

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MAY 8, 2007

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

Present: Neal Huntoon and John Chiarella. Absent: Bob Anderson. In Bob's absence, Vice-Chairman Neal Huntoon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Ed Belfield and Tim Julian were also present for a portion of the meeting.

Minutes: The Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the April 24, 2007 minutes as written.

Police Department: Tim presented Jan. to Mar. Police Department Statistics.

Tim reported the Police Department is to receive a \$5,000 donation from a town resident for equipment for the Police Department. Tim proposes using the money toward a matching grant to update bullet proof vests and to update the department computers. The Board agreed this donation should be deposited in a treasurer's account, not as part of general revenue. A public meeting will be scheduled for May 22 to accept the donation.

Gateway Motors estimates delivery of the new cruiser the second week of June.

Officer Beaulieu is scheduled to attend the Police Academy in August.

New Business: John Chiarella discussed his proposal for a meeting minute policy. He recognized the RSA statue is being followed but would like a policy as a guide. The Board tabled this discussion.

Skateboard Park Update: Materials have been purchased, and the equipment is in the process of being built. John will pick up the pieces as they are built.

A letter will be sent to Lineberry Tennis/NE Recreational Surfaces regarding the fencing that was purchased in 2005. Suggestions were made for fencing along the skateboard park and along the front of the park. Measurements will be taken and sources of acquisition will be reviewed.

John reported he has put together information for signage and a skateboard park ordinance. The rules and regulations will need to be reviewed by town insurance and counsel. Neal moved to approve the proposed rules and ordinance subject to changes recommended by counsel, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

Website Policy: John reported he has started a draft for guidance regarding a website policy. The Board recognized the excellent job Brandt Denniston, Webmaster, is providing and continue to receive many favorable comments about the website. A policy

could be used to assist the webmaster in postings that may be submitted. The Board agreed the Selectmen should have the right to veto any proposed posting.

Safety: Darrin Patten stopped to meet with the Board. He reported for the third time State Police have come to his residence responding to a call on Route 114. The Board discussed the problem is since Route 114 was designated by the State, residents do not give correct address information when calling for assistance. Route 114 is made up of three road names, Grantham Road, Main Street, and New London Road. Residences may share the same number depending on their location. The Board has discussed renumbering in the past and began looking into this. Renumbering will involve remapping and public notification and hearings. The Board agreed to look into forming a group to work on this and compile information regarding associated costs.

Historical Society: Neal reported that Brad is digging up the asphalt drip line at the historical society and replacing the drainage material. This needs to be done before the clapboards are repaired and repainting is done.

Clean Up: Several youth under the direction of Pam Butcher spent their April vacation picking trash off George Hill, Philbrick Hill, Town Farm, Eastman Access, Old Grantham Road, and Bog Road. The Board agreed to send Pam & Company a thank you card with a certificate for an ice cream treat.

Cemetery: Charles Moore was appointed as a Cemetery Trustee. John stated he asked at a recent LGC meeting whether Frank Anderson could be appointed. Frank has been providing trustee services for quite some time as there have been no trustees for several years until now. Frank also works for the Town at the Cemetery. John stated the LGC told him it is not prohibited for a worker to be a Trustee. The Board discussed perhaps Frank could serve as a Trustee while recusing himself from any decisions relative to wages or items causing conflict. John will look into this further. Cemetery Trustee, Linda Welch will be attending a Cemetery Trustee Workshop soon.

Hazardous Household Waste Day: Contract for Hazardous Waste Day with Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Planning Commission approved and signed. Hazardous Waste Collection day will be August 18, 2007 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Sunapee Transfer Station.

Correspondence:

Request for use of town facilities approved.

Intent to Cut Timer approved for two properties.

Building Permit Applications reviewed and signed.

Miscellaneous Business:

The Board approved renting a chemical toilet for the recreation field.

Memorial Service for John Rego Perotta to be held Wednesday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m.
The Board voted to make a contribution to the scholarship fund established at Kearsarge High School for a culinary arts student, in John's memory.

FEMA informational meetings are being held in the area. Brad and Janet will be attending a meeting in Bristol on May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Meeting with the Selectmen from New London regarding the petition request for withdrawal from the New London Springfield Water Precinct has been rescheduled to May 29, 2007 at the Springfield Town Hall.

The Board reviewed a notice of an informational meeting at the BTLA scheduled for May 31.

Zoning Update: The Special Exception for George and Patricia Matarazzo off Four Corner's and Town Farm Roads was approved on May 2, 2007 with a vote of 3 to 1.

The Board reviewed report of safety measures the Kindergarten has in place. The Board discussed replacing the classroom door and agreed this should be done.

The Board returned to discussion regarding the meeting minute policy proposed by John. Neal indicated the RSA is being followed and does not create a need for a policy but agreed to post the policy at the office and on the website.

The Board voted to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts
Administrative Assistant

Springfield Meeting Minutes Policy:

1. Meeting Minutes are always available within the State mandated time frame
(These may not be typed and edited, but hand written raw notes. They may be available, in some cases, as soon as the day following the conclusion of the Board or Department Meeting of Record.)
2. The folder in the town hall will be updated as soon as typed and edited notes are available.
3. Meeting Minutes will be posted on our website: www.springfieldnh.net as soon as possible, and hopefully within a day of the typed version being available.
4. If the folder in the Town Office is not current please ask the staff for access to Meeting Minutes.
5. If a final copy of the meeting minutes that you have requested are not available you will be:
 - Given access as the document becomes available
 - Given an appointment to see the notes or document
 - Given access to the hand written notes from the meeting
 - Given access to the tape recording if available