

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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July 8, 2011

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Robert Aldrich convened the Board of Selectmen at 9:30 a.m. in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Office. Other members of the Board present were: Mr. Matt Quandt, Ms. Julie Gilman, Mr. Don Clement, Mr. Frank Ferraro and Town Manager, Russ Dean.

2. Payroll and A/P. Selectman Ferraro moved approval of accounts payable dated 7/1/11 in the amount of \$2,565,450. Selectwoman Gilman seconded. Motion carried. Selectman Ferraro moved accounts payable for 6/30/11 in the amount of \$216,539.58. Selectwoman Gilman seconded. Motion carried. Selectman Ferraro moved approval of payroll checks dated 6/22/11 in the amount of \$157,323.05. Selectman Quandt seconded. Motion carried. Selectman Ferraro moved payroll checks dated 6/29/11 in the amount of \$177,440.17. Selectman Quandt seconded. Motion carried. Selectman Ferraro moved accounts payable dated 6/24/11 in the amount of \$296,922.04. Selectman Quandt seconded. Motion carried.

3. Tax Abatements. Selectman Ferraro moved a tax abatement in the amount of \$115.66 for a right of way correction on Map 10, Lot 74. Selectman Quandt seconded. Motion carried. Selectman Ferraro moved a tax abatement for Map 65, Lot 113 in the amount of \$7,281.38 for 2009, and \$9,711.11 for 2010. This is a multi-year settlement amount from a pending BTLA case. Selectman Quandt seconded. Motion carried 3-1 with Selectwoman Gilman opposed.

4. Certified Local Government Grant. Selectwoman Gilman presented a grant award from the Division of Historical Resources in the amount of \$12,820. The funds will be used to conduct a town-wide survey of historical resources in the Town. A consultant will be hired and bills will be submitted to the State. Selectwoman Gilman moved to accept the grant. Selectman Clement seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Aldrich signed the grant paperwork.

5. Power purchase agreement. The Town has a \$50,000 grant for the construction of a solar array at the Wastewater Plant. Selectwoman Gilman presented a proposal by Revolution Energy to construct the array with a purchase of 65,000 kwh from the solar array. This represents about 5% of total electricity at the Wastewater Plant. After discussion, it was determined the Board wanted more information, such as a copy of the school agreement on their solar panels, and some experience on the school side. The concerns were expressed about the lock in at the per kwh cost higher than the current electricity contract with Constellation. More information will be gathered.

6. Sign Ordinance. Selectman Ferraro reviewed some proposed changes he and Doug Eastman worked on with respect to the sign ordinance. A discussion on line painting on the ROW at the antique shop at the Squamscott Block was discussed to delineate the Town ROW with the private property.

7. Selectman Ferraro raised under other business the issue of the American Independence Museum charging a fee for entry onto Swasey Parkway. Their website is unclear on this, even though it is a donation it doesn't come across that way on their website. Mr. Ferraro asked the AIM be contacted and told to clarify this. Mr. Dean mentioned this item came up last year and it was mis-reported that a fee would be charged for Parkway events although it was a donation similar to Prescott Park. Selectman Ferraro reported the chamber of commerce email blast was also not clear that a fee was only being

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charged for AIM property events, not the parkway. Selectman Clement also expressed concern about this issue. Follow up will take place from the Town Manager's Office.

8. Non-Public Session: Selectman Quandt motioned to enter non public session under exception 91:a3e litigation. Selectman Ferraro called the roll: Gilman aye, Clement aye, Aldrich aye, Quandt aye, Ferraro aye. The Board entered non public session.

9. Adjournment

Selectman Quandt moved to adjourn at 11:10 a.m.. Selectwoman Gilman seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Russell Dean
Town Manager