

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectmen Wheeler was not present due to other obligations. The Board spent the first 15 minutes going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed a Warrant for Elections, 2 Driveway Permits, 3 Residency Applications, 1 Request for Leave, 1 Sign Permit and 1 Notice of Intent to Cut.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order. The Board's first appointment for the evening regarding a tax matter did not show so Chair Davis called on Lynn Wheeler who introduced herself as the Republican candidate running for Grafton County Registrar of Deeds; and she distributed her candidacy brochure to the Board. She explained her position on reasons for running, her credentials and why she felt she would be an excellent "team player" in this position. She then thanked the Board and also acknowledged the fact that their time was very precious (knowing first hand) as she, herself, has been in leader positions in the community.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie for correspondence. Ann Marie stated that an e-mail was received indicating the Wetlands Permit from DES regarding Bump Bridge has been approved. It was acknowledged that Bob Durfee had done an excellent job in what appeared to be record time approval.

A letter was received from DES regarding changes to Subsurface Rules and Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act pertaining to septic designs and brochures were delivered to the office to be put on display for distribution.

The Local Government Center sent a notice for a seminar regarding "Preparing for a Successful Town Meeting" that will be held November 1, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce will have their awards night at their Oktoberfest, 2008 scheduled for October 17, 2008, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

A notice was received from NH Northeast Resource Recovery Association regarding their annual meeting scheduled for November 12, 2008, at the Red Blazer in Concord, from 12:00 to 2:30.

Ann Marie indicated a copy of a letter was received from a gentleman in Westfield, MA commending Police Officer Patrick Payer for his polite, professional manner in dealing with the public and felt Officer Payer should be commended. The gentleman also thanked the Board for hiring (and the Police Chief for considering) such an honorable individual.

Ann Marie stated that Genesis had sent their contribution request for 2009 and they are looking at over \$3,000. Ann Marie questioned the Board as to what they would like to do and it was agreed to hold off on this at the present time.

A memo was also received from Local Government Center regarding acquiring quotes for Workers' Compensation.

Ann Marie stated a thank you letter from the Town of Ellsworth was received thanking the Town and Road Agent, Butch Bain for winging back their Town roads this past winter.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board a letter from NH Department of Revenue Administration pertaining to Bog Road Excavation for property owned by Gregory Jencks; and she indicated the Planning Board also has a copy.

A notice was also received from Communities for Alcohol & Drug Free Youth (CADY) regarding a Harvest Reception scheduled for October 10, 2008, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the CADY office, at 94 Highland St., Plymouth, NH.

The DOT sent their annual inspection of bridges which Ann Marie also distributed to Road Agent, Butch Bain.

Ann Marie distributed the budget expenditure figures through September, 2008 to the Board for their review. She indicated the highway fuel figure was up. Welfare is still doing well. She also compared revenue from last year to this year and she felt it was close to the same; but expenses were rising above revenue due to the fact that the 1st one-half tax bill is just an estimate figure, not the true revenue figure. With that in mind, an inquiry by Chair Davis was made as to when the new tax rate was going to be set. Ann Marie indicated that DRA was waiting for all the Rooms and Meals tax figures to be in, (DRA is anticipating that will be forthcoming in the next few weeks).

Ann Marie also indicated that information was received from NH Local Government Center pertaining to "Right to Know Law". Ann Marie will be discussing certain issues with Town Attorney, Laura Spector, pertaining to electronic communication; and she will get back to the Board with this information.

Ann Marie explained that she sent the non profit organization questionnaire form to Lincoln Family Health since this was a new organization requesting contribution from the Town.

Ann Marie also indicated that the Conservation Commission was considering shutting the electricity off at the Pattee property. The Board agreed to leave the electricity on and felt the back light should be on at night. Ann Marie indicated that Jessica Halm's husband indicated he would winterize the property for the Town.

Ann Marie stated that Mark Laroche gave a quote of \$573.00 to wind proof the walkway to the Selectmen's Office. The Board agreed that just 6 mill plastic should be used to accomplish this task which would save on expenses.

Ann Marie stated that Butch Bain, Road Agent had inquired about getting rid of an old school bus and van that is on Highway Garage property and a small monetary value would be received for the vehicles. The Board was in full agreement to get rid of the vehicles.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Session Minutes from the previous meeting; Selectman Marsh Morgan made a Motion to approve as presented; seconded by Selectman Cheney; the Minutes and Non Public Session Minutes were approved.

Chair Davis called on Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Ann Marie wanted the Board to know that the discrepancy mentioned in title searching by Nancy Murray regarding deeding property was found and Nancy Murray was, in fact, correct. Selectman Keeney questioned why two tile searchers were necessary (one for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and one for the Selectmen's Office). Ann Marie indicated that Nancy Murray, herself, had requested this procedure as a double check to reinforce their findings.

Selectman Keeney indicated that the work at Blair Cemetery for the well had been completed and they were now waiting for NH Electric Coop to complete their work.

Selectman Keeney also indicated that Roger Inkell approached him stating that he would be getting a petition signed regarding increasing the elderly exemption income requirements and also increasing the actual exemption itself. The Board felt necessary research needed to be done as to what other Towns were doing and what kind of loss it would mean to the Town.

Chair Davis indicated budget meetings with heads of departments should on the agenda soon. Ann Marie will distribute memos to heads of departments pertaining to scheduling meetings beginning November 3, 2008. It was agreed by the Board that the updating of the Capital Improvement Plan be reviewed and they would like the heads of departments to focus on this when preparing their budget figures.

Ann Marie reviewed the Tracking Report. Some issues mentioned were Selectman Davis and Ann Marie will be meeting with Treasurer, Mary Durgin on Wednesday concerning the Investment Reports; the Bump Bridge Wetlands Permit has been approved; regarding junkyard issues, Selectman Morgan indicated the Planning Board is trying to come up with deadline dates and just how many state regulations the Town actually want to enforce before actually visiting property owners. Ann Marie indicated she called Attorney Conklin regarding title work on Beebe River and she is waiting to hear back from him. The bidding process for winter plowing has been completed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by a Motion from Selectman Morgan and seconded by Selectman Craig Keeney at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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