

Selectmen's Meeting

02/01/10

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 1-25-10. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log for Jan. 2010 was received in the amount of \$1,346.95.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from Ossipee Main Street to hold various events on Feb. 14, 2010. The application needs to be circulated to other departments for approval.

Two weeks for Highway Department Work logs were received for the week of 1-17 and 1/24/10.

The Board received an email from Bob Gillette, Chairman of the Whittier Bridge Committee stating that the committee voted to go forward with the bridge repair. Maloney made a motion to authorize the issuance of the RFQ for the Whittier Covered Bridge restoration project.

The Board received a memo from Dayna Rousseau informing them to pick a date to meet with the mapping company to schedule the Mapping Project Debriefing. The Board agreed to meet on 2-08-10 at 1:30 pm.

A Use of Facility Permit to use the upstairs meeting room by the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct training the census workers was presented for review to be held from 2/23, 2/26, 3/01, & 3/05/10 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Maloney made a motion to approve this permit. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$218.18 was received and reviewed. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for an elderly exemption was received from 50B Chapel Rd. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this application. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from Henry Gelinas & Gary Martischnig to hold Pow Wow events on July 3 & 4, Aug. 7 & 8, Sept. 18 & 19, Oct. 16 & 17, and a Concert on Aug. 28, 2010. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this application. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A copy of a letter of deficiency to George Zavas, 455 Route 16 for the Public Water System was received.

The Board received a notice from the Planning Board of a public hearing scheduled for 2/16/10 for a site plan review for property located a 6 Folsom Rd. Map 48 Lot 30.

Leavitt stated that he is changing his vote on the article in reference to the definition of “marriage”. He is in favor of supporting this article.

Leavitt stated that he had been asked why he did not support the article for the new signage at the entrances to Ossipee. He stated that at this time with the state of the economy, he feels we can do without them at this time.

Merrow stated that with the budget being less than last year's, he felt it is a good time to get the signs.

Merrow stated that he is against the article in reference to the definition of "marriage" because once the Constitution is opened for a change there is no telling what other changes could or would be made.

Maloney stated that she is still in favor of the new signage and that she would not support the article in reference to changing the definition of "marriage" in the Constitution.

Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk, met with the Board to draw names for the order of names on the ballot. For Selectmen Kathleen Maloney's name will be placed at the top and Richard Morgan on the bottom.

For the position of Budget Committee Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski will be placed on the top and Alice Jane terKuile on the bottom.

Skehan asked the Board if the date of March 1, 2010 at 6:30 PM would be okay to hold the candidates night. They all agreed with this date and time.

Maloney asked if any positions had no one sign up. Skehan said the ZBA does not have a candidate. She stated that someone could run as a write-in.

Maloney stated that she was surprised and disappointed that with over a \$400,000.00 budget for the West Ossipee Fire Precinct, that only 18 people voted and that approximately 7 were not firemen. She would like to have seen more participation in town affairs.

Merrow quoted President Abe Lincoln "that the people get what they deserve".

Maloney stated that the Old Home Week Committee would be meeting on Wed. the 3rd at the Main Street Office. She stated that they are in need of more volunteers. At the present time they have only 4 members.

Merrow stated that the Ossipee Lake Elevation is still being worked on. He and Mark McConkey met with the State last week; they will be meeting with Freedom and Effingham this week. NH DES will be allowing 407.25 to be used for the permitting process at this time.

A Committee to work on the Reverse 911 system was appointed. At this time Eldridge was asked to contact the following people to see if they will serve on the committee: Dayna Rousseau, Roland Millette, Brad Harriman, & Kathleen Maloney, & David Senecal.

Merrow stated that at the Budget Meeting last week one of the members suggested that they pay for the police cruiser with cash and not finance it. Merrow stated that he thinks at this time this is a good idea. Merrow made a motion to raise \$32,301.00 for the purchase of a police cruiser. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board numbered the warrant articles and selected the ones they would speak on.

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

Larissa Mulkern, of the Carroll County Independent, asked Merrow what the reference points they are going to be looking at in reference to the lake level.

Merrow responded by telling her, the Marina at the end of Pequawket Trail, two springs, graves, and any other points that can be found from information given to him.

Joe Deighan asked the Board of Selectmen if he can use the billboards that were approved by them a couple of weeks ago as one. Only one ft. difference is between the two boards. The Board all agreed to allow this.

Elizabeth Gillette stated that there would be a meeting in reference to milfoil at Sammy's Restaurant on Feb. 13, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

Gillette also informed the Board that the due date for the matching grant to treat milfoil has been changed from 2-19 to 3-15-10. Gillette asked that the Board join forces with Freedom and Effingham in applying for this grant. It would be helpful to show the towns joining forces. Merrow said he would not support this until he has seen a plan. He stated no plan, no money. Maloney stated that she thinks we should wait until the meeting being held on 2-13 is held.

Renee Hulitar, resident of Pork Hill Rd. came in and submitted a petition requesting that Time Warner to expediently provide high-speed internet and cable TV, as contracted by the Town of Ossipee for those who are presently without these services. The Board agreed to review the cable contract.

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked if the milfoil would be treated at the 407 or 410 level. Gillette stated that they apply treatment 50 ft. from the shoreline.

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

Adjourned at 5:30 PM

Kathleen M. Maloney, Chairman

Harry C. Merrow

E. Morton Leavitt

To be approved 2/08/10