

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 4, 2006
Town Hall – 6:30pm

Approved 12/18/06

Chairman of the Board, Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:35pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Jack Pare, Jean Bowser, Ruth & George Fletcher, Barbara McDonald, Lisa Zhe of the Portsmouth Herald and Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi (at 6:38pm)

Selectman Stuart moved to accept the minutes of November 16 and 20th – seconded by Chairman O'Reilly. Motion passed 2-0 (Selectman Iocovozzi absent at the time of the vote).

Beals Property – Airport Road

In a letter from Christine Beals, she informs the Selectmen of her wish to give the Town the parcel of land known as map 48 lot 8 located on Airport Road. It is unbuildable. She asked the Board to abate the second half of her tax bill in the amount of \$559.20. ***Selectman Stuart moved to accept this land and abate the tax in the amount of \$ 559.20. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded with the motion passing 3-0.*** Town Attorney Peter Loughlin is working on the deed. Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi was asked to have Planner Tom Morgan contact Peter to go forward with deed.

Fire Station Shower

The Hart estimate came in at \$ 3,250 and is still valid. It does not include flooring, painting or electrical work if needed. The Board asked that this be tabled until Building Inspector Charlie Smart and the Chief review the full scope of the work needed and inform them as such.

Sealed Minute Review

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to unseal the following minutes. Selectman Stuart Seconded, motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote. August 29, 2005; June 27, 2005; December 28, 2005; October 3, 2005; May 2, 2005. Remained sealed were August 8, 2005; June 20, 2005; August 7, 2006; September 18, 2006; July 18, 2005; September 6, 2005; January 17, 2006; and January 24, 2006 for later review.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Dennis and Karen Acton of 476 Fox Point Road informing the Board that they have purchased a home and will be leaving early January 2007 and unable to carry on as tenants. Selectman Stuart felt with the Carriage House study going on right now, before we jump into an immediate rental, perhaps we should sit back and wait for the results of the bigger picture of the suggested use of the entire site known as Fox Point. The Board agreed that the Town should winterize it and revisit. Both Ruth Fletcher and Jack Pare voiced concern about the activity that might go on down there. Beatrice Marconi will inform both the Police and Fire Departments of the probably vacancy as well as informing the Building Inspector to report to the Selectmen as to what needs to be done for winterizing.

Town Facility Use Requests:

Thomas Smith-Birthday-Jan 13-all day-Town Hall Auditorium

Richard Rines-Seabreezes Meeting-Jan 12-7-9pm-Town Hall Auditorium-Fee Waived

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to approve both requests. Selectman Stuart seconded - 3-0 Motion passed.

Ruth Fletcher asked the Board if the situation came up would the US Government, for whom she conducts tests, be eligible to utilize the auditorium for written exams (border protection) on multiple dates. The Selectmen felt that although the newly adopted criteria doesn't address this exact scenario, that the benefit would qualify for eligibility for use at no charge as we are US residents.

Selectman Stuart noted that comments have been received regarding the condition of Old Town Hall after some of the groups left. Spillage of juices or soft drinks on both floors and bathrooms and halls really could be prevented. It was decided to have basic rules and regulations posted on site so that users know what is expected as our Custodian tends to several sites.

Old Generator Removal

On a memo from Building Inspector Charlie Smart, the Board was informed that the removal of the old generator at Town Hall will be done by Badger Rand for \$700.00. Selectman Iocovozzi felt that the generator may be worth something and suggested an RFP be put out to the public. It was then suggested that perhaps the school may have a need for it if it is compatible with their system. Beatrice was asked to relay the Board's thoughts to the Building Inspector.

Announcements and Misc

Chairman O'Reilly mentioned the Community Sing Along on Dec 19 at the Meeting House and the Old Town Hall Open House/Lighting Competition the same evening.

Sewer Commissioner, George Fletcher noted that the Commission was scheduled to present their budget to the Selectmen on Dec 18th, however was concerned that a particular estimated cost may not be available in time. The Board assured Mr. Fletcher that an amendment or add on is acceptable even as late as their evening before the Budget Committee.

Barbara McDonald asked about the Pictometry and FEMA Software and Mapping Program that Jack Pare required a signature on a PO from the Selectmen. She was inquiring if it was installed on Town Hall computers and if Mark West may be able to utilize some of the data for wetlands needs. Jack assured her that Planner Tom Morgan, in addition to it being on the Assessing computer, may be able to help in any way possible. Updates and support are part of the benefits.

Selectman Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 7:20pm. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant