

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

October 3, 2006

PRESENT:

Douglas W. Lyon, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Mark Kaplan, Selectman
Ruth I. Clough, Selectman
Jessie Levine, Town Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Chair Lyon called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The Selectmen discussed Peter Spaulding's letter to the Town, Senator Odell, and resident Steven Weiss regarding the DOT's investigation into the water contamination at Mr. Weiss's house, and Mr. Spaulding's contention that the State of NH should purchase the Weiss property.

Minutes: Mr. Kaplan moved to approve the minutes of September 25, 2006 as written. Second Ms. Clough and approved 3-0.

Planning Board Recap: Ms. Clough reported on the Planning Board meeting of September 25, 2006. The Planning Board heard the State Department of Transportation's plans for a new garage and new salt shed on its property on Old Dump Road. Abutters, including Water Precinct Commissioners and members of the Little Sunapee Protective Association, were present to hear the discussion. The Planning Board has only advisory authority over the proposal, in any event.

Ms. Clough said that Jonathan Feins's Harborview Subdivision will continue, as Feins has agreed to pay for the Town's engineering costs with respect to improvements on Stonehouse Road and the intersection with King Hill Road. Mr. Feins has not agreed that the New London Planning Board has jurisdiction, but will continue his application nonetheless. Ms. Clough said the application is expected before the Planning Board in late October.

Ms. Clough said the Planning Board revisited the Master Plan schedule and has pushed back the community visioning sessions to the spring of 2007. The Planning Board also reviewed the town planner budget and increased the request to \$46,800 for 2007 to complete regulation drafts and provide a continuous level of planner services. Mr. Kaplan said the increased request for planning services grows out of the growth of the town. Ms. Clough agreed that a review of the planner's hours for the past three years shows a steady increase of time spent on planning topics.

The Planning Board reviewed the draft revision to the Driveway Regulations and will hold a public hearing prior to their adoption.

Tax Rate: Ms. Levine reviewed a preliminary look at the expected 2007 tax rate. She said this calculation is for the Selectmen's consideration, and she will add this to the agenda and invite Finance Officer Carol Fraley, once a tax rate setting date has been determined by the State Department of Revenue Administration. The Selectmen asked Ms. Levine to provide a breakdown of the factors that went into the tax rate increase.

Small Businesses: Ms. Levine asked the Selectmen if they planned to invite small businesses to a discussion with the Citizen's Advisory Committee, per Chair Lyon's conversation with Read Clarke. After some discussion, the Selectmen asked Ms. Levine to contact Mr. Clarke and invite him to the CAC meeting on October 28, and he may invite businesses that he thinks should be included in this first discussion. Ms. Levine opined that the discussion should carry over into the Master Planning process, and all agreed.

Tasers: Ms. Levine provided the Selectmen with a quote for tasers that Police Chief David Seastrand had received, and copies of taser policies from around the country. She said that Chief Seastrand is gathering additional information to present at the Selectmen's meeting on October 9.

Alexander: The Selectmen asked Ms. Levine for an update from Michael Todd on the Alexander zoning violation, which was referred by the Planning Board to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Ms. Levine will ask Michael Todd to provide an update to the Selectmen.

There being no further public business, Chair Lyon moved to go into non-public session to discuss a real estate negotiation pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d). Roll call vote: Lyon – yes; Kaplan – yes; Clough – yes. Upon returning to public session, the Board of Selectmen signed the documents below.

Building Permits:

- Jane M. Muller Trust, 138 Herrick Cove (Map 091, Lot 020), amended permit for contractor change, dimension change to 18' x 24' from 16' x 24', only the foundation is done and carport construction has yet to start which may need another year – Approved (Permit 05-117)
- Jerry Barnes, 800 Lakeshore Drive (Map 051, Lot 005), amended permit for size change from 24' x 26' to 28' x 30' with slight move of garage location due to ledge – Approved (Permit 06-109)
- Kimberly A. Habib, 188 Forest Acres (Map 105, Lot 023), permit to demolish existing 4 bedroom home and build a new 3 bedroom modular home – Approved (Permit 06-123)
- Steven and Susan Immelt, 473 Route 103A (Map 080, Lot 022), permit to construct garage and connect covered walkway to existing house – Approved (Permit 06-124)
- Jean M. Bolger, 244 Pleasant Street (Map 074, Lot 012), permit for addition of new kitchen, master bedroom and renovations – Approved (Permit 06-125)
- Colby-Sawyer College, 372 Main Street (Map 084, Lot 005), permit to construct 26' x 21' roof structure over an existing concrete block salt/sand bin – Denied (Permit 06-126) refer to ZBA for Article XX, A, Z-expansion of non-conforming use.

Sign Permit Applications:

- Application for Permanent Sign Application by George and Aristotle Souliotis, 384 Main Street (Map 084, Lot 002), for a 25 square foot sign indicating "Gas Prices, Subway, NL Mini Mart, Gulf" to be placed in front of the building - Approved

Other Items for Signature:

- Disbursement & Payroll Voucher for the week of October 2, 2006 – Approved
- Notice of Intent to Cut Wood for New England Forestry Foundation on Little Sunapee Road and Burnt Hill Road (Map 017, Lot 003 and Map 030, Lot 031) – Approved

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- Application for Use of the Sydney L. Crook Conference Room by Pleasant Lake Protective Association for a members meeting to approve new bylaws on Monday, November 6, 2006 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM - Approved

There being no further business, the Board of Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie W. Levine
Town Administrator