

# Minutes of Board of Selectmen Meeting

6:30pm Tuesday Feb 19, 2013 in Town Hall

(Agenda created Feb 15, 2013)

Board members/Staff Present at meeting:

Selectman Bruce Wyman     Selectman Bonnie DuBien     Selectman Bruce Hanson  
 Selectman Craig Watt     Selectman Richard Peat     Town Manager Gary Lamb  
 Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte

Others: Jeff Pomerleau, Matt St. Laurent, Roger Guay, Mike Theriault, Janet Chasse, Pegeen and Joe Ranhosky, Ken Snowden, Tom Pierce, Bob Corsa, Linda O’Kane, Joe Morrissey, Jeremy Hargreaves, Jim Chandler and a few others

**1. Minutes of Feb 6, 2012    Motion by Richard to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Craig and motion approved on 4-0 vote**

**2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda - motion by Craig to table agenda item #8 in the interest of time tonight. Motion seconded by Richard and motion approved on 4-0 vote.**

**3. Public Comment period -**

**4. Old Business -**

- Update on bid for mapping services...Lamb stated questions being answered and bids are due by 4pm Feb 28
- Annual report update....done and ready to be sent to printer
- Audit update...done and copies available hard copy or via email. Bulk of a \$392,761 end of year surplus as of June 30 2012 consisted largely of \$191,000 in airport project revenue that was not anticipated and a healthy overlay of \$142K less \$39K in abatements...and carry forward funds(\$140K)purposely building up to prepare for buying a new plow truck in the next few years
- Further discussion on trash hauling contract terms and possible vote to award. Lamb passed out the latest contract language and stated he and Sean Bolen had discussed the text and Sean was OK with the wording.
- Further discussion on whether to sell our old fourth plow truck as well as plow and wing. Motion by Craig to sell truck #4 with plow and wing for \$3500 to Jack Whittier. Motion seconded by Richard and motion passed on 4-0 vote.

**5. New Business Discussion only -** Police Chief Jeff Pomerleau, Officer Matt St. Laurent and retired IFW Warden Roger Guay presented information on police canine training, dog ownership, skills, etc. Matt explained he would pay for the dog and treat it as his own pet. I would be a black Lab for a friendlier breed and better public interaction. The dog’s first skill would be tracking and then possibly other skills later. Roger will offer to train the dog for very little since he would like Piscataquis County to have a canine unit available. Roger stated he needs to have 200 hours of canine training per year to retain his training certificate. Matt explained our new cruiser pickup would be fine to use for the canine. It was explained that the first year of a canine unit could cost \$20,000-\$30,000 if all costs were borne by the town. In this case, Matt and Paula St. Laurent are paying for much of the initial cost and most training costs are at little or no cost per Roger. By unanimous informal consensus, the idea of continuing to investigate having a canine unit was approved.

**6. New Business Discussion only -** Discuss collecting all glass from household rubbish that would be handled as fill by local contractor. Contractor Mike Theriault and Gary Lamb outlined their discussions and details to date of how we could remove glass from our waste stream. The idea is for glass to be collected at either Sean’s business or our transfer station, transported to Theriault’s property where he will

crush with bulldozer and then cover and bury in place for fill. Mike is proposing to charge the town half the tipping fees and transportation charges as compensation for disposal. Selectmen approved further investigation of the idea by unanimous informal consensus. Lamb and Theriault will come up with a more formal agreement and report back.

**7. New Business Discussion with Possible Action** - vote whether to approve ATV usage in all 25 mph zones of town as well as south on Route 15 as far as Indian Hill

- Craig and Richard stated they think the issue should go to a town wide ballot vote
- Bonnie stated she is against the increased ATV usage.
- Jeff Pomerleau spoke about some noise complaints...but also some positive comments on how well disciplined most riders are and how they keep Pritham Avenue vehicle traffic down to the speed limit and this is a benefit to the town.
- Joe Morrissey spoke against the increased usage because of noise issues. He also stated increased ATV access might help a few selected businesses...but it might also hurt others whose customers don't appreciate ATV's.
- Ken Snowden stated the increased usage is in part so residents can get to approved trails by road without having to trailer their ATV's
- Motion by Richard to put this issue on the June ballot. Motion seconded by Bruce Wyman and vote was 2-1-1 with Bonnie voting in the negative and Craig abstaining. Bonnie ruled the motion failed because it did not have three votes in the affirmative.

**8. New Business Discussion with Possible Action** - discussion of possible changes to make in Articles III through V of Personnel Policy. This issue was tabled to the next meeting.

**9. New Business Discussion with Action** – vote on Jim Chandler request for Board to allow him to salvage items from our transfer station.

- Jim addressed the Board on his desire to salvage items from our metal bin.
- Lamb was directed to gather Ron Mace's thoughts on this and to report back at next meeting.

**10. Town Manager's report** -

- If a property owner but not resident wants to bring in non Greenville demo debris...he is denied under present rules understood by staff. Does Bd Sel agree with this? The answer was yes.
- Transfer station sticker was sold with a vehicle...so no old sticker to bring in to show staff for a free replacement. Staff had been charging \$25 if the old sticker was not returned...does Bd Sel agree?...or if we are comfortable the vehicle is far away (RI), is it OK to issue a free replacement? Board was fine with a new sticker at no charge if staff is comfortable knowing the vehicle is not still in the area and could use the stickered vehicle at the transfer station.
- Foreclosure update...we started the process with 45 delinquent accounts. 14 have been paid up at least partially...leaving 31 properties the town will own if taxes are not paid by 4pm Feb 25

**11. What's on your mind?** - An opportunity for Selectmen to share questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions - informational only

- It was stated the March 25<sup>th</sup> school board meeting will have security issues discussed...and Board members are encouraged to attend

**12. Adjourn** - meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Respectfully submitted, Gary Lamb, Town Manager

