

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Minutes of 03/15/04

Selectmen: *Frank S. Michel, Chairperson*
Robert C. Flanders
Peter N. Miller

Town Manager: *Carol M. Granfield*

Administrative Assistant: *Wynette DeGroot*

Call to Order:
Frank Michel called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Roll Call:
Frank S. Michel, Chairman, Robert Flanders, Peter Miller, Carol Granfield, Wynette DeGroot

Acceptance and/or Correction of Minutes:

Bob Flanders made a motion to approve the minutes of March 01, 2004, as presented. Seconded by Peter Miller, and approved 3-0 in favor.

Bob Flanders motioned to approve the non-public minutes of March 01, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Peter Miller. Approved 3-0 in favor.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT:

- Carol discussed the Town owned property inventory. There are actually 81 Town owned properties and of the 81 we have 18 vacant and undesignated parcels. The information on these parcels will be distributed to the Planning Board, Conservation, and the Space Needs Committee. They then should be placed on an upcoming Board meeting to discuss the use or sale of those properties in order to put back on the tax roles.
- Boat Launches: Season is approaching and there is a need to review the options on parking and launching at the Town Docks and at Shep Brown's. There are currently Cadets that provide coverage during Saturday and Sunday however; there is not coverage during the week. Another area that needs to be reviewed is the fee structure and the possibility of a permitting (sticker) system for Meredith residents.
 - Feedback from the Selectmen:
Bob Flanders discussed the reciprocal agreement Meredith once had with Center Harbor and feels Meredith needs to look at what the process is now. Parking and facilities at Shep Brown's was discussed.
Frank Michel discussed leaning towards evoking a charge at Shep Brown's in order to reduce the bottleneck out on the Neck.
- Carol discussed Town Hall expansion. The Town will be going forth to execute the purchase of Highland Street to enlarge the Town Hall functions. Carol has spoken to Mike Faller (PW) and Chief Curran regarding the parking and safety concerns.

- Bob Flanders suggested looking into the possibility of making part of Highland Street a one-way up to Calvery Street.
- Carol has recently received information from the State on 4 Meredith programs that made the list. The items mentioned were; shoulder work in 2011 from Laconia town line for approximately 2 miles to the new U.S. Rt. 3 intersection, 2007, reconstruction from Center Harbor south 3.2 miles to Pleasant Street which is a total of ten million dollars. The next one is the widening and signaling Parade Road, which is already underway, and the last one is 2005 Waukevan Street pathway and sidewalk.
- Carol would like to have an “Orientation Day” for the new board. The group would tour facilities and meet with staff to review material and fill the Board in on departments.
 - Frank presented material on a workshop for Local Officials that is especially geared toward new officials. Frank highly recommends this session to new members of Boards.
- 2 Bids have been received for the re-write of the Zoning Ordinance. The Town is reviewing to ensure compliance with the specifications required.
- Proposals have been received for assessing, which is on hold for possible reissue pending the hearing. There were 72 abatement requests and the possibility of obtaining assistance is being reviewed along with the assistance on 600 pick-ups.
 - Frank discussed the Town Hall expansion and requests the Board be updated on the financial aspect of expansions on a monthly basis.
 - Bob mentioned a presentation that had been done in relation to the road projects and that it would be a good idea to take a look at it.
- Carol also would like to thank *Citizens Bank* for their donations of furniture.

VISITOR’S AND RESIDENTS COMMENTS: (Non-Agenda items)

Phil McGowan wanted to know why Articles 6, 12, and 13 were not presented at Town Meeting. In addition, Mr. McGowan presented discussion regarding the School Board and how can the Town reclaim the school (out of present InterLakes Cooperative School District).

Jim Hughes gave some history on how the 1957 InterLakes Cooperative District was formed.

Discussion followed on the School District.

Lars Anderson stated his thoughts on the launch and parking situations.

Phil McGowan discussed the assessment and bidding process in town.

Discussion followed on Warrant articles and the number of selectmen on the board.

SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Space Needs:** Bob Flanders reported the Space Needs will meet Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at the Fire Department at 7:00 p.m. The process is moving forward and standardized questions are presented to each department.

- **Planning Board:** The Planning Board was presented a proposal regarding the condo-iz-ing of The Great Escape and a site inspection was completed. The plan is lacking information and the Board is waiting for information requested. The Gypsy Camp is the only revisit on the agenda.
- **Community Center Search Committee:** There has not been a meeting since the Town Meeting. The Committee has been presented a new charge to fundraise for the upcoming Community Center including aggressively seeking grants.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Flanders made a motion to appoint Frank Michel to Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Miller seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Frank Michel moved to have Robert Flanders as vice-chair person of the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Miller seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Frank Michel moved to continue appointment of Bob Flanders as the Planning Board and Space Needs Committee Selectmen representative.

Peter Miller seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Frank Michel moved to appoint Peter Miller as the Selectmen's representative to the Conservation Commission.

Seconded by Bob Flanders. Motion passed.

Frank Michel discussed the necessity of the Conservation Commission to keep the Board informed on funds and timing of events (closings etc.).

Bob Flanders motioned to continue of appointment of Frank Michel to the Community Center Committee. Seconded by Peter Miller. Motion passed.

Bob Flanders moved to accept Herb Vadney as a returning regular member to the Planning Board. Peter Miller seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Bob Flanders moved to accept John Granfield as an alternate to the Planning Board. Peter Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Flanders moved to accept Louis Kahn as an alternate to the Planning Board. Peter Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Flanders moved to accept Fred Hawkins as a regular member to the Zoning Board. Peter Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Flanders moved to accept Barb Smyth as a regular member to the Conservation Commission. Peter Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Flanders moved to accept Pauli Novicki as a regular member to the Conservation Commission. Peter Miller moved to not move on the motion until confirmation of Pauli's desire of continuation on the commission.

Frank Michel encouraged the public for any volunteers who would like to be involved as alternates with the Planning, Zoning Boards, Conservation Commission or the as a full time member for Parks and Rec. Commission to contact the Town Hall for an application.

Bob Flanders moved to confirm nomination of Carol Granfield as an Incorporator to the Belknap County Economic Development Council. Peter Miller seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Peter Miller questioned the participation of a selectman with the TIF District. Peter volunteered to be the Selectmen's representative. Frank Michel will attend the next scheduled meeting (April 2) of The Greater Meredith Program which the TIF falls under and he will let the Board know of the wishes of that group and of the continued participation of a selectmen representative.

The Selectmen had a suggestion to include on the website the names and e-mail addresses of the Board. All agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bob Flanders inquired on the priority list. Carol will look at the list which was also incorporated into the Goals session.
 - Phil McGowan asked where the Board stands regarding the Financial Advisory Board (School Department).
 - Frank Michel's response reviewed the letter from Scott AndersEn. Frank discussed the on going dialogue with the School Board and all three towns is imperative.
 - At the next Selectmen's meeting the agenda will include information regarding the **School Financial Advisory Board.**
 - Jim Hughes suggested that it may be wise for the two administrators to get together and bring a report back to their chairman as to what the parameters will be.
- The Board of Selectmen wishes Mary Saliba (Meredith News) the best of luck in Wolfeboro.

Bob Flanders made a motion to enter a non-public session to discuss real estate and personnel issues under RSA-91-A: 3a&d. Seconded by Peter Miller and unanimous roll call. The Selectmen entered non-public session at 8:25 p.m.

MEREDITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 15, 2004

Motion was made to go back into public session by Bob Flanders at 8:55 p.m. seconded by Peter Miller. Unanimous vote.

No votes were taken during non-public.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Flanders and seconded by Peter Miller at 8:56 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Wynette DeGroot, Administrative Assistant

Frank Michel, Chairman

Carol M. Granfield, Town Manager

Robert C. Flanders

Peter N. Miller