

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 5, 2012

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending: Dennis Dellagrecia, Maureen Lord, Sara Sandberg, Karen Tolman, Barry Tolman, Susan Kingsbury, Russ Thomas, Richie Pratt

Chair David Upton opened the meeting promptly at 6:00 PM. Upon opening he announced that there would be 2 areas of the meeting when the audience will be allowed to ask questions or to comment. The first will follow the presentations of individuals or groups that are on the agenda. The second will be at the close of the business meeting.

Teri Upton came forward to request approval from the Board to hire a Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Teri detailed the posting process, job requirements, proposed training plan, and timing for the final transition from two deputies back to one.

As the remaining presentation involved listing applicant's names, discussion of compensation, and other personnel details, David suggested the Board, along with Teri, retire to Non-Public Session.

At 6:10 PM a formal motion was made by David to go into Non-Public session to discuss the hiring and compensation of personnel in accordance with RSA 91- A: 3 II (a).

Maury seconded the motion.

A roll call vote then carried the motion. Maury – Aye, Susan – Aye, David – Aye.

At 6:22 PM the Board returned to Public session with the following report.

The Board approved the hiring of Julia Lennon to serve as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. The compensation will be \$13.00 per hour and she will begin right away.

John Cucchi had been scheduled next but he called earlier to cancel.

At this point the audience was given an opportunity for comment.

Maureen Lord requested a copy of the minutes from the small recorder used to complete the meeting minutes.

It was explained that the device in use has no tape or current ability to copy except to play back so another recorder may record.

The Board will take this under advisement.

Next, Police Chief Richard Pratt presented with equipment for monitoring traffic count and speed. This equipment could be placed for short periods of time on all roads in Town. The data gathered would be used to show problem areas and aid in scheduling effective Police coverage and identify locations where a Voted Town Ordinance may be helpful to enforce the speed

limits. It was noted that posted speed limits below 35 MPH require a public hearing and a vote to become enforceable.

Seven days is recommended for an accurate study at each location.

This equipment and the plan to study the Town traffic issues received a favorable response from both the Board and the audience.

David reviewed the data that was recently compiled while working with Southwest Regional Planning on speed studies in two areas of Town. The data revealed a large percentage of cars exceeding the posted speed limits in these areas. Both areas have posted speed limits below 35 MPH.

The next topic was a continuation of a discussion from the previous meeting regarding the availability of the Administrative Assistant to the general Public.

The hours of availability will generally be Tuesday 9 AM -12 noon and 4 PM -7 PM

And Thursday 9 AM -12 noon. Other days or times will be by appointment for Board approved projects.

Next came a reconsideration of a Board vote to allow Gerry Jeffrey to use an approved weed killer such as "Roundup" to spray invasive plants on Town property. (Coltsfoot)

After researching the proper procedure it was discovered that a State License and certificate are required to do this on public property.

Maury then made a motion to reconsider the previous vote allowing the spraying to be done by Gerry Jeffrey.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by unanimous vote.

Next, David made a motion to rescind the previous vote allowing the spraying to be done by Gerry Jeffrey.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by unanimous vote.

A letter will be sent to Gerry Jeffrey.

The urgent need for sidewalk repairs at the Town Hall/Library was the next item discussed. With the election coming on Sept. 11th it was decided that a temporary repair would be made for now. Monday a small group will do the repair but research will continue toward creating two new, ADA accessible, walks.

David suggested that the Library Trustees and the Town Buildings committee be notified.

Design ideas should be discussed and quotes obtained.

The Board then discussed a rotation schedule for the Selectmen to be present at the elections. The day was divided into thirds with each member picking a time slot.

A new lock and key system was discussed as the hardware is nearly ready to go into the newly renovated Town Office Building.

Adding the Town Hall/Library would simplify the overall system and a log could be created to better identify the number of key holders and who they are. This would create a more secure and controlled system.

Maury made a motion to install a master key system with sub masters and to have Fairbanks Locksmith create this new system.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by unanimous vote.

There was a status report on the renovation at the Town Office. Things are moving along with a few minor issues.

One important element concerns the "Panic Button" security system. This is missing from the architect's plans and therefore it was not part of the bid.

This issue is currently being worked on and will require a dedicated phone line that will dial directly to mutual aid.

Susan brought up a request from Bert Wingerson to have the date on the Old Brick Schoolhouse corrected or painted over.

After a brief discussion David and Maury agreed to find a ladder that can reach and to get it painted.

There was then a brief discussion regarding the search for a new assessing company. David received a copy of the format used by the Town of Marlborough. This will be reviewed and then work will begin to create a Request for Proposal for the Town of Nelson.

Next, David reported on his visit with the Stankevichs to discuss a previous septic system issue. Work will begin to gather details of their case and to review the process used to render the previous decision.

David reported on a possible safety issue at the boat launch at Granite Lake. Swimming is allowed at the launch area and a notice is posted that people do so at their own risk. There was a brief discussion of this location as well as Center Pond. The big difference is no motorized boats launch at Center Pond therefore the risk is far less. No action was taken regarding either location. David suggested that a call to the insurance carrier and the State of NH Fish and Game would be in order.

Susan reminded everyone of the next Town Buildings Committee meeting to be held on September 20, 2012 in Munsonville at the Chapel by the Lake. Discussion followed about the process to bring the projects to the Town meeting in the form of separate warrant articles.

With all other business complete the Board moved to the completion of paperwork.

Susan made a motion to approve the manifest as presented.

David seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by unanimous vote.

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2012 meeting.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by unanimous vote.

David made a motion to approve the sealed minutes for the Non-Public session on August 29, 2012.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by roll call vote. Susan – Aye, Maury – Aye, David – Aye

The board read a letter from the BTLA acknowledging a complaint filed by Terry Mednick. Cross Country Appraisal Service is working on behalf of the Town to defend this issue.

There was a brief discussion on how to address the missing security system from the Architect's plans. It was decided that Edie will contact Rick Monahon to discuss the error.

With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel