

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

August 4, 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. Board Interviews – The Board convened at 6:45 pm to interview a candidate for the Planning Board.

3. Public Comment – none

4. Minutes

a. Minutes of July 21st, 2008

Mr. Campbell moved to waive the reading of the July 21st, 2008 minutes and accept them as presented, Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous

5. Appointments - none

6. Discussion / Action Items

a. Gilman and Stadium Well Reactivation Funds Request

This is a funding request to continue the work program that was presented by Brian Goetz of Weston & Sampson at the July 21st meeting. There were a series of amendments including rehabilitation, piloting, pump test permitting and engineering for final options. Mr. Eastman asked about which budgets were being used for the reactivation. Mr. Campbell inquired whether or not the work was to be bid out. Mr. Dean said that Brian Goetz will act as the general contractor and some of the jobs will be bid out. He also stated that that the contractors, bidders and engineers are responsible for their own work. Brian Grisette, an Exeter Resident came forward with a question for the Board. He asked if this reactivation includes the Larry Lane Well. Mr. Dean told him that it is not included in the proposal.

Mr. Eastman motioned to reserve up to \$250,000 in the water fund retained earnings to be used for work associated with reactivating the Gilman and Stadium groundwater wells, Mr. Campbell seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Amend Mileage Reimbursement Rate SOP

Mr. Campbell motioned to approve amending the Town's mileage reimbursement rate to 50.5 cents per mile, effective August 4th 2008, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

c. Accept Gift of Liberty Tree Elm from Program

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The Liberty Tree Elm program has proposed donating a tree to the Town to be planted in a public space. The Boy Scouts will be involved and there will be a plaque and ceremony to commemorate the planting. They are looking into places where the tree should be planted.

Mr. Campbell motioned to accept the gift of the Liberty Tree Elm as presented, Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

d. Taxicab Ordinance Review

The Police Department has re-drafted the Town's taxicab ordinance due to the old ordinance being outdated and a new taxi service in existence in the 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. Chief Kane was in attendance to give information and answer any questions. He stated that a lot of changes have been made. All taxicabs have meters now for a more exact mileage reading and fair payment. Mr. Campbell asked if car seats are needed in a taxi for small children and who would provide these. He also wanted to know if the 10% senior discount could be used along with a voucher. Chief Kane said he that these are both things he would look into. Ms. Gilman asked if the rates should really be put in the standard operating procedure. Chief Kane stated that he wanted the rate in the SOP to regulate the cost so that a company couldn't just charge what they wanted. Mr. Pace also added that it is important to regulate the rate because there is only one taxi provider and no rate competition from another company. Mr. Dean stated that there will be multiple reading on this before the final Ordinance is approved.

7. Public Hearings –

a. Valuation Update – First Public Hearing

Each year under RSA 75-8(b) 2 public hearings are needed prior to a governing body authorization vote to update Town values. The vote must be taken not less than 15 days or more than 60 days after the second reading. This is the first public hearing. Mr. John DeVittori was in attendance to present sales analysis. He stated that he has gone through many analytical breakdowns. There were 204 combined home and commercial sales this year that were arms length transactions. In the past there were 375-450 sales in previous years and prices have not changed. Mr. DeVittori would like values to be 95-98% which would mean they are not undervalued or overvalued. Overall single family residences are 2% high and need to come down a hair to make everyone else equitable. Mr. Pace wondered if the commercial properties could be adjusted so that resident owners are not picking up the tab. Mr. Pace also wanted to know what will happen if a resident does not schedule an appointment for the interior inspection of their home. Mr. DeVittori said that if an interior inspection is denied by the home owner then there will be a guesstimate. This is why it is important to let the inspectors do the interior inspection so that your home is valued correctly. Mr. Pace stated that there will be another hearing on this on August 11th.

b. Amend Fee Schedule: Recycle Bins and Orange Disposal Bags

Proposed fee are \$6.00 for an orange disposal bag and \$7.00 for a recycling bin. The final reading will be next week.

8. Permits & Approvals –

a. Abatements and Exemptions

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There are 2 town owned properties that were sent tax bills. The Board will research this issue of whether or not these properties should have been taxed and make it compliant to the Town's regulations.

b. Permits- none

8. Reports

a) Town Manager's Report-

The water tank bowl went up last week. Everyone involved did a great job and all their hard work is appreciated. There was a call received from a resident about false fire alarms. Some of the Town's wet lines are not working as they should. Mr. Dean is working on the issue for resolution. The Budget season is underway.

b) Selectmen's Committee Reports

Julie Gilman: The Town Building Advisory committee is finishing up their report. There will be no meeting on the 18th.

Matt Quandt: There will be a River Study meeting August 12th at 9:30 am.

Bob Eastman: There was a CIP meeting a couple of weeks ago and they drafted up a copy of the CIP booklet. The booklet will be available online by the end of the week.

Bill Campbell: nothing to report

Joe Pace: Upcoming agendas: Meeting August 11th and the 25th.

c) Correspondence


9. Public Comment – none.

10. Non Public Session – exception II (e) RSA 91:A(3)

11. Adjournment-

Mr. Campbell motioned to move into the Non Public Session exception II (e) RSA 91:A(3), Mr. Eastman seconded. Ms. Gilman began roll call at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Aimee Caruso

Recording Secretary