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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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January 26, 2009

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Joe Pace convened 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 & Proclamations

a. Minutes of January 13th, 2009 & November 12th, 2008

Mr. Campbell moved to accept the January 13th, 2009 and November 12th, 2008 minutes as presented; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Non Public Session: January 5th, 2009 & December 1st, 2008: Mr. Dean will amend the January 5th, 2009 Non Public minutes. An outcome of a discussion needs to be included.

Mr. Campbell moved to accept the December 1st, 2008 Non Public Session minutes as presented; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Appointments - none

5. Discussion / Action Items

a. Town Election Letter Sequencing

The Secretary of State allows Towns to select the method of sequencing names on the Town Election ballot should they so choose, for multi-candidate offices. The Town Clerk has asked the Board for a decision on this matter in order to facilitate the ballot printing for 2009. Mr. Dean asked the Board if they would like to start a tradition in the Town by carrying out their own lottery or to keep with following the Secretary of State. Mr. Quandt said that he would just rather keep it with the Secretary of State. Mr. Pace suggested choosing the starting letter at the deliberative session every year to make it a Town tradition. The clerk of the Board of Selectman would have the responsibility of the pick.

Mr. Campbell moved to have the clerk select the letter sequencing at the deliberative session; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: 3 in favor with Mr. Pace's vote and 2 opposed. Motion carried.

6. Public Hearings – none

7. Permits & Approvals

a. Tax Abatements & Exemptions – Veteran's Tax Credits:

Ms. Gilman moved to approve the Veteran's Tax Credits as presented; Mr. Campbell seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

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Elderly Exemptions:

Ms. Gilman moved to approve the Elderly Exemptions as presented; Mr. Campbell seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Tax Abatements:

Ms. Gilman moved to approve the Tax Abatements as presented; Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Two recommended denials were tabled for review because of questions on both.

b. Water/Sewer Abatements – none.

c. Permits –

- 1) The Seacoast Wind Ensemble requested a permit to use the Town Hall main floor for band rehearsal on April 28th, 2009 from 6:30pm to 9:45pm.
- 2) The NH Jr. Women's Club requested a permit to use the Town Hall main floor and stage for a book sale / yard sale on February 14th, 2009 from 7:00am to 4:00pm.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the permits as presented; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Reports

a) Town Manager's Report

Russ Dean: A reminder that Town meetings can now be viewed on the Town website to watch at your leisure. The follow up on the Exeter Sportsman's Club lease is being finished up. Warrants are posted and are now available at the Town Office and on the Town website.

Mr. Pace stated that the Sportsman's Club draft lease will be available on the Town website once the final language has been set.

b) Selectmen's Committee Reports

Julie Gilman: Asked if the Board would write and sign a cover letter for the information being sent out to the Governor on the stimulus package. The Board agreed. Nothing to report.

Matt Quandt: Nothing to report.

Bob Eastman: May have a Council on Aging meeting this week.

Bill Campbell: The Planning Board met and heard a proposal on work force housing on Epping Rd.

Joe Pace: On Wednesday the Board met with the Sportsmen's club about the draft lease and progress was made. There will be 2 public hearings coming up. Mr. Pace asked the public to

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keep an eye out on the Town website for the dates. This Saturday, January 31st, at 9:00am – the deliberative session will be held

9. Second Public Comment – none.

10. Non Public Session – Exception 91-a3 II (a) employee compensation.

11. Adjournment – At 7:25 pm, Mr. Campbell motioned to move into a non public session on exception 91-a3 II (a) employee compensation; Mr. Eastman 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