

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 9, 2007

6:30 – Town Hall

Chairman Jan Stuart moved to open the meeting at 6:35pm.

Present: Board of Selectmen – Jan Stuart, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Jack O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant – Beatrice Marconi, Building Inspector – Charlie Smart, Mike Goot of Fosters Daily Democrat, Gail & Jack Pare, Peg Lamson, Lorna Watson, Dick and Marie Rines, and friends and family of the Jack Mazeau.

The meeting opened up with kind words from Chairman Jan Stuart in remembering John, 'Jack' Mazeau who died July 2, 2000. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. A plaque was placed in his memory between the two flags on the lawn of Town Hall. Speaking on his past accomplishments, love for the community and country was Selectman O'Reilly, Peg Lamson, Gail Pare and son Mike Mazeau. Mr. Mazeau was a Pearl Harbor Survivor. At the end of the dedication, the meeting resumed in the DeRochmont Room.

Present: Board of Selectmen, Administrative Assistant, Building Inspector, Gail Pare of the HDC, Greg Harvelle of Wilcox Industries, Mr. Richard Talbout and Vaughan Richardson of Westinghouse, John Frink, Rick & Doreen Stern and Mike Goot of Fosters.

Wilcox Industries Request for Temp. Storage of Soil on Town Land

After a presentation from Mr. Harvelle of Wilcox Industries on the request of storing some soil on town owned property for approx. 8 weeks, *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve their request for temporary storage of soil followed by a second from Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion carried 3-0*

Westinghouse Request for Installation of Pole and Street Light within Town R.O.W.

After a presentation from Mr. Richard Talbout and Vaughan Richardson of Westinghouse, *Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve their request for pole and street light placement within the Town's R.O.W. at Shattuck/Avery followed by a second from Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion carried 3-0.* Safety and visibility were the issues at hand. Charlie Smart added that this may be a situation we will visit again until the visibility problem is solved. Mr. Richardson added that any glare concerns should not be an issue for truckers. The light will be metered through Westinghouse and no local permits were needed. Selectman suggested the Town place pedestrian crosswalk signs if needed.

Parking Lot Owned by PSNH

Selectman Iocovozzi mentioned that there is an area there where a dirt strip is crossed to access the road, which should be a grass strip. He'll address this at another time as it is hurting the road. Mr. Talbout talked about the road settling that seems to be an issue. Selectman Iocovozzi said that it should be dug up to see what the problem is as we don't know if there is drainage or what. Chairman Stuart thought we should check on it from time to time.

Mott Pond Discussion

Chairman Stuart spoke of the heavy stench emanating from the pond. John Frink stated that the grate and cement around the boards should be replaced as it is in such deplorable shape at the present time. John suggested the pond be drained and the bottom cleaned to be rid of the algae. He mentioned floating pumps that generate oxygen to keep the water in a healthier state. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that a capital reserve fund had been established to address the culvert and road issues however perhaps that water integrity should be an element to consider as well. Selectman O'Reilly suggested we contact the UNH extension service as perhaps they may have staffing to assist us in analyzing our problem. Charlie Smart added that not only should we check the integrity

of the water but look at the damage the flooding did as well – maybe even consider a dry hydrant. Charlie will get some information on ponds both general and from Altus Engineering and pass it along to the Board. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that we will have time to build our capital reserve account and do the project right.

Junk Yard Violation

Both Chairman Stuart and Selectman O'Reilly hoped to proceed with seeking legal advice while Selectman Iocovozzi felt that quality of life issues work both ways. He said an engineer should be present to determine any problems with the septic. After much discussion between the Board and Code Enforcement Officer, *Selectman O'Reilly moved to go into non public at 7:32pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation - seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0.*

At 7:45pm, Selectman O'Reilly moved to come out of non public – seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi, roll call motion passed 3-0. Selectman Iocovozzi moved to seal. Seconded by Selectman O'Reilly and on a roll call vote, motion passed 3-0. No votes taken.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to have our Code Enforcement Officer to consult with an attorney to bring advice back to the Board after reviewing the situation. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and motion passed 3-0. Attorney Mulvey was recommended.

Local Government Center – Workman's Comp Proposal

After analyzing the LGC's offering of a Workman's comp program through them, the Board still had questions on the Steven's Driving Certificate program and whether or not it was a mandate. Chairman Stuart will review the offering and weigh whether the change would be beneficial or not.

Special Event's Permit

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the road race Sept 3 events at Pease and to donate check of \$ 25.00 application fee back to the St Charles Children's Home on behalf of the Town. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Land Use Tax Change Abatement Request

Tide Creek Realty Investments/Khalsa filed an application request for relief from the Land Use Tax Change for land known as 23/08-3 7.11 acres on Little Bay Road. At the advice of Town Counsel, *Selectman O'Reilly moved to table followed by a second from Selectman Iocovozzi.* With an offer from our Conservation Commission for an easement to the PDA in their interest to purchase this site, the Town was advised to table for the time being. *Motion passed 3-0.*

Shattuck Way/Nimble Hill Turn Over from the State to the Town of Newington

Rick Stern mentioned that he felt this move will be extremely expensive to the Town and will forward his concerns in writing. A site walk from the Pease gate to just past Rockingham Electric is scheduled for July 14. Meet at Town Hall at 10:00. The Engineer from the State (Ralph Sanderson), the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, Len Thomas our Road Agent, Planner Tom Morgan and the Selectmen are anticipated to participate. A cruiser will accompany. *(Tom will bring the Donuts and Coffee.)* A public hearing is slated for July 23 to discuss the classification of these two throughways the State is turning over to the Town.

Brickyard and Gundalow Bidding Packet

Selectman O'Reilly moved to authorize the Chairman to sign necessary Altus Engineering documents to proceed with this project. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Town Facility Use Applications:

Yoga Tues 5:30-6:30 and Fri 9:am-10-am OTH thru Sept – Rec Sponsored

Great Bay Wildlife Ref – July 19 - 10am-Noon – Town Hall Audi – Jim Reynolds

NH DOT- Town Hall Audi - 6pm- 10pm – Transportation Meeting – Advisory Task Force July 26

OTH 2nd fl – 10am-6pm – Bridal Shower – Hislop – August 26 – Paid

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the above requests and waive fee on the first 3. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Corcoran Contract

Selectman O'Reilly moved to sign the Corcoran Assessing contract for 2007 in the amount of \$ 56,000. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0

Highway Garage Engineering Contract

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the Altus Engineering contract for the Highway Garage comprising of Task I and Task II not to exceed \$ 20,000. Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi with motion passing 3-0. Selectman Iocovozzi moved to authorize the chair to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the Board. Selectman O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0

New Business

Transfer Station schedule – The Selectmen discussed the problem at the Transfer Station on Saturday, July 9th regarding it not being open as the town schedule indicated. It was opened up at 11:00 by Cliff Abbott. The Administrative Assistant will get in touch with Mr. Daigle to ensure that his hours of operation as the same as reflected. A notice 'sorry for mix-up' should be posted in a few areas in town.

LCHIP Grant Papers – Gail Pare of the Historic District Commission asked the Board to set aside some time on the 14th to move to authorize a Selectman to sign on the Board's behalf to proceed with the application for this grant. The Selectmen wanted to see sample Stewardship easements so that they better understand the commitment for this purpose. Gail will forward samples for review. *Selectman O'Reilly moved to table the signing until they have had time to read Stewardship sample. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0*

Letter from Edna Mosher re: Headstone at Cemetery – Rick Stern of the Cemetery Committee will contact Edna after reviewing the situation. The problem is is that the Gove headstone is on the Henley lot and this happened many years ago. The Board felt that issues pertaining to the Cemetery must be handled by the Trustees per RSA. Rick will keep the Board advised.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:39pm Seconded by Selectman Iocovozzi. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant