

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2007

Present:

Sue Clough, Chair
Mark Kaplan, Selectman
Larry Ballin, Selectman
Jessie Levine, Town Administrator

Also Present:

Debbie Cross, Intertown Record
Philip Stake, Argus Champion

Mr. Kaplan called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM. Chair Clough joined the meeting at 8:10 AM.

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Kaplan moved to approve the CAC minutes of September 15, 2007. Mr. Ballin noted two changes: p. 2, change “revolutionary” to “evolutionary”; p. 4, change “instructed” to “advised” or “suggested”. Mr. Kaplan moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Ballin and approved 2-0. Mr. Kaplan moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2007. Mr. Ballin noted two changes: p. 2, change “asked” to “suggested” and p. 3, contractor’s name is Richard Claytor, of Horsley, Whitten Group. Mr. Kaplan moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Ballin and approved 2-0.

Mail Delivery: Ms. Levine reported that starting immediately, the Town will no longer use the post office boxes and mail will be delivered to the Town Offices at 375 Main Street. The Post Office is being very helpful in the transition. All departments will continue to pick up their mail at the Town Offices, as had been done in the past. This will save the Town the cost of the two post office boxes and the mileage and time for an employee to go to the post office every day. Mr. Ballin inquired about Saturday delivery, and Ms. Levine said that the post office will hold the mail on Saturday and deliver it on Monday.

CAC: Ms. Levine said that Richard Lee, Public Works Director, will be in attendance at Saturday’s CAC meeting. Mr. Kaplan said he will not be able to attend.

Sonja Phillips: Ms. Levine reported that Peter Stanley had met with Town Counsel Bart Mayer regarding the Phillips’ building permit application and the question of the setback from the right-of-way. Mr. Mayer believes that the Town has made the correct decision and will put his opinion in the form of a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

Surplus Sale bids: The Board of Selectmen reviewed the bids received for surplus sale items. Ms. Levine said that those bidders who tied for an item are being contacted and asked to give their highest verbal bid. Mr. Ballin moved to award the winning bids, seconded by Mr. Kaplan and approved 3-0.

Street Lights: Ms. Levine referred to an application by the First Baptist Church for a street light to be installed on Main Street at the entrance to the church. Ms. Levine said the request should be directed to the Street Lighting Committee prior to coming to the Board of Selectmen, and she will bring it to that Committee.

Committee Reports:

- Planning Board: Mr. Ballin reported on the Planning Board meeting of September 25, 2007. He said that Gutschell & Phipps has filed a site plan application for the Hayward property on Newport Road, which is a scaled down version of the previous application by Dan Wolf. The application was well-received by the Planning Board and will go to final site plan review at the Planning Board’s next

meeting. He said the Hospital is continuing its search for adequate off-site parking during the construction, and is proposing to use the Hayward property until such time as it is occupied by another commercial use. The Planning Board also heard a conceptual proposal for a home business dental office at the Chadwick home on Main Street, but the proposal was not supported by the Planning Board. The Capital Improvements Plan subcommittee asked to have further discussion about the Recreation Land Capital Reserve Fund, which will return to subcommittee on Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 PM.

- **Joint Assessing Board:** Mr. Ballin reported that the Joint Board of New London, Newbury & Sunapee that oversees the assessing agreement met on Wednesday, September 26. The Board reviewed the 2008 proposed budget and tweaked it some; the biggest change in the budget is the addition of a contracted data collector at \$15,000 to assist the assessors in the cyclical property inspections. Ms. Levine explained that the data collector would primarily pick up exterior changes but would inspect the interior if s/he was able to gain access to the house at the time of inspection. Follow-up inspections would be performed by the assessor or assistant assessor. Mr. Ballin said that both assessors feel that there is not enough time for them to perform the ongoing data collection in addition to their other duties. Mr. Ballin reported that the assistant assessor's performance review was positive. He noted the non-acrimonious attitude of the Joint Board.
- **Sunapee/New London Sewer Meeting:** Ms. Levine said she was encouraged by the possibility of reaching an agreement on flows. Mr. Ballin said he is impressed by the addition of Paul Manson to the Sunapee Water & Sewer Commission, and he hopes that will bring some forward-thinking ideas to the table.
- **Selectmen's Institute:** Chair Clough reported that she had attended the third session of the Selectmen's Institute at LGC over the weekend, and she highly recommended the program for the other Selectmen next year.

Outing Club: Mr. Ballin attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly-refurbished middle school gym, and he said the event was a success. He was pleased to see Recreation Commissioner Laura James in presence as well.

Parks Memorial Dedication: Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Ballin attended the Parks dedication at Elkins Beach on Saturday, and Mr. Ballin described it as a rousing success. He said there were over 85 people in attendance, sharing great memories. Mr. Kaplan said this is an instance in which someone did something for the town that made a big difference.

Community Center: Mr. Ballin said the Community Center group is thrilled by the decision to take over the Bandstand Committee's activities. Mr. Kaplan asked Ms. Levine to obtain copies of any agreements between the Community Center and the Bandstand Committee, and also copies of Steven Mendelson's will or other documents that discuss provisions for the maintenance of the Bandstand itself. He is concerned that the cost of maintenance should not fall back on the Town.

Building Permits

- Franklin & Mary Jean Wibel, 263 Barrett Road, (Tax Map: 084-018-000); permit to demolish existing dwelling and construction of residential house with driveway. – Approved (Permit #07-116)
- Cindy Daley, 35 Little Sunapee Road (Tax Map: 060-003-000); construct 6x6x4 PT stoop at the front entrance & replace removed concrete steps after the fact– Approved (Permit # 07-117)

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- Ron & Sally Welch, 57 Pingree Road, (Tax Map: 036-006-000); permit to put up a 10' x 13' shed – Approved (Permit #07-118)
- Steve Moreland, Wilder Lane, (Tax Map 112-010-000); permit to build a new 3 bedroom home with 2 car garage, screened porch and connect entry porch. – Approved (Permit #07-119)
- J & F Realty, Frank Souliotis (Tax Map 084-001-000); permit to add a new entrance to front of building – Approved (Permit #07-120)
- Richard & Marie Aseltine Trusts, 387 Forest Acres Road (Tax Map: 118-021-000); permit to replace existing deck with new, fill in triangle on end with new framing and honoring arrangement that matches existing, add roof over deck – Approved (Permit #07-121)
- Josh Penick & Sandra Licks, 30 South Pleasant St. (Tax Map: 084-053-000); permit to convert unfinished attic space into a finished 2nd floor, raise roof, add 650 SF of living space – Approved (Permit #07-122)
- Jesseman Associates/Colby Sawyer College, Seamans Road, (Tax Map: 086-001); permit to erect bleachers on blue stoned area - Approved (Permit #07-123)
- Edna Mordecai, 251 Lamson Lane, (Tax Map: 062-005); permit to construct screen porch - Approved (Permit #07-124)

Other Items for Signature

- Disbursement & payroll voucher for the week of October 1, 2007 – Approved
- Request for Public Street Light, First Baptist Church, 461 Main St. – Referred to Street Lighting Committee

Sign Permits

- Application for Temporary Sign Permit for the First Baptist Church, Main St. – Holiday Fair, St. 11/17/07 8:30 am to 1:30 pm -- Approved

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Levine
Town Administrator

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