

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

October 27, 2008

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Joe Pace convened the Board in the Nowak Room at the Town Office 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 October 20th, 2008

Mr. Eastman moved to waive the reading of the October 20th, 2008 minutes and accept them as presented, Mr. Campbell seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Appointments – none.

5. Discussion / Action Items

a. FMLA Policy Update

Mr. Dean reported that Human Resource Director Donna Cisewski has updated the FMLA Policy which has not been updated for several years. Ms. Cisewski was in attendance to tell the Board of the changes to the current policy. The changes are for clarification as well as to satisfy current requirements. Ms. Cisewski went over the changes and gave instances when these were needed. Ms. Gilman expressed her appreciation for all the hard work that went into this.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the update to the FMLA policy which is to become effective immediately, Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Temporary Speed Limit Request – Pickpocket Road

The Planning Board has requested the Board approve a temporary reduction in the speed limit on Pickpocket Road during the construction of the Boulders. The speed limit now is 35 MPH and they would like it to be 25 MPH.

Mr. Eastman moved to approve a temporary reduction in the speed limit on Pickpocket Road to 25 MPH for a period ending January 31st, 2009, Mr. Campbell seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

c. Sign Request – Exeter Day School

The Exeter Day School has requested a sign be placed at the end of Marlboro Street to help people find the school. The sign will be blue and read “Exeter Day School”. Mr. Pace noted that there are some restrictions on where the sign can be placed. Public works will find the appropriate place for the location of the sign.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve a blue business sign reading “Exeter Day School” to be placed at the end of Marlboro Street, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

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d. Town Building Project Update

Ms. Gilman stated that with the financial situation around the Country, she wanted to get feedback from the Board and give an opportunity for questions on the project. Mr. Eastman said since the money has been budgeted for this project, he has no problems with it going along as planned. Mr. Pace wants to see what the Budget Committee presents. He also said that economic conditions are important but Town business still needs to go on as planned. This will be put before the voters and we will see what the outcome is.

e. Revenue Update

Mr. Dean reviewed the year-to-date revenues with the Board and discussed trends based on the MS4 submitted to the Department of Revenue Administration. He stated that revenues are getting tighter and the economy this year brings changes. Melanson and Heath are currently working on the MS5. Mr. Pace asked about the audit for the MS5 report of expenditures. Mr. Dean said that it is still in process and he would like the number certified before he brings it to the Board. Mr. Pace stated that next Monday there will be a report from the auditor so they can be in a better position to do the rate setting. There will be a vote on what they will use for surplus.

6. Public Hearings – none.

7. Permits & Approvals –

a. Tax Abatements & Exemptions

There were two decisions on Abatements from the BTLA.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the abatements as presented, Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Water/Sewer Abatements

There was a request for a water/sewer abatement that will be put off. It has been appealed and the Board will wait until Public Works is present.

c. Permits

There is a permit request to use the Town Hall main floor and stage by Maureen Barrows for a political rally for McCain for President on November 1st and 2nd, 2008 from 8:00am until 8:00pm.

There is a permit request for the NH Democratic Party to use the Town Hall and front stairs for November 3rd and 4th, 2008 from 6:00am until 9:00pm.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve both permit applications as presented, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Reports

a) Town Manager's Report

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Russ Dean: Mr. Dean attended the Fall Festival last weekend and wanted to congratulate the organizers, the Chamber of Commerce. All of the apple pies were delicious that Mr. Dean had the pleasure of judging. Everyone did a wonderful job and put a ton of effort into it.

b) Selectmen's Committee Reports

Julie Gilman: Ms. Gilman attended training and a seminar at Loon Mountain last weekend. The seminar was on land use. There is new legislation on work force housing. It was brought up at the seminar that Exeter is doing a great job with the work force housing.

Matt Quandt: There will be a Cable TV meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday for a public ascertainment meeting and welcomes the public for comments and questions. The Health and Safety Commission met last Tuesday.

Bob Eastman: Nothing to report.

Bill Campbell: The Planning Board met last week and approved subdivision, a lot line adjustment and heard about Tuck Realty.

Joe Pace: The next Selectman meeting will be November 3rd, 2008. Mr. Pace would like to congratulate the Baptist Church on Front Street on their new Pastor.

b) Correspondence

1. From Riverwoods; draft agreement on Fire Substation land and contribution to capital reserve fund;
2. From Anthony Stevens, Asst Secretary of State; re: Election Law website survey;
3. From Brittany Little, Advocacy Coordinator for National MS Society, regarding Chapter 304 and parking awareness events;
4. From Coleen Levesque, re: issues with school buses around 22 Oaklands Road;
5. From John DiVittori, Town Assessor, re: employee benefit suggestions.

9. **Second Public Comment** – none.

10. **Non Public Session** – none.

11. **Adjournment-**

Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Aimee Caruso
Recording Secretary

List for Selectmen's meeting October 27,2008

Abatements

Map/Lot/Unit	Account	Abatement Amt	Tax Year
60/10/4	S4488R	1,191.02	2005
63/181	M7700R	136.40	2005
