

Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting

6:30pm Wednesday April 18, 2012 at Town Hall

Board members/Staff Present at meeting:

Vice Chairman Alan McBrierty Chairman Bonnie DuBien Selectman Bruce Hanson
 Selectman Ellen Edgerly Selectman Richard Peat Town Manager Gary Lamb
 Town Clerk Roxanne Lizotte

Others: Joey Harris, Janet Chasse, Jon Pratt

1. Minutes of April 4, 2012

- Motion by Bruce to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Alan and approved on 3-0 vote

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda - none

3. Public Comment period - none

4. Discussion with Fire Chief Joey Harris

- Joey brought the Board up to speed on various fire department activities over the past few months. Both Joey and the Board are very appreciative of the 9 volunteer firemen who are taking the firefighter 1 classes in Rockwood...which by all reports are going well and the quality of instruction is good. FF 1 training will be completed by the end of June.

5. Discussion with Action - Vote whether to approve and sign quit claim deeds for two foreclosed properties to return to original ownership now that back taxes and lien costs have been paid.

- Motion made by Bruce to approve and sign deeds presented. Motion seconded by Alan and approved on 3-0 vote.

6. Discussion with Possible Action - Discuss acceptance of Goodwin Drive hydrant per request of Jim Otis, owner of Chieftain Heights.

- This request was previously denied by Board of Selectmen at the July 20 2011 meeting on 4-0 vote.
- New letter from Mr. Otis's attorney is worded to suggest the town already owns the hydrant. However, hydrant was installed as mandatory fire suppression capability for the apartments...and they derive that benefit solely for now. In addition, previous acceptance of Goodwin Drive neither excluded nor accepted underground utilities...thereby making the issue unclear until further acceptance by town meeting of the utilities.
- This time, Mr. Otis is suggesting legal action may occur if the hydrant is not accepted. Short Board discussion ensued in that if such legal action does occur, perhaps the town would pursue discontinuing Goodwin Drive as a publicly accepted town street.
- Discussion ensued that the hydrant remain in private hands at least until there is more development up Goodwin Drive, after which this request might be more favorably received.
- Bd Sel does not wish to get written legal opinion on this matter
- Motion by Bruce Hanson to deny request by Mr. Otis to accept the Goodwin Drive hydrant. Motion seconded by Alan McBrierty and approved on 3-0 vote.

7. Discussion with possible Action - Continued review of FY 12/13 budget

- Only four sections remain to be approved by the Board...police, public works, recreation and unclassified. When the pickup truck cruiser issue is settled, this will finalize the PD and DPW budgets. Recreation budget now shows full amount for Jct Wharf and downtown bathroom cleanings...in exchange for \$5000 reduction in Rec budget for elimination of Rec maintenance person (work to be done by DPW). All these sections can be approved at the next selectmens meeting.
- Since largest budget increases are all trash related...When would BD Sel like to have a public hearing on pay-per-bag? Discussion ensued and Tuesday May 15th at 6:30pm in town hall was selected to have a pay per bag public hearing for general informational purposes.
- It is smart to publicly answer as many questions as possible on this before town meeting
- Lamb has received several comments over phone and in person since recent Matters article...and so far most would rather have any increased cost in taxes and not PAYT
- Recommend more public exposure of increased recycling and reduced MSW tipping fee benefits to PAYT
- Board approved by general consensus adding \$300 to page 8 line 194...for DPW internet/email fees...so DPW garage can have internet connection
- Only four sections remain to vote on...PD page 5/6... DPW pages 6-9...Rec pages 10/11...Unclassified page 16
- Janet Chasse raised the issue of administrative fees in the budget. It appears she raises a valid correction that Lamb will make for the next budget version...concerning only fire department administrative fees. Lamb explained that future admin fees will not be used for landfill and transfer station and police cost sharing...because in each of those situations, the administrative fee information is no longer used to compute costs.

8. Discussion with Possible Action - Initial review of town meeting warrant text will be postponed until April 25th and also possibly May 2nd meetings.

9. Town Manager's Report

- Does Bd Sel want town meeting warrant article asking for up/down vote on demolishing Nickerson? Further discussion and information is needed from School Board.
- Phase 3 LF closure bid ad was in BDN April 12...submissions due by May 15 3pm when bids will be opened publicly
- Three contractors bought plans as of this past Monday for phase 3 landfill closure. Mandatory site visit at landfill April 24 at 1pm with engineers and interested contractors
- Board does not wish to sign Katahdin CDBG grant forms until after town meeting votes on accepting the grant.
- Chris Bussell has unfortunately tendered his resignation as DPW foremen as of April 27 2012. His work ethic and attitude will be missed by all...and his work here is much appreciated.

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

11. Adjourn...meeting adjourned at 8pm...respectfully submitted, Gary Lamb

