

FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

March 9, 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. William Campbell, Mr. Bob Eastman, Ms. Julie Gilman, Mr. Matt Quandt and Town Manager, Russ Dean.

2. Public Comment – none.

3. Minutes & Proclamations

a. **Minutes:** March 2, 2009 – the March 2nd minutes will be reviewed at the March 16th meeting.

4. Appointments – none.

5. Discussion / Action Items

a. Sign Sportsmen's Club Lease

At the March 2, 2009 Board meeting, an approved lease was voted by the Board and forwarded to the Sportsmen's Club for signature. Mr. Dean stated that they have not yet heard from the Club on the lease. The Board's plan is to countersign the lease when it is received from the Sportsmen's Club.

b. Gilman Park Property Transfer Update

Mr. Dean has been working with Ellen Snyder regarding the transfer of Gilman Park. The transfer is subject to an easement held by the Southeast Land Trust. The Trust was meeting last week to review water withdrawal language within the easement. Mr. Dean read the easement plan. The issue with the language is that it is written that Southeast Land Trust is the grantee. It was not the Southeast Land Trust's intent to regulate the property in that manner. Mr. Dean is waiting to hear back about the language of the easement. Mr. Pace noted that this would be squared away before everything is finalized.

c. Review of Town Election Date

Mr. Dean has periodically received phone calls from an individual wishing to change the date of the Town Election because of potential inclement weather disrupting the turnout in March. In order to facilitate a change, the Town would need to put a question before the voters under RSA 40:14 and public hearings would need to be held. Also, each Town in the school district would need to approve the change. Mr. Eastman stated that a change of the fiscal year would help if the date of the election was changed. Mr. Pace said that changing the Town Election date would be a real challenge and does not think it is feasible right now.

6. Public Hearings

a. Third Reading – Amend Ordinance 802 – Alarm Fees

Mr. Pace opened the hearing and asked for any comments or questions. There were none and Mr. Paced closed the hearing.

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Mr. Campbell moved to approve the amendment of Town Ordinance Chapter 8 with respect to alarm fees; Ms. Gilman seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Permits & Approvals a. Tax Abatements & Exemptions

Elderly Exemptions:

Map / Lot / Unit

65/85

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

Abatements:

Map / Lot / Unit

80/7/9

64/105/22

64/43

15/3/11

64/105/1

82/7/2

82/7/4

55/33

64/23

73/264

71/30

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

b. Water/Sewer Abatements – none.

c. Permits – NH PUC requested a permit for the use of the Town Hall Main Floor on March 19, 2009 at 7:00pm.

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

8. Reports

a. Town Manager's Report

Russ Dean: The Water Tank Bonding process continues and is well under budget. A hatch blew last week and was fixed without cost. The Town Election is at the Town Hall March, 10th. FEMA paperwork is being finished up and there will be more to do in the spring when the snow clears. The Town received a grant from the Department of Justice as part of the stimulus funding. The Governor has changed his stance on meals and rooms tax distributions. It will stay intact for this year. This is Mr. Pace's last Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Dean presented Mr. Pace with

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a gift of recognition of service and thanked Mr. Pace for his years of hard work and dedication. He will be missed.

b. Selectmen's Committee Reports

Julie Gilman: The Heritage Committee will be meeting Wednesday. There are still many opening for Boards and Committees. Call the Town Office if you are interested in volunteering.

Matt Quandt: The Cable TV Committee will be meeting March 24th at 5:30.

Bob Eastman: No report. Mr. Eastman said it was a pleasure working and debating with Mr. Pace.

Bill Campbell: The Conservation Commission will be meeting Tuesday at 7:00pm and the Planning Board will be meeting Thursday. Mr. Campbell said that he enjoyed working with Mr. Pace over the years and said that he has always been very devoted.

Joe Pace: Mr. Pace expressed his sentiment on serving the Town of Exeter for the last 9 years. He graciously thanked everyone and spoke highly of his family, the employees of the Town, and the Exeter citizens.

c. Correspondence:

- 1) A letter from the NH PUC, re: meeting to discuss what went right/wrong during ice storm;
- 2) A letter from Alliance for Community Transportation, re: 2010 consensus;
- 3) A letter concerning lights left on in the Town Offices late at night.

9. Second Public Comment – none.

10. Non Public Session – none.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Eastman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm; Mr. Campbell seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Caruso
Recording Secretary