREDITH

Trustees of Trust Funds

Minutes of Meeting—June 10, 2010

The Trustees of Trust Funds met in the first floor conference room at Town Hall at 2 pm. Present were all three trustees, namely, Barbara Clark, Louis Kahn and Justin Van Etten.

The minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2010 were approved.

The Trustees considered recommendations with respect to a number of the Town's Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds which appear not to be used, but could be used, for the intended purposes of the funds or, by vote at Town Meeting, the funds closed and balances made available for the Town's General Fund.

The Trustees discussed a draft of an investment policy presented by Mr. Van Etten. The Trustees concluded that the availability under law of a "prudent investor" alternative to the "prudent person" rule regarding the making of investments with respect to certain accounts was not a realistic alternative, given the limited size of the accounts that could be invested under the "prudent investor" rule and the expense that would be involved in retaining a bank or broker, as required by law, to advise with respect to investments under that alternative. The Trustees considered the possibility of investing certain funds in certificates of deposit where the amounts would not be immediately needed for expenditure. The Trustees decided that an investment policy, when adopted, should be reviewed annually and that the portfolio of investments should be reviewed semi-annually.

There was further discussion of the possibility of reimbursing the Town with income derived from cemetery care trusts. The possibility of instituting a legal proceeding to free up accumulated income in the cemetery trust accounts was regarded as impractical. It was concluded that the Town should come up with an average cost to maintain lots in the Meredith Village Cemetery and, with appropriate additions, in other Town-maintained cemeteries, and that the trust accounts should be billed accordingly and regularly for maintenance performed.

The Town Manager joined the meeting and discussion was had regarding the coming meeting with the Select Board at its workshop on June 21.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 at 1:30 pm.

Louis Kahn,
Recording Secretary