

# FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

March 23, 2009

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

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. Board Interviews – Pam Gjettum**

**3. Public Comment – none.**

**4. Minutes & Proclamations**

**a. Minutes:** March 16, 2009 - There were some corrections needed for the March 16 minutes. The corrections are: Under 7-b add in *stimulus* funds. 7-c should read *where we are year up to date* and that the Board will not be signing the policy but will be discussing it. Under 7 – d include the discussion on Mr. Campbell being the liaison to the Library trustees and the Board would serve on the committees not represent them. Under Mr. Campbell's report: St. Michaels has not gone past one year, they applied for an extension until July, 2009.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to accept the minutes of March 16, 2009 as amended; Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.**

**5. Appointments – none.**

**6. Discussion / Action Items**

**a. Scheduling of Lincoln Event/2010 Town Election**

The Historical Society is planning a major effort to promote Abraham Lincoln's visit to Exeter, which occurred in 1860. Ms. Laura Gowing from the Historical Society was present to request the Board approve moving the Town Election in 2010 to the Talbot Gymnasium to free up the Town Hall for this event. Ms. Gilman was concerned with school being in session that day and wondered if that would be a problem. Ms. Gowing has spoken to the superintendent of the school and he said that he might have to cancel school for that day but school would still be held for the rest of the SAU. She also noted that the superintendent offered the school for the use of the election. Mr. Quandt stated that this move will have to be announced so the residents know where to go to vote.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve that the Municipal Town Election on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be moved to the Talbot Gymnasium; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: 4/1 motion carried.**

**b. Recreation Revolving Fund Policy**

Mr. Dean stated the basics of the policy. The Board of Selectmen will be the agents of the fund. The policy outlines which funds are to be considered part of the revolving fund, as well as certain stipulations regarding administration of the fund and reporting about the fund on a regular basis. The Board decided that they need to add to the policy the differences between regular expenses and how they go about governing them. Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Favreau, was present. He noted that they usually only come to the Board for capital expenditures. He

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offered some expenses to be put into the revolving fund but said that their capital projects would have to go into the CIP and wouldn't have as much of a surplus that way. Mr. Dean recommended waiting longer into the fiscal year and revisiting this to see if the funding stays the course. Mr. Favreau stated that it wouldn't be until fall to see any change in funds. Mr. Aldrich agreed that the capital projects that come out of this fund should be captured in the policy and that the use of the revolving fund as a revenue item will help in the short term instead of transferring expenses. Mr. Dean thought this was a good idea. Mr. Campbell stated that there will be some additional language added to the policy and then the Board will come back to this discussion to make a decision.

## **c. Sportsmen's Club Lease Signing**

Mr. Dean read the minor language changes in the latest lease that has been sent out to the Exeter Sportsmen's club. The sections with wording changes are: Section 3 – a provision was added to the RSA property taxes, section 5 – hours of operation, and section 23 – construction. Under section 16, a paragraph was added on the noise attenuation. The updated lease is available for viewing on the Town website. The Board now has to wait to see if the Sportsmen's Club finds the new wording acceptable. Mr. Dean said he expects to come forward with the signed lease within a week or so.

7. **Public Hearings** – none.

## **8. Permits & Approvals**

### **a. Tax Abatements & Exemptions**

#### **Veteran's Credits:**

Map/Lot/ Unit

24/12

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Veteran's Credits as presented; Mr. Quandt seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.**

#### **Elderly Exemptions:**

Map/Lot/ Unit

95/64/125

70/1

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Elderly Exemptions as presented; Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.**

#### **Abatements:**

Map/Lot/ Unit

75/17/21

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Abatement as presented; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.**

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## **Denials:**

### Map/Lot/ Unit

65/126

83/69

65/121

52/49/1

**Mr. Aldrich moved to deny the abatements as presented; Mr. Eastman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.**

**b. Water/Sewer Abatements – none.**

**c. Permits –**

1. Southern New Hampshire Services applied for a permit to use the Town Hall for a dance/fundraiser on April 22, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

**Ms. Gilman moved to approve the permit as presented; Mr. Aldrich seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.**

## **9. Reports-**

### **a. Town Manager's Report**

**Russ Dean:** A reminder that there is a work session on the Town budget next week. Mr. Dean attended a NHMA meeting last Friday. They spoke about the local aid how no one has seen anything about it in writing. There has been no confirmation for the local aid but Mr. Dean hopes to be hearing about it soon. The Lion's Club silent auction is coming up a week from Saturday. The Town received notice about prejudgment in the Slater/Kane Case. The Case has been thrown out of court and has now come to an end.

### **b. Selectmen's Committee Reports**

**Julie Gilman:** The HDC met last week and approved signs. Energy Committee meets Tuesday to look at an energy audit on Town office building.

**Matt Quandt:** The Cable Committee meets tomorrow at 5:30 pm.

**Bob Eastman:** Nothing to report.

**Bill Campbell:** The Planning Board met last Thursday.

**Bobby Aldrich:** The Arts committee met last Thursday but Mr. Aldrich could not attend so he will be meeting with them this coming week. The Trail Committee meets tomorrow at 5:30 pm.

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## **b. Correspondence:**

1. Notice from Melanie Ekstrom, Deputy Clerk, Re: Patricia Taylor, Limited Hearing has been rescheduled to Monday, April 13, 2009 at 9:00 am.

**10. Second Public Comment** – Don Woodward came before the Board to ask if they had any information from DES on the stimulus funds for the water and waste water projects. Mr. Dean replied by saying that there are lists of projects from Towns of NH and at this stage none of them are funded. DES will hold a public hearing on April 3, 2009 to receive general public comments on where they feel their projects should fall on the list. DES will decide on the projects to receive funding. Exeter is in line for some funds. You can go to [recovery.gov](http://recovery.gov) or to the Town website to see the list of projects.

**11. Non Public Session** – none.

**12. Adjournment** -

**Ms. Gilman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm; Mr. Aldrich seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Caruso  
Recording Secretary