

MINUTES
REGULARSELECTBOARD MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2010 – 6:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BOARD ROOM

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Jim Rust, Daniel Kimbell, Rodney Lamotte, Bryon Quatrini, Bernard Timson, and interim Town Manager Ralph Nelson.

Also present: Sandy Grenier, Danny Scott, Ida Rainville, Dave Warden, Brian Christman, Gary Lunderville, Jennifer Terrill, Betty Briggs, Allyn Briggs, Kevin Oddy, Al Dunn, Bill Vermeulen, Donna Reed, Amy Bedor, Diane Beck, Jon Beck, Beverly McCarthy, Loren Phelps, Johns Herrick-Phelps, Joe Benning, Sue Cherry, Nancy Cohen, Michael Fortier, Ray LaBounty Jr.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Rust announced that the Rules of Procedure were available on the front table, and then introduced the Interim Town Manager, Ralph Nelson, Jr.

Public Comment – Nancy Cohen asked if the Board could research with VLCT to come up with its tort liability.

Al Dunn asked whom he should contact to get permission to erect a Rotary sign outside of Town. Mr. Rust said that would be addressed under advertising for Zoning Administrator.

Minutes – On a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted unanimously to approve minutes as presented from July 26, July 29, August 2, 4 and 6, 2010.

Liquor License – Allyn Briggs addressed the Board about obtaining a liquor license and re-opening the Front Row Tavern under the new name of “The Chill Zone”. The Board stated conditions that must be met by the new owner, and reviewed the occupancy limits. Mr. Briggs assured the Board he would maintain a “no tolerance” policy and not allow anyone under 21 years of age access to the premises. On a motion by Bernie Timson and Seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application for a liquor license providing Mr. Briggs adheres to all conditions.

Community Center Use – Donna Reed presented her proposal for the use of the Community Center as a Gymnastics facility. General discussion centered around the question of future uses for the building if the Board entered into a long-term lease agreement; the engineering report and integrity of the structure’s roof and flooring, asbestos removal, and historic significance of the building for future renovations. Several people spoke in support of Donna’s project. The Board decided to appoint a committee to do a more complete feasibility study.

Healthy Coalition – Daniel Kimbell reported that Laural Ruggles from NVRH has funding for bike racks to go with the proposed bike path through a Healthy Coalition grant. On a motion by Daniel Kimbell, seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted unanimously to accept the racks.

West Side Project – Nothing to report. Red Dufresne is keeping the Town Manager up to date on construction issues.

Town Plan – Town Plan Coordinator Susan Cherry reported that the Plan is on schedule. Meetings started February 18 and continued twice a month with a final review on July 15. The Plan is nearly ready for the next draft with the mission statement and list of priorities remaining. The second draft is projected for September 16 with a review of charts and graphs, and submit to the Planning Commission on October 13. There are approximately 200 people involved in the preparation of the Town Plan.

Advertisement for Zoning Administrator – Jim Rust reported that he will be meeting with Martha Hanson and Tim Angell from the Planning Commission, Alan Ruggles and Rich Lyon from the Development Review Board to develop advertising for the Zoning Administrator. Mr. Rust also indicated the Board may be looking at hiring an interim administrator.

Tax Rate 2010- Sandy Grenier reviewed the comparison of proposed tax rates. On a motion by Bernie Timson, seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted unanimously to approve the tax rates as presented, and to set the due date of November 19, 2010, with the mailing date of September 18, 2010.

GENERAL FUND	\$.3422
HIGHWAY FUND	.3290
LOCAL AGREEMENT	.0006
SPECIAL SERVICES DIST.	.4010
SCHOOL NON-RESIDENTIAL	1.2977
SCHOOL HOMESTEAD	1.1117
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$500.00 PER LOT

Belknap Lien – On a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Daniel Kimbell, the Board voted unanimously to place lien on the property at 881 Concord Avenue to recoup cost of town clean up and any legal fees incurred with said lien.

Public Works Committee – Chairman Rust stated the purpose of the committee is to evaluate the department and set up a five year plan to consolidate. Danny Scott indicated it would be much easier for him to oversee the combined public works department if it was located in one place. Currently Danny said he did not anticipate cross training the entire crew from both departments. Jim Rust indicated that, in order to consolidate at the

Highway Garage, the EPA issue had to be resolved. Bill Vermeulen questioned how much the water garage could be sold for, which is an unknown amount. On a motion by Bernie Timson, seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted unanimously to put together a citizens' committee with Dan Scott, the Town Manager, two board members and three citizens. The Town Manager will advertise for volunteers.

State Auditor – On a motion by Bernie Timson, seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted unanimously to table this issue.

Town Manager Office Mail – There was no mail to be distributed.

Health Officer Appointment – On a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Bernie Timson, the Board voted unanimously to recommend Tim Angell to the State as Health Officer.

On a motion by Bernie Timson, seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at approximately 7:40 PM to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The Board came out of Executive Session and adjourned at 7:45 with no further business.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ida W. Rainville
Executive Secretary