

Selectmen's Meeting
01/25/10

Chairman Kathleen M. Maloney called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were: Kathleen M. Maloney, Harry C. Merrow, E. Morton Leavitt and Martha B. Eldridge, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

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Maloney made a motion to approve the minutes of 1-11-10. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Permit to use the gym by Tractor Supply Company to conduct a mass hire (Job Fair) was presented for review to be held from 2/17/10 – 2/19/10 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Maloney made a motion to approve this permit. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Permit to use the gym by Ossipee Old Home Week Committee to hold the Pot of Gold Penny Sale was presented for review to be used on 3/13/10 from 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM. Maloney made a motion to approve this permit. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Permit to use the gym and kitchen by Ossipee Main Street Program was presented for review to hold the annual Economic Expo on 3/20/10 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. They will be using the gym on March 19th for set up. Maloney made a motion to approve this permit. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Permit to use the gym and kitchen by Ossipee Main Street & Ossipee Concerned Citizens was presented for review to hold a Cook-off on 2/27/10 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Maloney made a motion to approve this permit. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Permit to use the gym and kitchen by Carroll County RSVP was presented for review to hold a Penny Sale on 4/24/10 from 3:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Maloney made a motion to approve this permit. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter informing them that the Carroll County and Vicinity (VNA-Hospice) and the Community Health and Hospice located in Laconia (CH&H) are planning to merge their operations. This is being done so that the two organizations can continue to provide high quality services to the communities they now serve. This notification will be posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board for viewing.

The Board received a copy of an Application for Minimum Impact Agriculture Project for the construction of a waste storage facility.

The Board received the “Animal Shelter Service Agreement” for 2010 for review and signatures. Maloney made a motion to accept this agreement and sign it. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An abatement request was received from the Town of Ossipee Map 8 Lot 24 in the amount of \$202.00 +. The property was deeded to a new owner. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this request. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An abatement request was received from the Town of Ossipee Map 4 Lot 146 in the amount of \$366.00 +. The property was deeded to a new owner. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this request. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Town of Ossipee's Application for Assistance was submitted with an additional statement added to the application. "The Town of Ossipee provides heating fuel assistance from November 1st through March 31st. Maloney made a motion to add this additional statement to the application. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Land Use Change Tax application was received from John W. Jeddrey, Jr. to remove .057 acres from Current Use. The tax amount is \$10.00. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this application. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for Land Use Change was received from Linda M. White. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this application. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of the invoice being sent to the State of NH DES for reimbursement for the site testing at the park property.

The Board received a contract from Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC for the assessing to be done in 2010. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Town received a complaint from Christine White in reference to snow and sand being plowed onto her house. After a short discussion it was determined that the house sits in the right of way and a new truck driver has this route and once he gets used to the route he will be instructed to be a little more careful in this area.

An Intent to Cut was received from John A. Francis to cut 20-acres of a 27-acre parcel of land located on Briggs Rd. Map 39 Lot 32. The logger listed is Donald R. Winslow. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received from John Jeddrey to cut seven (7) acres of a one hundred and six (106) acre parcel of land located on Polly Crossing Rd. Map 18 Lot 56. The logger listed is Garland Lumber Co. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$748.77 was received and reviewed. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Police Department Budget was re-submitted to the Board for approval in the amount of \$801,407.00. The increase in the budget was due to receiving the amount of increase in the retirement expense in time to change it. Usually this amount is not received in time to be added to the budget prior to Town Meeting. Maloney made a motion to approve this amount. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Government Buildings Budget was re-submitted to the Board for approval in the amount of \$146,980.00. The decrease in the budget was due to putting the cleaning out to bid. Maki Floor Cleaning was the low bidder. The contract ended up being re-negotiated and the cost was much less. Maloney made a motion to approve this amount. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

At 4:30 Brian and April Johns, Medstar's Operation Manager, came in to update the Board on the status of the ambulance service. Johns reported that the building is being upgraded, some construction to be done in the Spring, training classes are being held at 215 Moultonville Rd., they are in the process of negotiating to have a second building located at 75 Main St. He reported that they have nine (9) ambulances and five (5) are in-service at this time. The others are being repaired or upgraded at this time, the vehicles are all staffed, they now have 24-hour paramedics coverage, and they have a staff of 18 to 22 people. He thanked the Board for their time. Merrow asked if they intended to bid on the new contract. Johns said they are.

Merrow and Mark McConkey, State Representative discussed the lake elevation at great length. They are working with the State to have the recorded lake level changed. They have been able to come up with documentation to help prove that the lake level is not right at this time.

Brad reported that he and Peter Waugh would be getting the application for a grant for work to be done at the walkways at Constitution Park in the mail this week.

Maloney stated that the Highway did a great job during this last storm.

Maloney asked Harriman if the roof over the bins is scheduled for next year. Harriman said yes. She also stated that they are doing a great job at the Recycling/Solid Waste facility.

Leavitt asked about the grant application for the treatment of milfoil. Elizabeth Gillette stated that she thinks the Town should apply for this grant even though the grant is for pulling the milfoil vs. chemical treatment. It was agreed that the \$5,000.00 in the warrant article could be used as a match. Leavitt made a motion to apply for the grant. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Gillette stated that the Ossipee Lake Alliance would help with the application.

Merrow stated that the Town has tried pulling the milfoil and it did not appear to be successful. Gillette stated that they would need \$5,000.00 for pulling and \$5,000.00 for the chemical treatment. Merrow stated that when this first became an issue, the State was supposed to pay half of the cost, the Town twenty-five percent of the cost, and the property owners are supposed to pay the other twenty-five percent. So far he is not aware of anyone paying other than the towns.

Maloney introduced Leona Simons, Chairman of the Ossipee Energy Committee. Simons stated that she and Roger terKuile attended a seminar last week in Portsmouth on energy efficiency. Simons told the Board of an EECGB grant that is available and she thinks the Town should apply. Harriman stated that the first step is a letter of intent and that this has already been done. Simons requested the Board add a warrant article in the amount of \$500.00 per town owned building for the cost of an energy audit. Merrow stated that until the warrant articles are reviewed no judgment would be made.

The Board agreed on a date for the public hearing to discuss the survey of merging the fire departments. The meeting will be on Feb. 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Merrow stated that before the warrant articles are discussed or voted on he wants people to know that the town has worked diligently on the budgets. The

Town operating budget is down and the expenditures for last year were kept down. Any excess funds can be applied to the town's surplus.

The first article was to raise \$350,000.00 for road repair and improvement. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The second article was to raise \$20,000.00 for equipment, repairs and improvements to Town Recreation Facilities. Maloney made a motion to hold this article until the end. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The third article was to raise \$30,000.00 to add to the Highway Depts. Equipment Capital Reserve acct. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The fourth article was to raise \$20,000.00 to add to the Highway Depts. Building Capital Reserve Acct. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The fifth article was to raise \$30,000.00 and establish an Expendable Trust Fund for future bridge repair. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The sixth article was to raise 63,270.00 for the purpose of paying a year's payment on the Ossipee Water System bond. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The seventh article was to request permission to use \$50,000.00 from surplus to establish an Expendable Trust Acct. for the purpose of improving the land and buildings at One Moultonville Rd. Merrow made a motion to recommend this article. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The eighth article was to raise \$3,500.00 to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Acct. for the purpose of purchasing fire apparatus for the Forest Fire Warden's Department. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The ninth article was to raise \$6,500.00 for the local Main St. Program. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The tenth article was to raise \$69,890.00 for the reconstruction of Chapel Rd. Bridge. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded.

Harriman stated that they already have \$44,500.00 encumbered for this project. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The eleventh article was to raise \$10,000.00 to be added to the Benefit Pay Capital Reserve acct. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. Leavitt asked what this account is for. Merrow explained that it is funds that can be used if someone retires and the funds in the operating budget will not cover his benefit package. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The twelfth article was to raise \$148,376.00 for the purchase of a new plow truck. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The thirteenth article was to raise \$78,000.00 for the purpose of completing the revaluation. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The fourteenth article was to raise \$5,000.00 for the treatment of milfoil. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The fifteenth article was to raise \$32,301.00 (principle) and \$10,767.00 (interest) for the purchase of a new cruiser. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The sixteenth article was to raise \$1,700.00 for authorizing the expenditure of a grant for erosion control at Duncan Lake. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The seventeenth article was to raise \$500.00 for authorizing the expenditure of a grant for erosion control. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The eighteenth article was to raise \$32,000.00 for authorizing the expenditure of a grant for funding programs for teens. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The nineteenth article was to raise \$10,100.00 for authorizing the expenditure of a grant for repairs and improvements to the elevated walkways on the hiking trails at Constitution Park. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. Leavitt asked if these trails are used much. Merrow said yes, but some of the repair is because of vandalism. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The twentieth article was to raise \$25,000.00 for authorizing the expenditure of a grant for the purpose of purchasing additional equipment for the skate-park. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The twenty-first article was to declare South Shore Rd. an emergency way. Merrow explained that in order to do repair work to this road, it must be declared an emergency way. Merrow made a motion to recommend this article. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The twenty-second article was to raise \$2,700.00 for the purchase of new computer equipment. Funds will also need to be withdrawn from the Expendable Trust Acct. for the purchase. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The twenty-third article was to raise \$6,016 for the purpose of adding signage to five locations (Entering Ossipee). Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. Leavitt did not agree with this article. The motion carried. 2-1

The twenty-fourth article was to raise \$48,000.00 for repairs and improvements to town owned buildings. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The twenty-fifth article was to raise \$5,500.00 for upgrading the computers and installing the new tax maps. Maloney made a motion to recommend. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The twenty-sixth article was to allow citizens to vote on an amendment to the NH Constitution that defines "marriage". Maloney made a motion to deny this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 0-3

The twenty-seventh article was to raise \$3,000.00 for the purpose of doing an archeology study. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The twenty-eighth article was to raise \$20,000.00 for repair to the Dan Hole Pond gate. Maloney made a motion to recommend this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 3-0

The Board needs to contact the mapping firm and set a date to meet with them.

Maloney reported that there are positions still available for the upcoming election.

Merrow stated that they have until 5:00 PM on Friday the 29th to sign up.

Being no further business the Public Input portion of the meeting was opened.

Chester “Skee” Kwiatkowski asked what they are going to do about the second article that they wanted to hold. Maloney made a motion to approve this article. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Being no further public input Merrow made a motion to adjourn. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 6:32 PM

Kathleen M. Maloney, Chairman

Harry C. Merrow

E. Morton Leavitt

To be approved 2/01/10