

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 22, 2012

Executive Board Attending: Warren Hammack, Chair, Maury Collins, David Upton, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending: Dennis Dellagrecia, Terri Upton, Maureen Lord, Brian Lord, Richard Pratt, Sara Sandberg, Bert Wingerson, Edith Notman, Bud French, Bill Coutts, Rich Popovic, David Voymas

At 6:10 PM Maury made a motion to open the meeting, David seconded and with all in agreement Warren opened the meeting.

The first order of business was a request from John Shea to secure a 45 day loan in the amount of \$165,000.00 in anticipation of taxes.

Maury made a motion to allow John Shea to go ahead and secure a loan in the amount of \$165,000.00

Warren seconded

David questioned the need to do this.

It was explained that the school payment can't be made on time without this loan as the tax payments have not started to come in yet.

Edie noted that the loan is for 45 days only.

Maury then amended his motion to state that the loan be for 45 days.

David seconded

A vote of 3-0 carried the amendment.

This was followed by a vote on the amended motion.

The motion carried 3-0

Next Bill Coutts (Builder) presented a request on behalf of Bill Hollister at 302 Apple Hill for a building permit. This is for an "L" addition on the garage side of his house.

There was some discussion about the setback but it was noted that the house was already a non-conforming structure however according to Article 10:6.1 is allowed as long as the use is no less conforming.

Because the exact measurements were not on the plans presented, Bill said he would get the measurements and call the Board right back this evening.

Next Richard Pratt presented paperwork for a Grant to purchase a new Radio (value \$4000.00) which needs the signature of the Select Board Chair. Nelson qualified for one new radio due to size and population.

Next Chief Pratt requested a non-public session to discuss a legal matter concerning a citizen of Nelson.

Maury made a motion to go into Non-Public session. (This is in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c&e))

David seconded the motion.

Vote – Maury, Aye-David, Aye-Warren, Aye

Entered Non-Public session at 6:25 PM

At 6:40 PM the Board returned to Public Session.

Upon returning it was reported that the minutes of the Non-Public session were sealed by a unanimous vote prior to closing the session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Legal See attachment to these minutes.

Next Max Nunnemaker (applicant for the Sexton's position) came in to meet with Warren because he had not been present at the first interview. Another review of the position with Max gave the Board an opportunity for further discussion including some of the job details and the hours available for the current year. Max was thanked for coming in to meet again.

Warren agreed to meet with the other candidate for the position at 10:00 AM tomorrow.

Next David reported that he spoke to Max regarding the next meeting of the Library Trustees and the possibility of having a joint meeting with the Selectmen and the Municipal Records Board. He believes that meeting would be on Tuesday June 12, 2012 but will confirm with the Library Trustees and sure up the time.

Eddie suggested scheduling the meeting at the Town Hall to accommodate everyone and all agreed.

Next Warren informed everyone of his conversation with the DES on the Ingalls property. They sent him to the Wetlands division but that department wanted to know what is inside the property.

There was discussion of what the Town's liability is if they do not take the property.

There is a mess on the property and it is not known if there is hazardous waste.

The Town may be responsible to clean the property up whether they take it or not.

Dennis Dellagrecia said that he went by the property and he thinks if it is cleaned up then it has potential value enough for the Town to recover any loss.

Discussion continued as to what uses could be allowed for the property.

Chief Pratt said that there is no cost to the Town for the inmate labor and each trailer may bring in some money as scrap.

There was then discussion of which steps to take next. Taking the property and putting insurance on it, posting it, and cleaning it up seemed to be the direction that most agreed on.

Maury then made a motion to take the Property.

David Seconded.

A unanimous vote then carried the motion.

Terri Upton was then informed of the Board's decision.

Eddie was instructed to call LGC to cover the property under the Town's insurance as soon as the deed is recorded.

Arrangements will then be made to clean the property and post it.

There was then a brief discussion about the time of the parade on Sunday for the Memorial Day Festivities. Bert reported that there will be a bake and Hot dog sale going on that day as well which is put on by the youth group from the church. Warren said he would call Kathy Blaudschun to get the exact time.

Next Rich Popovic from the ZBA came to address the Board. He came in to review a building permit which had been denied to David Voymas by the Select Board due to Information David had presented to them. He was then sent to the ZBA. Rich reported that there was, in fact, no need for the ZBA since David was not applying for a commercial business. He meets the setbacks for home business (agriculture) therefore The ZBA suggested that David withdraw his application.

With the ZBA application withdrawn, David reapplied to the Select Board for the building permit. Warren made a motion to approve the building permit.

Maury seconded

The motion then carried by unanimous vote.

There was then discussion of the Mike Iselin building permit application that had been previously approved.

David reviewed what had happened when Mike submitted his application. While it appeared

that he had the proper setback it was discovered that the definition of street line meant that the setback actually fell short by 10 feet. This meant that Mike would need to apply to the ZBA for a variance.

Rich agreed with this conclusion and David stated that the Board should rescind and deny the building permit.

Warren made a motion to rescind the building permit granted to Mike Iselin.

David seconded

The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Just then Mike Iselin came in and he was informed of everything that had just happened. He was instructed that he needs to go to the ZBA to apply for a variance. He agreed and Rich said he would get the applications for Mike.

Next the mowing of the Ball field was reviewed. Bob Jones said he would put in a bid for mowing the ball field. There was discussion of some volunteer help to do some of the weed wacking.

Maureen volunteered to help do the weed wacking if Bob does the main mowing.

Discussion continued with several ideas offered but no firm decision.

There was a reminder about the DRA Training session for area Selectmen to be hosted by Nelson tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM. After a few moans and groans all three selectmen agreed to be there.

Warren asked just how much can be discussed at the hearing on Thursday other than the actual article.

Eddie explained that the hearing is for people to receive all the background information concerning the need for the article. Discussion that night will help people make an informed decision on the day of the Special Town meeting.

If they choose, in March, to rescind the Board as agents they may do so.

They would still have this "Emergency" meeting tool available in the future if a need should arise.

Warren reported on his email from David Drasba in which David indicated that the new "Plan C" would not work with the future renovation of the upstairs. This was discussed a bit more and all agreed to bring their questions to the hearing on Thursday.

In review David said that the budget issues along with the new plan are the main topics to be covered on Thursday.

Maureen opened discussion about the need to move to Harrisville. Many factors were discussed including the ongoing work of the Municipal Records Board, ADA access to the second floor, cost to prepare the Town Hall for use verses rent in Harrisville, loss of rental income, lack of security at the Town Hall. Concerns and ideas that had been presented at prior meeting came up for discussion. Everyone was heard and the Board concluded that all options would still be considered. With many factors still unknown no final decisions were made.

Next Terri Upton presented the pros and cons of training someone to replace her prior to the next election. She noted that there are mixed feelings of how best to make a smooth transition for the residents. She expressed her sense of responsibility to the Town to do everything to help with a smooth transition.

Terri informed the Board that Julia Lennon has expressed interest in learning more about the position.

Warren expressed concern that there is no guarantee that a trained person will then go on to be elected or even be asked to stay on by someone who has just been elected. He stated that he is not opposed to anything that would make for a smooth transition.

Warren suggested advertising now for a new deputy to begin on that path. Maury then suggested advertising in a formal manner and begin to go through the interview process. Warren thought that perhaps thinking about this for a week would help. Discussion went on for a bit with no immediate resolve.

David reported on a request from Barry Tolman to bring in a road side speed unit to deter speeding on the newly paved road. Discussion opened on this subject and included a reminder of previous use of a Road Side Speed unit which had been borrowed. The borrowed unit sustained damage while in use in Nelson and repair costs had to be covered by the Town. No action was taken.

Maureen Lord asked that the minutes of the March 8, 2012 meeting be corrected to show her request was to research the cost of Town Hall usage not raise the fee. She would like to know if the \$70.00 fee for the Monadnock Folklore Society covers the cost. This opened more discussion regarding the usage, fees and cost factors with regard to this group.

Paperwork was then presented for review and signing. Edie reported that the auditor's report for 2011 is now complete. Terry Mednick turned it in today to be sent to the DRA.

Next - Public Service of New Hampshire has asked the court for a reduction in tax on utility poles in several NH Towns. Nelson is on the list. They have offered to settle with these Towns, however, this will result in continued loss of revenue as such a settlement would advance forward into subsequent years. Several Towns are coming together to fight this. Cross Country Appraisal sent a letter asking if Nelson wants to join the suit against PSNH. Maury made a motion to join the lawsuit to stop PSNH in their move for reduced taxes. David seconded the motion. The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Bill Coutts took the final missing measurements for the Hollister project before the meeting was to close. With the plan now complete, Warren made a motion to approve the Hollister Building Permit. Maury seconded the motion. The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

After a bit of discussion Warren made a motion to have Terri Upton advertise for a deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Maury seconded the motion. The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Maury seconded the motion.
Motion carried by a vote of 3-0
Meeting Adjourned 9:42 PM.
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Warren Hammack, Chair

Maury Collins

David Upton