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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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November 10, 2008

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Joe Pace convened the Board for an interview at 6:45. He then reconvened the meeting in the Nowak Room at the Town Offices at 7:00 pm and introduced other members of the Board: Mr. Bob Eastman, Mr. William Campbell, Ms. Julie Gilman, Mr. Matt Quandt and Town Manager Russ Dean.

2. Public Comment – none.

3. Minutes

a. Minutes of November 3rd, 2008

Mr. Campbell moved to waive the reading of the November 3rd, 2008 minutes and accept them as presented; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Appointments

Peter Michaud - Heritage Commission term expiring 4/30/11

Ms. Gilman moved to appoint Peter Michaud to the Heritage Commission with a term to expire of April 30th, 2011; Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Discussion / Action Items

a. Sportsmen's Club Lease Discussion

The Executive Committee of the Sportsmen's Club has prepared an alternate lease to the Town's proposal. Mr. Pace stated that it is the counter offer of the lease that had been written up. There are significant differences in the draft. Ms. Gilman recommended having a negotiating team to move along and save time. Mr. Pace understood Ms. Gilman's point but he wanted to make sure this is as public as possible. He would like to meet with the Sportsmen's Club Committee to attend to these issues. Mr. Quandt stated that the Committee for the Sportsmen's club is willing to negotiate in a meeting. The articles in the draft that differed between the Executive Committee and the Board are as follows; Rent, Use of Premises, Hours of Operation, Renovations, Alterations and Improvements, Tenant Membership count, Builders Risk or Liability Insurance Obtained by Tenant, Fire Insurance Obtained by Tenant, Compliance with Law, Default/Termination of Lease, and Indemnification. The Board had discussions on the different articles and what their view was of the counter offer. They will be drafting a note that states that they will revise the draft lease and meet with the Executive Committee of the Sportsmen's club to come to an agreement.

Peter Francis, an Exeter resident of High Street, came before the Board to make a comment. He questioned the Town's liability if someone should get injured at the Sportsmen's club. Mr. Francis recommended that an attorney should look into this. Mr. Pace stated that this is included within the lease. Mr. Francis also stated that with the long term rental that they have, the Club should be able to build a building to contain the sound. No sound should get through the borders. People are in church on Sundays at 10am and do not want to hear the noise coming from the Club. He also believes that Veteran's have the right to have peace and quiet and that noise

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ordinances should be in the lease as well. Mr. Pace thanked Mr. Francis for his comment and stated that the Board will continue to post when discussions about this are coming up about this.

b. **Renew BAN Line of Credit: Water Tank Project**

Mr. Pace recused himself from this discussion and handed the meeting over to Mr. Campbell. This item will extend the Town's line of credit with Citizen's Bank. This BAN was approved in 2007 and is providing cash flow for the project in anticipation of converting to a long term bond in 2009. Mr. Campbell asked if there is a competitive interest rate with this. Mr. Dean said that the rate is 3.6%.

Mr. Eastman moved to approve the extension of the Water Tank project BAN through May, 8th, 2009; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

c. **2009 Budget Update**

Mr. Dean met with the Finance Director and Town Treasurer and went over a question on the 2007 audit in the tax area. They had lengthy discussion and will be looking at those numbers and will give an update at the Budget Recommendation Committee on Wednesday. Mr. Pace asked if the Board could meet before the Budget meeting to get the update. The Board agreed to meet at 6:00 on Wednesday. Mr. Dean stated that there is a meeting set with the DRA on Monday and on Wednesday there will be a conference call meeting with the auditors. Mr. Dean reported on 5 items that could help with the tax rate for next year. The 5 ideas he mentioned are; recommending that the camp revenues and wages should come from the Recreation Revolving fund and not from the general fund. Reallocating the grants from CSO projects budgeted in the General fund. The Capital Reserve fund is used for landfill related monitoring. The Town has a trust fund set up for funding landfill closure and the work is all done, so the revenue could be used to offset expenses. The ambulance fund was closed out in 2006 and today what is left is the expendable fund with a balance in it. EMS has legitimate expenses. The Boulders project if added could help with the revenue it gains. Mr. Pace thanked Mr. Dean and Finance Director, Doreen Ravell for their creative financial management. These ideas will be brought up and decided if they can be used or not to help decrease next years tax rate in future meetings.

6. **Public Hearings** – none.

7. **Permits & Approvals** –

a. **Tax Abatements & Exemptions** – none.

b. **Water/Sewer Abatements** - none.

c. **Permits** – none.

8. **Reports**

a) **Town Manager's Report**

Russ Dean: The Town offices will be closed for Veteran's Day. There will be no change in trash pick up. There will be a Veteran's Day ceremony in Gale Park tomorrow, November 11th at 11:00 am. Mr. Dean read the Board some of the Holiday Invitations that were received. The Exeter Christmas Parade is set for December 6th at 5 pm. The rain date for the parade is

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December 7th. The Christmas lights will be hung in Town this weekend. Mr. Dean met with Bob Strout on guidance to get his mobile home park connected with the Town sewers. Mr. Dean congratulated Mr. Arthur Baillargeon on his 80th birthday last week.

b) Selectmen's Committee Reports

Julie Gilman: The Energy Committee will meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

Matt Quandt: nothing to report.

Bob Eastman: nothing to report.

Bill Campbell: The Planning Board met last Thursday. The Conservation Commission will meet on the Tuesday.

Joe Pace: Mr. Pace thanked Linda Hartson, Charlie Tucker and everyone involved with helping coordinate Election Day last week. Everything went very smoothly. He also thanked everyone who came out and voted. Mr. Pace reminded everyone that tomorrow is Veteran's Day and there is a ceremony at 11:00 am at Gale Park. The next Selectmen meeting will be November 17th.

c) Correspondence – none.

9. **Second Public Comment** – none.

10. **Non Public Session** – none.

11. **Adjournment-**

Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm; Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Caruso
Recording Secretary