

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**6:00 P.M.**

*The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting. Addendum: These minutes were amended 12/17/09. See changes on page 3.*

Present: Selectmen John Chiarella, Don Hill, and Dave Tucker, and Administrative Assistant Janet Roberts.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was scheduled early to provide time for the Board of Selectmen to meet with several departments regarding preliminary proposals for the 2010 budget.

Correspondence: Notice from the LGC regarding proposed increase of 6% for property-liability renewal for year three of the agreement period and 9% for Worker's Comp rates due to recent statutory changes, and associated claims costs.

E-mail report from Leigh Callaway regarding MBC meetings.

The Selectmen discussed the number of complaints/concerns being received at the Town Office regarding property taxes.

Signatures:

Timber Yield Assessments approved and signed.

Building Permits approved for Rollins and Verizon Wireless.

Rental agreement for use of Fire Station Meeting room approved.

LUCT Assessment approved and signed.

Tax Collector abatement approved and signed.

Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Sheets approved and signed for return to the DRA.

Board and Department Updates:

Selectmen discussed and plan on attending the Joint Board of Selectmen's meeting on December 3 at the Tracy Library.

The Zoning Board has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2009. An appeal of the Selectmen's approval for building permits for RSM @ Camp Sunapee has been filed.

The Conservation Commission has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 3. Dave plans on attending.

The Planning Board has a work session scheduled for Thursday, December 3, for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

At 6:45 p.m. the Board voted to enter into non-public session per RSA 91: A-3.

At 7:05 p.m. the Board voted to move out of non-public session.

Leigh Callaway met with the Board to discuss the timeline for School Board and Municipal Budget meetings.

The Selectmen discussed concerns being received regarding school funding. Education options were discussed. A motion was made by John and seconded by Dave for the Selectmen to put together a "schools committee" of residents that would be interested in evaluating education options for the town. The motion was unanimously approved.

Steve Cunningham, Republican candidate for the representative position replacing Anthony Maiola introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Cunningham resides in Croydon where he serves as the Health Officer, on the Board of Adjustment, and as a Ballot Clerk. Mr. Cunningham stated if elected, he expected a lot of input from municipal representatives.

Bob Baker met with the Board. Tom Duling, Code Enforcement Officer was also present: Bob reported his neighbor had received a Variance in 2007. Bob has a concern regarding encroachment of the neighbor's driveway onto his property, which is not in keeping with the conditions given at the time the Variance was approved. The Selectmen discussed the concerns According to a survey plan prepared at the time of the variance; there is a pin which cannot be found. Tom reported he has been to the site and has met with both parties. The neighbor is willing to remove the driveway fill if it is found to be on Mr. Baker's property. The Selectmen explained there are no steps that can be taken from the municipal level, given the unknown property line. The Selectmen recommended that Mr. Baker contact a surveyor.

Star Lake Properties: Todd Richardson, Pierre Bedard and Attorney Richard Uchida were present. The Selectmen received a copy of the Declaration of Covenants last week to review. John Chiarella had prepared a list of concerns he would like to see addressed before involving Town Counsel. Mr. Uchida reviewed the list and discussed the provisions in the Covenant. Mr. Uchida will make corrections and will submit a revised version for the Selectmen to review prior to consulting with town counsel.

#### Highway Budget Review:

The Board reviewed Brad's proposed operating budget for 2010. Brad discussed eliminating the weekly uniform rental, and offering an annual clothing purchase allowance. The Board would like some guidelines set before granting final approval of this. This will be looked into further. The Board reviewed other line items of the operating budget.

Brad indicated he has been researching new loaders, but does not have pricing information yet.

Dave questioned whether Brad would be putting in for a new salt shed this year. Brad indicated he would like to have the salt shed considered. John discussed there will be drainage work that needs to be done before the salt shed can be completed. Wetlands permits will be required. The project will need to be done in phases. The phases and estimated costs will need to be evaluated.

Cemetery Commission: Brad reported the Cemetery Commission is meeting to discuss their budget December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dave discussed with Brad plans to do stone repair. Brad reported he has some lumber from some logs that were removed from the cemetery and needs to get pricing on dimensional material to build a storage building at the cemetery.

Brad is anticipating a need for a new mower for the grounds and buildings for 2011 and the second mower at the cemetery should be replaced soon.

Police Department: Tim Julian met to discuss Police Department budget proposals. Tim reported the department is foregoing any raises this year due to economics. ~~He is proposing the addition of a part time officer.~~ Dave questioned if Tim had looked into the grant he spoke about. Tim reported there is a NH Traffic Safety grant available for in-car video cameras. He will be applying for.

Tim reported two bids received for the Explorer have fallen through. He has a bid for \$750.00. The Selectmen discussed and accepted the bid.

Minutes: The minutes of November 9, 2009 were unanimously approved as written.

Fire Department: Dallas Patten met to discuss Fire Department budget proposals. Dallas reported that the area HAZMAT Association has voted not to collect the \$2,000 dues again next year. He also indicated the request for fire vehicle fuel can probably be reduced. The Selectmen discussed new equipment needs with Dallas. It was agreed the new equipment line could be reduced.

Dallas reported the fire department will be doing some vehicle extraction training at the department.

James Yager: Jim Yager and George Johnson met with the Selectmen. Mr. Yager discussed a 5± acre parcel on George Hill Road. He questioned what the reasoning was for tax map changes that have taken place dating back to 1992 regarding the parcel in question. The selectmen explained that tax maps are not binding in terms of ownership and are updated based on supporting documentation. The Selectmen indicated they do not have jurisdiction to assign ownership of the lot in question. ~~until more definitive proof of ownership is determined.~~

Miscellaneous Business: The Selectmen indicated their desire to hold the line or reduce the operating budget as much as possible, given the increased fixed costs of items such as health insurance 16.4%, retirement contributions (from State formula change), liability and workmen's comp policies. The Selectmen will continue to review employee benefits and may be required to review the need for employee contributions toward insurance costs.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,  
Administrative Assistant