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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Selectmen present: Betty McDermott, Chairman; Mark Gendron; Mike Reynolds; and Dana Desjardins.

Selectmen absent: Lonnie Taylor.

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager; and Nathan White, Public Works Director.

Others present: Charles Leavitt; Phil Hammett, Recycling Committee Chairman; Betty Williams, Cumberland County Soil and Water District; Diane & Bill Shively; and Peggy Roberts, Lake Region Suburban News.

1) Call to order. Betty McDermott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

2) Minutes of the previous meeting dated August 16, 2005.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the minutes with three corrections: page 5 number 4 the name on the motion should be Mike Reynolds; page 6 #7 the motion should be Mike Reynolds; also on page 2 Mr. Desjardins asked where the funds from the sale of the vehicles would go and it should state the Equipment Fund. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3) New Business.

- a. Thomas Pond Conservation Project – Phase I overview and introduction of Phase II Project – Betty Williams, Project Manager, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Williams gave an update with slides describing the work which has been done around Thomas Pond to relieve phosphorus contamination. She noted that Thomas Pond is on the list for lakes under stress. She added that this was determined by the clarity decline over time. She added that the next phase is being financed with a matching fund grant. The grant will be \$64,939 with a match of \$50,000. It was also said that a deterioration of water quality will affect the value of the land around it.

- b. Recycling Committee Recommendations – Cardboard recycling area – Phil Hammett, Recycling Committee Chairman and John Rand, Raymond Conservation Commission.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hammett said that the committee has formulated a plan for the cardboard which will have four changes: 1) the dumpsters will be moved into the trees behind District II facing the road, 2) a security video camera will be installed so that infractions can be investigated, and 3) steel signs will be posted at each drop off point Jordan-Small Middle School, Raymond Elementary, and District II. Mr. Willard said that Kevin Woodbrey estimated the camera cost to be about \$2,000 for which the town will pay. He said that the camera would link with the schools' new security system. Mr. White noted that the camera would be hard wired into the building and to a computer inside. 4) The Committee would also like to have a \$100 fine for people abusing the program because it would be considered littering to leave cardboard outside the dumpster(s). It was noted that increasing the number of dumpsters was discussed but Mr. White didn't think it was necessary because they are emptied three times a week. He felt that if the tops are locked and people must break down their boxes to, the contents of the dumpsters would be fully utilized and therefore hold more than they do now. Diane Shively asked if this camera would take anything away from the schools. Mr. Willard replied no that the town budget would be paying for it. Mr. Reynolds said that he was in favor of keeping the three dumpsters at District II. He asked how the offenders would be handled; who would write the warning letters. Mr. White felt that if the signage was written correctly any infraction could be prosecuted as littering.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the recommendation of the Recycling Committee and keep the three dumpsters with the funding coming from the town's existing resources. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt thanked the Selectmen for their concern and action in solving this problem. He felt that the improvement would help keep the village area and its historic preservation. He did have concern that people driving up from a distance, finding the dumpsters full, would leave cardboard on the ground anyway. Mr. Hammett asked what the time line would be for construction. Mr. White felt about two weeks.

- 4) Old (unfinished) business. None.
- 5) Town Manager Report and Communications.
 - a. Sheri Gagnon Park Playground.

Mr. Willard announced that the Friends of Sheri Gagnon Park were planning a workday on Saturday, September 24 from 8 am to 11 am. They have been working on improvements and would appreciate help of any kind.

- b. Mr. Willard announced that he would be contacting the Army National Guard to see what their plans were to erect a building at the sand/salt site on Plains Road and also work at Sheri Gagnon Park. It was felt that they possibly will be busy with the reconstruction of New Orleans after the hurricane.

- c. Bulky Waste

Mr. Willard announced that the August amount taken to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility was 27% of last years at \$3,875. He also mentioned David Morton's, Casco Town Manager, positive memo regarding our program and the belief that the program isn't creating a great deal of problem at the Facility.

- d. Selectmen Committee Appointments.

Mrs. McDermott said that Mr. Taylor would like to represent the Selectmen on the Technology Committee. Mr. Gendron was in favor. The Selectmen approved this change.

e. Fuel

Mr. Reynolds asked if the town had locked in fuel prices. Mr. Willard replied yes for all fuels. Mr. Reynolds asked if the mileage reimbursement was sufficient for town employees. Mr. Willard answered that Chief Morse and he received a stipend and all others the IRS mileage allotment of \$.405. He felt that this would be adjusted by the IRS in January. He added that the town will continue to do group purchasing and would also look to find ways for fuel conservation.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – September 6, 2005.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$80,042.70. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the treasurer's warrant in the amount of \$206,055.50. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NOTE: Mr. Willard said that he would be having a meeting with the Cumberland County Manager to set a date for a meeting with the Cumberland County Commissioners to discuss mutual interests and concerns.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Louise H. Lester

Town Clerk