

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

August 11, 2008

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Joe Pace convened the Board at 7:00 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** – Mr. James Knight was in attendance to express his concerns over requests that he made to get copies of 1099s from the Conservation Commission to make sure that the accounts were turned over to the Town Treasurer. He passed out printed email conversations between himself and Mr. Dean about the delay in getting the 1099s to the Board. Mr. Dean reassured Mr. Knight that they are doing all they can to get him what he requested and they are working diligently to complete the task. He also said that the Conservation Commission accounts have been audited.

Mr. Alan Bailey was in attendance to ask if the meeting had been scheduled with the 2006 auditors. Mr. Pace stated that they are in the process of picking a date to meet with the auditor. Mr. Bailey also wanted to state that in the definition of Exeter's Government in the audit, it reads that the Selectmen and Town Manager are elected. He thinks this should read differently because the Town Manager is not elected he is hired.

3. Minutes

- a. Minutes of August 4th, 2008

Mr. Campbell moved to waive the reading of the August 4th, 2008 minutes and accept them as presented, Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous

4. Appointments –

- a. Planning Board: Kathy Woolhouse, Planning Board Alternate - term to expire 4/30/11

Ms. Gilman motioned to approve the appointment of Kathy Woolhouse to the Planning Board with a term expiring 4/30/11, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

- b. Arts Committee: Suzanne Dickson – term to expire 4/30/11

Ms. Gilman motioned to approve the appointment of Suzanne Dickson to the Arts Committee with a term expiring 4/30/11, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Discussion / Action Items

- a. Brian Griset: Update on Restoration Plan for Little River
Brian Griset appeared before the Board to update the Selectmen on efforts associated with restoring pieces of the Little River including a law suit against the B&M Railway and the State. Mr. Griset provided the Town Manager with a handwritten order that needed clarification. The order is for the compliance of B&M Railway to clean up debris and rail road ties that had been dumped into Little River and also to have complete restoration. This is the second order for the compliance of B&M Railway to clean up the debris. The river's edge has collapsed in areas and

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has unearthed many of the railroad ties and debris that were dumped. Mr. Griset needs supportive documentation to bring before the Judge and asked that the Town be a co-complainant and assist in pursuing action to ensure that the restoration and clean up does take place. Mr. Griset asked for the following: Documentation that the Highway Department had to remove a motor cycle from the river, a report from the Code Enforcement Officer on site inspections of points of the river which have been damaged, the Conservation Commissions involvement, document from the DPW to refute claims of dumping timbers from the Kingston Road Bridge project and a letter from the Board or Town Council for request of relief and restoration of Little River. It was decided that the Conservation Commission would be approached by Mr. Griset to help and that everything would be completed for Mr. Griset to bring to the hearing which is to happen at the end of August.

b. Resolution of tax issues re: Town leased properties

There was question on how to resolve the issue of the taxability of two Town owned properties that was discussed in last weeks meeting. It was decided that the tax bill for the rented property will need to be paid and the tax for the following years will be discussed at next years lease negotiation. The tax on the Barn that the Town owns will be abated.

c. Distribution of Town Manager Evaluation Form and Discussion

The Town Manager needs his evaluation done for this year. Mr. Pace asked the Board to have their evaluations in by August 31st and the Town Manager's self evaluation also to be in at that date. Mr. Pace and Mr. Campbell will review the evaluations in the beginning of September.

6. Public Hearings –

a. Taxi Ordinance Amendment – First Hearing

The Police Department has re-drafted the Town's taxicab ordinance due to the old ordinance being outdated, and a new taxi service in Town. This is a first review of changes in the ordinance which are being presented by the Police Department after review and input from the Town Clerk's Office. Mr. Campbell asked if there was any answer back on the 10% senior discount and the question on car seats that he had asked at last weeks meeting. Mr. Dean stated that he had not heard back yet about those questions and he will follow up with Chief Kane.

b. Valuation Update Second Public Hearing

Mr. DeVittori was present to answer any questions on the update of the valuation. Ms. Gilman asked about how the public would be notified. Mr. DeVittori said that it will be posted on public buildings and on the website. Sending out notifications by mail would be too costly. Mr. Dean wanted to remind residents to report any perceived inadequacies.

c. Amend Fee Schedule: Recycle Bins, Orange Disposal Bags

The proposed fees are \$6.00 for an orange disposal bag and \$7.00 for a recycling bin.

Mr. Campbell motioned to add a \$6.00 fee for an orange disposal bag and to amend the fee to \$7.00 for a recycling bin effective August 18, 2008, Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Permits & Approvals –

a. Abatements and Exemptions

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Ms. Gilman motioned to approve the abatement as presented, Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Permits- none

8. Reports

a) Town Manager's Report-

Russ Dean: Mr. Dean stated that the retirement issues at state level are often inquired about. Legislation has made changes and he is expecting retirement rates soon. This will outline employer contribution for the period beginning July 1, 2009. There is an interested party in the lower level lease of the Town Hall and he is waiting for a proposal from them. The Sportsman Club letter has gone out and the Board will hear from them after the Club's Executive Committee meeting. The General Election will be happening at the Talbot gym and the Primary Election will take place at the Town Hall this year. The Land/Water Conservation fund for a \$20,000 grant was approved by the State.

b) Selectmen's Committee Reports

Julie Gilman: The Building Committee has completed its report and it will be presented at the next meeting. The Energy Committee will be speaking with Unitil about making a town wide energy plan which will make recommendations on energy savings.

Matt Quandt: There will be a River Study Meeting Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Bob Eastman: nothing to report.

Bill Campbell: The Conservation Commission will meet Wednesday to continue conversation on the St. Michaels Church Dredge and Fill application. Thursday the Planning Board will meet to discuss the CIP.

Joe Pace: The next meeting dates will be August 18th and 25th. The next meeting after Labor Day will be September 8th.

c) Correspondence – none.


9. Public Comment – none.

10. Non Public Session – none.

11. Adjournment-

Mr. Eastman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Mr. Campbell seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Aimee Caruso

Recording Secretary

List for Selectmen's meeting August 11, 2008

Abatement

<u>Map/Lot/Unit</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Abatement Amt</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>
72/82	Q0110R	790.76	2007
