

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

September 29, 2008

1. Call Meeting to Order

The board convened at 6:45 in the Nowak Room to interview a candidate for the Energy Committee. The board then reconvened for the regular meeting. Chairman Joe Pace 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 September 15th, 2008

Mr. Eastman moved to waive the reading of the September 15th, 2008 minutes and accept them as presented, Mr. Campbell seconded. VOTE: Unanimous

4. Appointments

a. Budget Recommendations Committee – Don Brabant, Justin Chouinard, Lynn Nash

Ms. Gilman moved to accept the appointment of Don Brabant to the Budget Recommendations Committee, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Mr. Quandt moved to accept the appointment of Justin Chouinard to the Budget Recommendations Committee, Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Mr. Quandt moved to accept the appointment of Lynn Nash to the Budget Recommendations Committee, Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Arts Committee – Jennifer Hogg

Ms. Gilman moved to accept the appointment of Jennifer Hogg to the Arts Committee, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Discussion / Action Items

a. Great Bay Estuary Commission/East Update: Senator Maggie Hassan

Senator Maggie Hassan was in attendance to give an update of the EAST group and the progress of the Great Bay Estuary Commission. The Great Bay Estuary Commission studies the feasibility of conveying effluent from area wastewater treatment facilities for discharge into the Atlantic Ocean and aims to restore water quality in the Great Bay Estuary. Metcalf & Eddy were selected by the Commission to assist in investigating the options for treating and disposing the region's wastewater. Metcalf & Eddy developed a preliminary list of 10 long term alternatives. After a brainstorming session with ideas from the public as well, the Commission identified four of the alternatives for additional study. The four alternatives are: No Action, Treatment at existing facilities with a regional Gulf of Maine Discharge, Decentralized Treatment and continued use of existing facilities, and Treatment at existing facilities and discharge to land application sites.

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Senator Hassan said that there are pros and cons to all of these options. Further development and analysis may be necessary before any alternative is implemented.

b. Arts Committee Expendable Trust Fund Proposal

The Arts Committee and Russ Dean have been working on a proposal for an expendable trust. If this fund is to be approved the revenues could go directly into the Trust Fund and be spent by the Arts Committee. There has been some interest from the Arts Committee for a while. Mr. Dean Scott, Arts Committee Chairman, was in attendance to answer any questions. Mr. Campbell asked if the fund would carry over year to year and said that they should delineate what comes out of the budget. Mr. Scott replied by saying that the fund would carry over. Mr. Dean stated that this would eventually become a warrant article for the Board to consider.

c. Board Discussion: November General Election Site

A site walk of the SST was held on September 24, 2008 with positive results. Town Clerk, Linda Hartson, and Town Moderator, Charlie Tucker, were available for questions and concerns. Mr. Tucker explained that the Talbot Gym would be the best place for the General Election Site this year. This is because it is available, the lots will be clear, and there is plenty of handicap parking. Mr. Eastman said prior to this he was concerned about the handicap access. But now that the Main Entrance on the SST side will be used it makes sense to use this site.

Mr. Campbell moved to accept the Talbot Gym as the November General Election Site, Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous. Mr. Quandt abstained from this vote.

d. Board Discussion: CATV Contract Negotiations/Second Ascertainment Hearing

The Board is being asked to make a delegation for the contract negotiation process based on recommendations from counsel. Mr. Campbell asked if Fairpoint had any interest. Mr. Quandt stated that they have not yet showed interest. Ms. Gilman asked if the entire Committee would be negotiating. Mr. Quandt said that there is a lot of talent on the Committee and that they would all negotiate.

Mr. Campbell moved to delegate the CATV contract negotiations with Comcast to the CATV Advisory Committee, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

On October 29, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room there will be a second ascertainment hearing. This is an opportunity for people to come in and comment on Channel 22. There will be a Comcast Representative at the hearing.

e. FY09 Operating Budget and Warrant Articles

Mr. Dean spoke about the FY09 preliminary budgets. Mr. Eastman suggested that there should be a first page with a list of departments by their department number and that the pages also be numbered. He also stated that they are not linked correctly and that attention to detail is a must.

Mr. Campbell moved to refer the Town Manager preliminary budget to the Budget Recommendations Committee for their review, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

6. **Public Hearings** – none.

7. **Permits & Approvals** –

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a. Tax Abatements and Exemptions-

Ms. Gilman moved to approve the abatements and exemptions as presented, Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous

b. Permits-

A request for permit for the Music Together Program to use the Town Hall on October 18 at 10:00 am for a sing along.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the permit for the Music Together Program to use the Town Hall on October 18, 2008 at 10:00 am, Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Reports

a) Town Manager's Report

Russ Dean:

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at Public Works on Newfields Road. For Exeter & Stratham residents the event will be held from 8:30AM - 11:30AM. If you need any further information you can check the flyer on the Town website.

b) Selectmen's Committee Reports

Julie Gilman:

The HDC met and had a work session about finalizing the language about signage. At the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee Board meeting they went over the new signing language and made a couple of small changes. The Building Advisory Committee is putting on a Power Point presentation for what they are doing and what can be done. The Energy Committee looked at free piece off software that other Towns are using and they are going for grant form RPC.

Matt Quandt:

The Cable Committee met and discussed the ascertainment hearing and contracts. The Train Committee met and discussed their presentation about Down Easter. The River Committee met and discussed options for repairing the Great Dam.

Bob Eastman:

Nothing to report.

Bill Campbell:

The Planning Board met and heard two cases, Columbus Avenue Common, and a proposal of a hotel on the old McDonald's site. Both are to be continued.

Joe Pace:

The Budget Committee meets tomorrow, September 30 at 6:30 in the Nowak Room for an organizational meeting.

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c) Correspondence

Mark Carbonneau declined the offer to participate on the Budget Committee this year.

9. Public Comment – none.

10. Non Public Session – Employee Compensation

11. Adjournment-

At 8:00 pm, Mr. Campbell motioned to move into a non public session about Employee Compensation, Mr. Quandt seconded. Mr. Pace asked Ms. Gilman to call the roll.

Mr. Eastman: Aye. Mr. Campbell: Aye. Mr. Quandt: Aye. Ms. Gilman: Aye. Mr. Pace: Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Caruso
Recording Secretary