

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

April 14, 2008

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Joe Pace convened the Board at 7:02 PM in the Nowak Room of the Town Office and introduced other members of the Board: Ms. Julie Gilman, Mr. Matt Quandt, Mr. Bob Eastman, Mr. William Campbell, and Town Manager Russ Dean.

2. Public Comment – None.

3. Minutes

a. April 7th, 2008

The minutes from the Board of Selectman meeting on April 7th, 2008 have not yet been completed.

b. Non-Public Session: April 7th, 2008

Mr. Eastman moved to waive the reading of the April 7th minutes and accept them as presented, Ms. Julie Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Appointments

- a. Water / Sewer Advisory Committee
Joseph Del Greco

Ms. Julie Gilman moved to appoint Mr. Del Greco, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Motion passed 3-2 in favor of appointing Mr. Del Greco.

5. Discussion / Action Items

- a. Introduction of Gail Nessell Colglazier, Executive Director of American Independence Museum.

Ms. Colglazier was the Executive Director of the Manchester Historic Association and she worked with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and the Division of Historic Resources. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and earned her M.A. from the Winterhur Program in Early American Culture. Gail started with the Museum on the 1st of January. Ms. Colglazier stated that she is excited to promote Exeter's History and looking forward to it. The museum is open to the public May 14th. She mentioned that there is membership drive for the Robert Findley Foundation going on. The museum that has the highest new members enrollment will win \$25,000. Mr. Pace stated that Gail is very welcome and everyone is happy to have her here.

- b. Bid Opening: Solid Waste Contract
See attached

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Mr. Campbell moved to transfer all bids to the DPW and Town Manager, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous

c. Bid Award: Engine 4 Refurbishment

Last week there was 1 bid for the engine 4 refurbishment. The bid was \$107,743 and the budget for the refurbishment is \$96,000. This short fall of \$11,743 has formed the decision to reject the current bid. Fire Chief Comeau was present to answer any questions. He has stated that the department has decided to put the project on hold. The truck is still serviceable and the refurbishment was just something the department wanted to do to extend its life. They may reconsider a re-bid if the market improves or applying more funding towards a replacement of the old truck. A new truck would cost about \$180,000.

d. Funding of Town Office Interim Improvements

Chairman Joe Pace stated there was a desire to table this issue until receipt of more information.

Mr. Eastman moved that this issue be tabled, seconded by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous

6. Public Hearings – None.

7. Permits & Approvals –

a. Abatements and Exemptions

Ms. Gilman moved to approve abatements and exemptions as presented, seconded by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous

b. Permits

Peter Datillo was present for a permit renewal for the vending of hotdogs. Mr. Dean wanted Mr. Datillo at the Selectman Meeting to state his intentions about the other locations in town other than the permitted Swazey Parkway. Mr. Datillo stated that in some circumstances when he can not park at Swazey Parkway he would try to park in different locations with approval of the property owner. Also some people have asked him to be present at the recreational fields during games and he wanted to make sure that he could do this. Mr. Pace appreciated the fact that Mr. Datillo was not trying to deceive anyone and going about this the right way. Mr. Pace also expressed his concern that he should not park anywhere where there would be direct competition with anyone. It was decided that the temporary location changes would be accepted or rejected with some advanced notice to the Town Manager.

8. Reports

a) Town Manager's Report-

Mr. Dean reported that he will be speaking at an event sponsored by We the People at the Congregational Church in regards to the Exeter River Water Shed this Friday at 7:00pm. Also there is a meeting at the Municipal Association this Friday in Concord, NH where he is part of the Executive Board at the New Hampshire Municipal Managers Association. This includes a spot on the Municipal Administration and Finance Committee which proposes policies and legislation. He let the Board know if they had any ideas in that area that they want carried on to let him know and he would bring their

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ideas to the meeting Friday. Mr. Dean also mentioned that the 2006 audit is a high priority on his list and is close to completion.

Mr. Eastman asked Mr. Dean about the audit, stated that he had called Plodzick and Sanderson last week and was told they were waiting on information from the Town. Mr. Dean indicated that Plodzick had originally planned an April 1st date for the draft audit pending receipt of legal letters and this was done. Then they asked on April 3rd for more information on compensated absences, which the Town was in the process of completing. These are dollar amounts relating to sick leave liability that are required to be quantified as part of GASB 34. If they do not ask for any more information we should get the audit soon.

b) Selectmen's Committee Reports

Bob Eastman: Nothing to report.

Bill Campbell: The Conservation Committee met last week and approved the re-routing of a bike trail. They also voted to reaffirm the original vote to put in a temporary road to the Boulders development. Thursday the Planning Board voted to make the road permanent. It is still not a settled issue. Also the Planning Board postponed the action for Linden Commons to expand their parking.

Julie Gilman: The Heritage Commission met to discuss funding options. They are also meeting with Saint Michael's Church to review their current site plan on the 2nd Wednesday of next month. The Zoning Ordinance Review Committee met to go over wind turbine zoning considering heights, noise and set backs. The HDC met for a site walk and they are going to propose signage recommendations in their guidelines and zoning ordinance.

Matt Quant: The Cable Committee will be meeting April, 23rd at 5:30 pm.

Joe Pace: Met with the Downtown Restoration Committee to talk about some of the direction they are heading into.

9. Public Comment

Mr. Bailey, a resident of Exeter, wanted to state some concerns. He asked the Board if they could please speak louder for the hearing impaired. He also mentioned that this week's agenda was not posted on the Town's website. Mr. Dean response was that the agenda is posted in two separate places on the website and that in one of those places it was posted. Mr. Dean also stated that things were a bit held up this week because of an illness of an employee. Mr. Bailey's last concern was that the audit for 2006 has not yet been completed and that it is very late. Mr. Pace responded stating that the Town has chosen to use a different firm of the 2007 audit since the firm they used for the 2006 audit is taking so long. There is no public legal due date for the audits. Mr. Dean stated that the 2006 audit is expected to be in to the Town in a couple of weeks. Once it comes in, the 2007 audit process will begin.

10. Non Public Session –

- a. Compensation of Public Employee (RSA 91-a3, exemption 2 (a))

11. Adjournment-

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*At 8:00 pm Mr. Eastman moved to continue into the Non public Session; seconded by Mr. Campbell
VOTE: Unanimous.*

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Caruso

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Recording Secretary

List for Selectmen's meeting April 14, 2008

Property Abatements

Map/Lot/Unit	Account	Refund amount
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Elderly Exemptions

Map/Lot/Unit	Account	Style	Allowable Exemption Amt	Actual Exempted Amt	% Exempted Value	Assessed Value
68/6/314	M2368R	Condo	183,751	183,751	62%	297,300
52/68	M1540R	Ranch	152,251	152,251	68%	224,500
104/79/113	i0044R	Mobile Home	152,251	17,700	100%	17,700
95/64/166	b6005R	Mobile Home	236,251	90,900	100%	90,900

Disability Exemption

Map/Lot/Unit	Account	Style	Allowable Exemption Amt	Actual Exempted Amt	% Exempted Value	Assessed Value
95/64/298	b0862R	Mobile Home	125,000	85,000	100%	85,000

Veteran's Credit

Map/Lot/Unit	Account	Style	Credit Amount	Assessed Value
99/33	W2050R	Cape Cod	500	220,600
68/6/314	M2368R	Condo	500	297,300
72/172	B3575R	Colonial	500	463,900