

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 18th, 2010

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m., by J. Brooks.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen were present

MINUTES: Meeting of April 20th, 2010 – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve as printed. **D. Goodwin/C. Baker** **Vote 5-0.**

PUBLIC ACCESS: No questions asked

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis gave his report for the month of April. Ellis informed the board that the two live in students recently graduated with Associate Degrees in Fire Science. The department is having a cookout, giving plaques, to congratulate the students before they leave. Lt. Craig Russell and Chief Ellis will attend a meeting at the end of the month at Eastern Maine Community College, and also interview new live in students. Ellis informed the board of Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Byers notice of retirement from the department after nearly 20 years of service. Chief Ellis spoke in appreciation of Byers service, adding that there would be a time of recognition for him at a later date.

Police: Deputy Mason gave his report, noting the new format is easier for him and hopes the selectmen find it to their liking as well. Mason said he has been covering a "hodge podge" of complaints so to speak, but nothing to serious. Mason informed the board that the M.S.P. now has involvement in the schools as well as the sheriffs department which is a great benefit. Deputy Mason explained Special Patrols, which covers school zones and directed patrols which cover speed details.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Karen Clark was not present; Russell gave copies of the warrant for the S.A.D.'s annual budget meeting. Russell said there had been more money "trimmed" from the figures at the meeting the night before but he did not have the figures available yet.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Zoning & Subdivision Ordinances – Russell informed the board that the Planning Board has had two public hearings; the map will be adjusted for the next meeting. The Planning Board wished to hold a couple more public hearings before the special town meeting.

Russell asked the board if they were in favor of having the town’s attorney look over the ordinances. Yes, the board would be in favor of this.

NEW BUSINESS: Ron Harriman, Economic Development – Harriman was asked to attend the meeting by Selectman, Peter Lyford. Lyford expressed that he would like to see the town secure a piece of land for a small business park or similar, to increase revenue.

Harriman shared that he would be willing to help in any way that he can if the town decides to do something like this, as he has his firm has done everything from housing grants to business parks, as well as land acquisition and marketing. Harriman spoke about Tax Increment Financing Programs (TIF) that can benefit the town and the most recent work with the town of Hermon. The board asked Ron Harriman to review the proposed land use ordinance before they are finalized. Harriman said the first step should be gathering a community consensus then looking into the where, what’s and how’s, sorting out plans, identify goals, and basically making a timeline. Peter Lyford will be organizing a committee to look into the feasibility of a business park, for the town. The idea will be re-accessed in six months.

Sign Liquor License for Clewley Farm Restaurant – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the liquor license. **C. Grover / P. Lyford Vote 4-0 (C. Baker abstained from the vote, due to his relation)**

Merrill Road Ditch – Gregory Boober has approached the town with copies of a road expansion document & map from 1975, when the Merrill Road went from a 2 Rod road to a 3 Rod road. Mr. Boober would like to fill in the ditch and do some landscaping on the property. The land was purchased from the town as tax acquired property 2003 or 2004. Russell and Planning Board member Frank Higgins went to look at the property and suggested leaving it the way it was. The Board agreed they would like it to remain the way it is as well.

Farmers Market – Lore Lipkvich will be starting the Farmers Market, for its second year in the Municipal lot, May 22nd. The market will run Saturday’s from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

School Budget – Copies of the proposed budget were given to the board. The annual meeting is set for June 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Holbrook School. Russell expects the town’s mil rate to increase by 1.5 mils, if the current school budget figures pass.

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WARRANT: Sign warrants for May 18th, 2010

D. Goodwin/C. Baker, Jr. Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Selectmen Charles Grover questioned why we are paying for the ball field treatment, in the amount of \$175.00, when the rec. department has a budget to work with. Russell said there were two treatments done, one was paid for by the rec. dept. and the town was paying the other one. Selectmen agreed that any further requests from the Rec. Dept. need to be approved by the Selectmen.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

C. Grover Jr. / C. Baker Jr. Vote 5-0.

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