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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

July 7, 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 – None.

3. Minutes

a. June 30th, 2008

The minutes of June were not available and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

b. Non-Public Session: June 30th 2008

Mr. Eastman moved to waive the reading of the June 30th, 2008 Non-Public minutes and accept them as presented, Ms. Julie Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Appointments - none

5. Discussion / Action Items

a. Taxi Voucher Program

This action item is being brought to the Board for their consensus on the interest in reinstated the program at a cost of \$500 to get it back up and running. The \$500 is in the budget and Mr. Dean stated that Meals on Wheels would still receive the \$1400 to do its service. Mr. Eastman was concerned that Meals on Wheels has not provided record of the amount of runs being made and therefore there is no way of knowing what the money is being spent on. He believes that there needs to be documentation of the tracking of runs and then figure out what should be paid to Meals on Wheels. Mr. Pace agreed with Mr. Eastman but would still like to see the voucher program get started. The board agreed to get more information from Meals on Wheels but still let the Voucher Program get up and running.

Mr. Campbell moved to authorize the use of \$500 from the budget for the Voucher Program, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Review Records/Copying Policy

This policy has come up to the Board's attention because of recent requests of copies of the Town's documents. People are asked to pay a 50 cent fee for 1 copy if using the Town's equipment. There have been times when people have come to the Town Office using their own equipment and paper to get copies of documents and it was questioned whether or not these people should have been charged the same fee. The Board feels that there needs to be a policy to facilitate unreasonable requests when it takes time away from employees from doing their jobs and what should the take place when people use their own equipment to make copies. Mr.

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Campbell mentioned that it would be great for staff and for the residents to have such a handout for them to refer to.

Mr. James Knight was in attendance to let his concerns be known that the language of the RSA should not be altered. He has gotten legal references because he was charged for using his own equipment for copying documents. Mr. Knight handed out the legal information to the Board.

Mr. Alan Bailey, a town resident, was also in attendance and questioned the discussion item. He wondered if there is to be a new policy on this subject.

Mr. Campbell thought it would be a good idea to seek an attorney's advice or call the local government and asks some questions. Mr. Pace stated that the Board will seek advice and give it two weeks and re-look at this discussion item.

6. Public Hearings – None.

7. Permits & Approvals –

a. Abatements and Exemptions- none

b. Permits- none

8. Reports

a) Town Manager's Report-

Russ Dean: A reminder to the board that there will be a work session meeting the 9th at 6:30pm. The next regular Selectmen meeting will be July, 21st and are not certain about July 28th yet. The interim improvements are ongoing and some work has started to show in the building. He attended a meeting on nitrate loading that was very interesting and learned how it impacts Exeter. He also attended a meeting with the Fire Chief and a leasing agent about the possibility of leasing their vehicles. The American Independence Festival is July 19th and hopes it is a success. He also introduced the new Human Resources Director, Donna Cisewski and stated that he believes that she will be a great asset to the Town of Exeter.

Donna Cisewski said that she is very excited and is looking forward to making a difference.

b) Selectmen's Committee Reports

Julie Gilman: Ms. Gilman attended a site walk last week with the Energy Committee. There will be an HDC meeting 7/17/08.

Matt Quandt: nothing to report

Bob Eastman: There will be a CIP meeting Tuesday from 9:00-11:00.

Bill Campbell: The next Conservation Committee meeting will be tomorrow night and will be going over some dredge and fill applications. Thursday the Planning Board will meet. Mr. Campbell also expressed his concern on the new hotel to be built on Portsmouth Avenue that has a 50 foot height

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variance. His concern is that it will be too tall and tower over all the other businesses in the area and not fit in. He would like the Board to address this at an upcoming meeting.

Joe Pace: nothing to report.

c) Correspondence

Mr. Dean received a letter form the Department of Transportation about a parcel of land being sold.

9. Public Comment –

Mr. Alan Bailey stated that he did not receive an agenda for tonight's meeting and could not find it on the website. He also wondered how the minutes from tonight's meeting would be recorded. Mr. Dean apologized about not having copies of tonight's agenda and that the agenda was put on the website today and that the agendas are filled in a different way on the website now and you have to scroll to the correct month and year to get them. Tonight's minutes will be recorded from video and Mr. Deans notes.

10. Non Public Session – RSA 91-a:3 exception (b) hiring

Ms. Gilman called the roll to enter into non public session under the cited exception.

Eastman, yes. Campbell, yes. Quandt, yes. Pace, yes. Gilman, yes. The meeting was moved into the Non-Public session at 8:15pm.

11. Adjournment-

Mr. Eastman moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Campbell. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Aimee Caruso
Recording Secretary