

Selectmen's Meeting

06/14/10

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

Maloney made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2010. Leavitt seconded. The motion carried.

Merrow made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2010. Leavitt seconded. The motion carried.

Merrow stated that they had received a notice from the EPA announcing ten million dollars available for Communities to Combat Climate Change. Merrow suggested they hold this until public input when Leona Simons would be speaking to this notice.

The Board received a notice from the Department of the Army, New England District Corps of Engineers informing them that based on the information provided to them they have determined that the Dept. of Army permit is not required for the work described for the Safe Routes to School Project.

The Work-log from the Highway Department for the week ending 06-10-10 was received.

The Board received a notice of a Public Hearing to be held in Sandwich on July 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM to discuss an application to install a wireless service facility (cell tower).

The Board received a notice from the Bluffs Association informing them of a notice from DES Wetlands Bureau granting permission to rake the beach area. Leavitt stated that this cleanup is done annually. Merrow made a motion to agree with DES and allow the Bluffs to go forward with this cleanup. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the monthly report from Medstar EMS., Inc.

A Cemetery Deed to Rene Bourgault for Lot # 67 Plot A at the Grant Hill Cemetery was submitted for signature. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this deed. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Merrow made a motion to sign a request to the Trustees of Trust Funds to issue a check to the Town of Ossipee in the amount of \$2,986.80 from the (Benefit Pay Capital Reserve Acct.) Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Merrow made a motion to sign a form from the Dept. of Revenue Administration stating that we do not use the PA-28 Inventory of Taxable Form at this time. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Merrow made a motion to sign "Acknowledgment of Nonstandard Addressing" form from the State of NH Dept. of Safety. This is a list of identified areas of concern for addressing within the community. Leavitt seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for an abatement was received from Paul Wels Map 130 Lot 12 – 26. After review of the documentation received, the assessor recommended approval of this application. The trailer was moved and the Town was not notified until after the last tax bill was mailed. Merrow made a motion to approve this application. Leavitt seconded.

Merrow reported that NH the Beautiful gave grant money to help purchase the two balers at the recycling center in Ossipee. They have requested that the town displays the decals on the compactors and they would like to do a photo check presentation at a later date.

Merrow stated that the Board will be holding a workshop session at a later date to discuss the building permit fees.

Merrow asked if Eldridge had heard anything from Aquatic Control Technology in reference to the milfoil treatment. She said no.

A discussion took place regarding the treatment of milfoil. The question is whether or not is it too late to try to have the chemical treatment done this year. The Board stated that they would not agree to this treatment until the property owners abutting the areas of treatment have been contacted and given their approval. Leavitt agreed to talk with Aquatic Control Technology tomorrow.

Merrow reported that they have notified White Mountain Survey that before the next sidewalks are installed an archeology study needs to be done on the property. Approximately 20 – 25 digs have to be done to verify whether or not Indian artifacts exist on this property.

Kellie Skehan met with the Board and asked permission to add fill and fencing around the area at Constitution Park where a memorial to her husband Joe Skehan is displayed. Maloney made a motion to approve this request. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Leona Simons stated that she has very little knowledge of the EPA grant that is available from the Federal Government. She agreed to look into this grant.

Merrow asked about the status of the walkway repair work. Harriman stated that some the posts are ready to be installed.

Merrow reported that he and some state workers will be touring the Lake in order to help determine the water level.

Merrow announced that Yvonne Fisher was chosen as the “Employee of the Year” for 2009.

Maloney stated that she received a letter from the American Red Cross encouraging people to take the time to make blood donations.

Maloney reported that at the NRRA conference it was found that NH recycling efforts are at a standstill at this time.

Maloney received a letter from Adam Riley requesting that cable be installed on Rte. 171 for many reasons. Maloney agreed to work on this with the cable company.

Harriman stated that the “New Hampshire Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Agreement” has been received from the Office of State Planning. In order to go forward the agreement needs to be read, reviewed and signed. Merrow made a motion to give Martha Eldridge and Brad Harriman the authority to sign the agreement in the necessary places. A copy will be given to the Board for their review prior to any signatures being made.

The Public Input session of the meeting was opened.

Leona Simons stated that the Energy Committee has had very poor attendance to the meeting and she asked that the committee be dissolved. Maloney stated that she had attended some of the meetings and no one even had an agenda. She left. Merrow asked who the chairman is. Simons said she is. The Board did not agree with dissolving the committee at this time and asked Eldridge to write a letter to the members and see what their intentions are. Simons was asked to gather the information she has and get it to Eldridge.

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski stated that he was under the impression that the sidewalks have already been approved. He asked why the State is going backwards. Merrow stated that they can do whatever they want.

Merrow stated that as an example, the State made all the people on South Shore Rd. remove their docks. A property owner applied for a dock and was granted permission to go ahead.

Elizabeth Gillette and the Board discussed option available for the treatment of the milfoil for this year. The Board agreed to the pulling that is scheduled to be done by Cliff Cabral. Merrow stated that if they receive any objections they would go ahead with the chemical treatment. Leavitt stated that he is going to get in touch with Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. tomorrow to see what can be done for this year.

Kevin Houle asked when the lake tour is taking place. Merrow said on 6-22-10.

Houle suggested that the Town Hall be closed two days a week. He stated that we should only be open Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. He stated that he saw highway employees window shopping at Tractor Supply. He thinks it is time to lay off some employees. Harriman explained why the employees were at Tractor Supply. He thinks other areas get fewer benefits than Ossipee. Houle stated that he is not paying his taxes until cable is installed on Rte. 171.

Leavitt responded that from what he observes, the employees are normally pretty busy. He does not feel that the town is over-staffed.

Houle stated that he thinks it about time the two boys (referring to Merrow and Leavitt) need to get cable on Rte. 171. Merrow stated that Maloney will be working with the cable company regarding this.

Being no further public input, Merrow made a motion to recess for a non-public session. Leavitt seconded. The motion carried. Merrow polled the Board to go into a non-public session. Leavitt voted yes. Maloney voted yes. Merrow voted yes. Recessed at 5:15 P. M. The Board adjourned from the non-public session at 5:35 P. M.

Harry C. Merrow, Chairman

E. Morton Leavitt

Kathleen M. Maloney

To be approved 6/21/10