

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

OCTOBER 25, 2010

MEMORIAL BUILDING

6:45 P.M.

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

Present: Chairman, John Chiarella, Don Hill and Leigh Callaway.

At 6:50 p.m. the Selectmen voted to enter into non-public session per RSA 91:AI (c) relative to delinquent property taxes. At 7:10 p.m. the Selectmen unanimously voted to seal the non-public minutes and to move into public session.

Also Present: Police Chief, Tim Julian, Tom Duling, Bill Huntoon, Justin Hastings, and Bryan O'Day.

Capitol Alarms: Roger Laro, Vice-President, met with the Selectmen. Issues relative to notification of trouble signals and alarms were discussed. Protocol and call lists were reviewed. The Selectmen will develop new protocol and notification lists. Currently two central dispatch stations monitor the alarms. John moved to authorize transferring the alarms to one central dispatching service, seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Public Comments: None heard.

Old Business:

John reported the roof at the historical museum has been replaced. Bill Huntoon noted that he still needs to fix some trim, do some touch up painting, and install the louvers.

Minutes of October 11, 2010 were unanimously approved as written.

Uniforms: Review of proposed list of clothing for highway department employees. Selectmen discussed purchase versus continuing with uniform service. The initial purchase results in a 66% savings. John moved to allow no more than \$500.00 each for the minimum amount of clothing requested, with said amount to include any personalization. The initial purchase will be evaluated in 9 months. The motion was seconded by Don and unanimously approved. The Selectmen agreed Brad would manage the purchasing. Each employee will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining their own clothing.

Jack O'Lantern Park: Don clarified that setbacks for individual outbuildings in the park are from the park property lines and not the property line of individual sites within the park. There was no update regarding the mobile home status.

Highway drainage: John noted the drainage worked well during the recent heavy rains. Brad is working on grading roads and other priorities before winter.

Library: Steve is in the process of installing the new flooring. It looks great.

Jones Hill LLC: Tom Duling met with Mr. Brunelle. Discrepancies in the sketch have been corrected and the building permit appears to be in order. The Selectmen approved and signed the building permit application.

Board and Department Updates:

Zoning Board: John reported the Zoning Board denied a Variance for Tucker on Route 4A.

Planning Board: Don reported the Planning Board reviewed a couple of small, straight-forward subdivision proposals in consultation. Small changes in the zoning regulations were discussed. John Trachy presented a proposal for a lighting ordinance to the Planning Board.

Fire Department: John Chiarella noted department members are working on equipment and training.

Conservation Commission: Don noted the Department of Environmental Services; in their rule-making are proposing provisions for local conservation commissions to act as a sub-chapter of the DES. This will require all wetlands approvals to be reviewed by a local conservation commission prior to DES review. Wetlands applications and shoreland protection standards were discussed. John Chiarella noted he has received citizen input that the Town needs to have a person who can approve or disapprove storm water, drainage, driveway location, and culvert requirements.

New Business:

Transfer Station: John reported the transfer station manager has spoken to him asking for Springfield to consider using the transfer station hang tag system that Sunapee uses. The tags would then only require renewal every 3 years. The Selectmen were in agreement. This change will not be effective until October 2011.

Discussion followed regarding using these tags at the beach. Residents complain there is not enough parking at the beach due to unauthorized use. Discussion regarding a beach ordinance and enforcement followed.

Insurance: The Selectmen reviewed the contracts for Property-Liability, Worker's Comp and Health Insurance coverage. The multi-year rate guarantee program was reviewed. Contracts were reviewed, approved, and signed.

New London Ambulance: Budget requests for 2011 for the New London Hospital Ambulance Service were reviewed. Coverage and apportionment of costs were discussed.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence from Jessie Levine, New London Town Administrator regarding a joint meeting with towns that use NLAS. Discussion followed regarding participation in a study to identify the best options to meet the emergency ambulance needs of

the communities. The Selectmen were in favor of a joint meeting. They will seek further information as to how costs of the study will be apportioned to each town.

Discussion with Tim Julian regarding e-mailed pictures. Selectmen agreed the cell phones should have this capacity for emergency situations. Tim will speak to the cell phone carrier regarding coverage.

Security protocol was discussed. The Selectmen approved the installation of a new lock for the classroom.

Selectmen agreed the town hall should close after the holiday bazaar on November 13th.

Correspondence:

Notice of upcoming broadband forums Tuesday, November 2, 6-8 pm in Claremont, and Thursday November 18 5-7 pm in Sunapee.

CD from LGC regarding 2010 wage & benefit survey.

Signatures:

Purchase order highway: John Chiarella discussed the purchase of a walk behind leaf blower for the highway department for cleaning ditches. Discussion followed regarding cost savings of time, equipment, and materials using a blower to clean ditches versus removing them with the grader or backhoe. The leaf blower purchase was approved and the purchase order signed.

Current use application for Cross approved. During an audit of properties in current use, it was determined the property has been receiving a current use credit for a number of years. However, a recording at the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds could not be found. The Selectmen signed the document to be recorded.

Timber Yield Assessments reviewed and approved.

Miscellaneous Business:

The Selectmen noted the meeting for department heads for Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

John noted wages for the planning/zoning administrative assistant needs to be reviewed as was promised at the hire date.

Selectmen will review employee evaluations and discuss recommendations at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Roberts, Administrative Assistant