

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

March 16, 2009

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman, William Campbell, convened the meeting in the Nowak Room at the Town Offices at 7:00 pm and introduced other members of the Board: Mr. Bobby Aldrich, Mr. Bob Eastman, Ms. Julie Gilman, Mr. Matt Quandt and Town Manager, Russ Dean.

2. Swearing In of Elected Officials - Town Clerk, Linda Hartson swore in and congratulated the elected officials from the March 10, 2009 Town vote. The elected officials are:

Jay Perkins – Town Weigher

Don Clement – Swasey Parkway Trustee

Peter Aten – Library Trustee

Gwen Kenney – Library Trustee

Mary Lafreniere – Library Trustee

Charles F. Tucker – Town Moderator

Nancy Batchelder – Town Trust Funds Trustee

Bobby Aldrich – Selectmen

Judith Churchill – Robinson Fund Trustee

Bob Eastman – Measurer of Wood and Bark

3. Election of Officers -

Chairman - Mr. Eastman nominated Ms. Gilman for Chairman of the board; Mr. Quandt seconded. Ms. Gilman said that she was touched that Mr. Eastman would nominate her for Chair, but felt that she was not quite ready and respectfully declined. Ms. Gilman then nominated Mr. Campbell as Chairman; Mr. Quandt seconded.

Ms. Gilman moved to appoint Mr. Campbell as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Vice-Chairman – Mr. Aldrich nominated Ms. Gilman as Vice-Chairman; Mr. Eastman seconded.

Ms. Gilman moved to appoint herself as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Clerk – Mr. Eastman nominated Mr. Aldrich as Clerk; Mr. Quandt seconded.

Mr. Eastman moved to appoint Mr. Aldrich as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Public Comment – none.

5. Minutes & Proclamations

a. Minutes: March 2, 2009

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Mr. Eastman motioned to waive the reading of the March 2nd, 2009 minutes and accept them as presented; Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous. Mr. Aldrich abstained from the vote.

b. Minutes: March 9, 2009

Mr. Eastman motioned to waive the reading of the March 9th, 2009 minutes and accept them as presented; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous. Mr. Aldrich abstained from the vote.

6. Appointments – none.

7. Discussion / Action Items

a. Sign 2009 MS2 Certificate of Appropriations

The MS2 has been prepared based on the ballot voting and is now ready to be signed by the Board and sent in. The Board will wait to sign the MS2 until Wednesday night incase of a recount.

b. Review Town Ballot Outcomes/Warrant Articles

Mr. Dean reviewed the ballot outcomes of the warrant articles. Most of them passed with the exception of 2. The brush chipper and sidewalk tractor did not pass. Article 13 will try to be fast tracked in hopes that they may find stimulus funds for it. The Industrial Drive culvert has already been started on. Mr. Campbell thanked everyone for their support.

c. Review 2009 Board Schedule

At next weeks Selectmen's meeting, the Board will be signing the Exeter Sportsmen's Club lease and discuss the Recreation Fund policy. At the following meeting, there will be a public work session on the update of the finances of the Town and where we are year-to-date. The Board will continue to meet weekly and go bi-weekly in the summer.

d. Review Selectmen's Representatives to Boards

Mr. Quandt will represent: the Cable TV Advisory Committee, the Exeter River Study Committee, the Train Committee and Health and Safety. Mr. Campbell will serve on the Planning Board. Ms. Gilman will serve on the Heritage Commission, the HDC, the Recreation Advisory Committee, the Energy Efficiency Committee, and the Town Building Advisory Committee. Mr. Aldrich will serve on the Technology Advisory Committee, the Conservation Commission and the Arts Committee. Mr. Eastman will serve on the Council on Aging, the Exeter Development Commission, the Rockingham Planning Commission, the Emergency Management Committee, and the CIP Committee. Mr. Campbell volunteered to be the Board's liaison to the Board of Library Trustees per the request of the Town Manager.

Mr. Eastman moved to disband the Town Office/Town Hall Space Study Committee; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: 4/1 motion carries.

Mr. Eastman moved to disband the Library Plan Update; Mr. Aldrich seconded. VOTE: 4/1 motion carries.

Mr. Eastman moved to disband the Benefits Review Committee; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: 4/1 motion carries.

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f. Update on NHMA meeting re: local aid and revenues

Mr. Dean attended a meeting on March 11, 2009 of the NHMA regarding various revenue enhancements the NHMA was considering taking a position in the budget process for 2009. Members voiced their views on challenges in the State budget and there were many spirited debates. The options for the State Budget Revenue items that were discussed were the Meals and Rooms tax, Communications Services tax, Legacy and Successions tax, Retirement Positions, Gambling, Regionalization, Motor Vehicle Registration Permit Fees, State Revenues, and Federal Stimulus Revenues.

8. Public Hearings – none.

9. Permits & Approvals

a. Tax Abatements & Exemptions

Disability Exemptions:

Map / Lot / Unit

95/64/17

55/32

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

Denials:

Map / Lot / Unit

64/54/1

Ms. Gilman moved to deny the abatement as presented; Mr. Aldrich seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Abatements:

Map / Lot / Unit

97/16

64/54/2

64/54/3

64/54/4

64/54/5

64/54/6

95/64/258

100/2/2

82/13

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

b. Water/Sewer Abatements – none.

c. Permits – none.

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10. Reports

a. Town Manager's Report

Russ Dean: Dog license registrations are due. Exeter has been great with bike paths but not much with roads and drainage so there will be a focus on these this year. Paving prices will be coming soon. The water tank project continues and they are still working on repairs. Public Works is working with the Housing Authority on a new sewer line. Mr. Dean asked the Board what their thoughts were on proceeding with the open job positions in Town. Mr. Eastman and Mr. Aldrich thought it would be wise to wait.

b. Selectmen's Committee Reports

Julie Gilman: The Heritage Committee met last week and discussed the Town wide survey and the new forms to help identify the important parts of Town. The HDC meets Thursday. The Historical Society met and they need a form signed by the Town Manager.

Matt Quandt: The Exeter River Committee meets Tuesday at 9:00am. The Cable Committee meets at 5:30pm on March 24th.

Bob Eastman: Nothing to report.

Bill Campbell: The Conservation Commission and Planning Board met last week. The Planning Board talked about the letters sent to groups who have applied and have not come back. St. Michael's Church applied for an extension until July 1st, 2009. The extension was granted.

Bobby Aldrich: Nothing to report.

b. Correspondence:

- 1) Letter from the Department of Environmental Services to Jennifer Perry re: Exeter River Dam;
- 2) Letter from Roger Detzler to the Exeter FD re: 55 Water St. – Ioka Theater;
- 3) Letter from the Alliance for Community Transportation to Russ Dean;
- 4) Letter from Pete Richardson to Russ Dean re: A Public Presentation on the Study of Fluvial Geomorphology of the Exeter River Watershed.

11. Second Public Comment – none.

12. Non Public Session – none.

13. Adjournment -

Mr. Quandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm; Mr. Aldrich seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Caruso

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Recording Secretary