

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

October 12, 2010

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Chairwoman Gilman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Wheelwright Room. Present in addition to Chairwoman Gilman were Selectman Don Clement and Selectman Bill Campbell. Town Manager Russell Dean also present. Selectman Quandt and Selectman Aldrich were not present.

2. **Approval of Manifests.**

Motion by Selectman Clement to approve the weekly payroll dated 10/6/10 in the amount of \$155,742.52. Second by Selectman Campbell. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Clement to approve the weekly accounts payable warrant dated October 8, 2010 in the amount of \$294,187.81. Larger items are security fence work at the Water Treatment Plant, monthly payment to New Hampshire Retirement System for \$156,000, and the Unutil bill for \$53,000. Mr. Clement asked about the new rates and comparisons. Mr. Dean said the Town was under the new fixed rates negotiated in May. There is also a payment to Rockingham County for prosecutorial services for \$15,000. Motion carried 3-0.

The October 4, 2010 minutes were discussed. These will be held until the next regular meeting. Motion by Selectman Clement to table, second by Selectman Campbell. Motion carried 3-0.

3. **Board Interviews**

The Board then interviewed Allen Corey for a place on the budget recommendations committee. Mr. Corey has read the management letter from 2008 and assisted in Epping when they had issues. Ms. Gilman suggested waiving the regular process and appointing today given the Budget Committee's schedule kicking off this Friday, and everyone agreed. Selectman Campbell nominated Allen Corey to the Budget Recommendations Committee, Selectman Clement seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board then interviewed Harry Thayer for a spot on the budget recommendations committee. Mr. Thayer has assisted in the past. Mr. Clement moved to appoint Mr. Thayer to the budget committee. Mr. Campbell seconded. Mr. Thayer made a statement – he is a friend of public safety but also a taxpayer and has no agenda just to assist the process where help is needed. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

4. **Front Street Generator Bid.** The Town Manager read a memo from DPW recommending Gemini be awarded the bid for the Front Street generator with a low bid of \$54,000. The Town received one other bid which was \$54,600. Specifications now are what is needed. Mr. Campbell moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Clement. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Clement asked where this is funded and the Town Manager indicated it would come out of the sewer capital outlay account, which is budgeted for \$100,000 or more.

5. **Yield Tax Warrant.** The Board then discussed an intent to cut for Map 55/75/1. This is a vote to approve the collection of the yield tax in the amount of \$1,226.84 for the site. Mr. Clement moved to approve the yield tax warrant, second by Mr. Campbell. Motion carried 3-0.

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The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

Mr. Campbell moved to enter into non public session under RSA 91:A 3 subsections a and b. Roll call vote: Campbell aye, Clement aye, Gilman aye. The Board entered into non public session at 8:50 a.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:55 a.m. Mr. Campbell asked about forwarding the budget to the committee even though they already had it. The town manager indicated the Board had not voted but reviewed it, and would get it back. It has to get to the committee so they can begin. The Board would do a lot of work on it once it comes back.

The Board held a brief discussion on budget recommendations committee process and who was going to attend their meetings. Some Board members would be present this Friday. When the budget committee held subcommittees each one would have a Selectmen's representative. Chairwoman Gilman asked if the actual budget through September 30 had gone to the committee and Mr. Dean said he thought yes, he will double check.

Mr. Clement expressed his unhappiness with a clear cutting that occurred between the road and the reservoir at Waterworks Pond, he contacted the town manager on this issue on Saturday. The town manager indicated he would gather the facts from DPW regarding this incident and forward it to the Board for review. Some departments function with assumed exemptions from our own regulations but he did not want to say this was what happened in this case.

Mr. Clement moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Campbell. The Board stood adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Dean
Town Manager