

**Town of Center Harbor
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Charley Hanson called the meeting to order. Selectmen Richard Drenkhahn and Randy Mattson were also present. Mary Lamprey Bare, Code Enforcement Officer Ken Ballance and Selectmen's Secretary Robin Woodaman were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Ms. Mattson motioned to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Drenkhahn seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
2. Mr. Drenkhahn motioned to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meeting pending the receipt of the Town of Moultonborough's January 14, 2010 Joint Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes regarding the ambulance contract with Stewart's Ambulance. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS:

MARY LAMPREY BARE: There was discussion regarding the 2002 Board of Selectmen's approval of Peg Lamprey's request to convert a garage into a temporary dwelling unit to be used by a family member during his recuperation; the agreement was that the unit would be converted back to a garage when it was no longer needed. Ms. Bare reported it currently is used for storage and explained if it was returned to a garage she would like it to look like a carriage house in keeping with the historical character of the house. Mr. Hanson explained the Selectmen's intent would be for it to go back to what was previously there. Mr. Balance explained there are three (3) components to an accessory apartment: a kitchen, sleeping area and a bathroom. He explained Zoning Board of Adjustment (for a special exception for an accessory apartment) and Planning Board (for the additional use of the property) approvals would be required if Ms. Bare planned to either use the area as an apartment or office. Mr. Ballance reported Ms. Bare could remove one of the three components and use the area for storage or sleeping as long as it was not rented. Ms. Bare reported she has no intention of renting it as an apartment or using it for additional office space and explained the best option for her would be to remove the dishwasher and refrigerator (there is no stove) and leave the structure as it is.

Mr. Hanson motioned for the Selectmen to rescind the 2002 agreement. Ms. Bare will remove the kitchen component to return the space to a non-dwelling unit. Mr. Drenkhahn seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

HIGH HAITH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: The following items were discussed:

Project reimbursement: The Selectmen received notification from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation that the Town will be reimbursed \$91,344, which is 80% of the preliminary engineering costs.

Contractor's payroll: The Selectmen received, and reviewed, the payroll for the week ending January 2, 2010 submitted by M. E. Latulippe Construction, Inc. and 3G Construction, Inc.

Contractor's application for payment: The Selectmen reviewed M. E. Latulippe Construction's 2nd application for payment in the amount of \$31,837.10. Mr. Hanson motioned to sign the 2nd application for payment. Ms. Mattson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Status of project: Mr. Drenkhahn reported the footings have been poured and forms are being put up. He explained a tent covers the area.

PROPOSED POLICE STATION: The following items were discussed:

Public informational hearing: The Selectmen will hold a public informational hearing regarding the proposed Police Station on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Driveway permit: The Selectmen received, and reviewed, the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation's approved driveway permit for the proposed Police Station.

WARRANT ARTICLES: The Selectmen discussed the following 2010 warrant articles:

Park: Mr. Hanson reported there will be a warrant article on the park land. He reported the paperwork is at the State of New Hampshire Attorney General's Office.

Recreation Revolving Fund: Mr. Hanson recommended the Board of Selectmen be the designated authority to spend from this fund; Mr. Drenkhahn and Ms. Mattson agreed. There was discussion regarding what recreation funds would be deposited into this revolving fund; Parks & Recreation Director Jody Dickerson will be asked for his recommendation.

PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET: The Selectmen finalized the proposed 2010 budget in preparation for the January 23, 2010 budget hearing.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: Mr. Hanson reported speaking with the Town of Meredith's Town Manager, Phil Warren, regarding the health insurance coverage offered by the Town of Meredith. Mr. Hanson reported Mr. Drenkhahn's notes from his conversation with Mr. Warren were correct; the Town of Meredith will initiate a date when the employees will have to pay for 2-person or family coverage; he explained this has not been formalized yet. There was discussion regarding the potential 26% increase in health insurance coverage in 2010; Mr. Drenkhahn reported he feels it is not fair to burden the taxpayers with the cost of the 2-person and family coverage. Ms. Mattson explained the current employees are grandfathered with the health insurance coverage, with the exception of being reimbursed for the deductibles; this practice will be discontinued as of July 1, 2010. Mr. Drenkhahn reported the Town of Meredith's employees will not be receiving raises in 2010, but will keep the health insurance benefits.

The Selectmen reviewed the Town of Moultonborough's current employee health insurance cost coverage; the Town of Moultonborough pays 100% of the employee and 90% of the 2-person and family health insurance, and 100% of all dental plans.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY SUBGRANTS: Ms. Mattson reported attending a workshop regarding the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning's energy efficiency subgrants. She reported three (3) "Intents to Submit" were submitted; for the Municipal Building, the Library and the Highway Garage. Ms. Mattson explained they may be grouped together because they are all in the building energy efficient measures category.

PERAMBULATION: The Selectmen received notification that the Town of Holderness is prepared to share 50% of the cost (\$1,450 to perambulate the Holderness/Center Harbor line). The Town of Holderness would like a witness from Holderness to accompany Mr. MacDonald when the Holderness/Center Harbor line is perambulated.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS: The Selectmen received notification that Dawn Heiderer will be happy to serve on the ZBA.

NEW BUSINESS:

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (ZBA) VARIANCE CRITERIA: The Selectmen received information from Town Attorney Doug Hill reporting a change in ZBA variance criteria; this will be forwarded to the ZBA.

INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES: The Selectmen received information on House Bill 1335, a revision of last year's HB 315 which lowered interest rates municipalities can charge on outstanding property taxes. In HB 1335, the interest rates would drop from 12% on the current issue of tax bills to 6% and from 18% on liens to 9%. The bill proposes a local option, which would allow each municipality to vote in town meetings to institute the change. It was reported interest rates could vary from town to town causing confusion with banks, realtors, mortgage companies and property owners. It was also reported that interest rates are municipalities only means of discouraging delinquency and with credit card interest rates on the rise, the proposed 6% interest rate would effectively be a low cost loan to the detriment of municipal services and timely tax payers.

2009 ANNUAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY REPORT: The Selectmen received a request from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to complete the 2009 annual solid waste facility report; Receptionist Janet Kimball will be asked to complete this report.

CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE: The Selectmen reviewed, and approved, the payroll and accounts payable manifests as presented.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

2009 PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION: The Selectmen received, and reviewed, the following 2009 property tax abatement application:

Weldon

TML 5-59

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:26 p.m. Mr. Drenkhahn motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Woodaman
Selectmen's Secretary