

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of 01/26/09
5:30 p.m.

Selectmen:

Peter F. Brothers, Chairman
Miller C. Lovett, Vice Chairman
Robert C. Flanders
Charles G. Palm
Colette Worsman

Co-Interim Town Managers:

John C. Edgar
Brenda L. Vittner

Recording Clerk:

Karin Landry

Call to Order: Chairman Peter Brothers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He introduced the Board, Co-Interim Town Managers, and the Recording Clerk and made announcements pertaining to fire exits, listening assisted devices, the use of microphones, and silencing cell phones.

ACCEPTANCE AND/OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

W 08-78 Minutes of the January 2, 2009 Workshop and the January 12, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Selectman Palm motioned to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2009 Workshop and the January 12, 2009 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Flanders.

Selectman Lovett requested a change in the wording of the January 2 Workshop minutes as follows: Page 3, PERSONNEL, Line7: "He asked that the employees consider working together with the Selectmen by proposing that the Selectmen forgo the October 1 quarterly stipend unless there is a surplus of at least \$100,000 in the budget, and that the employees forgo their COLA and substitute a 3% performance-based bonus under the same terms."

Acceptance of the January 2 Workshop Minutes will be deferred.

January 12, 2009: 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for Monday, February 2 at the Community Center.
- A vehicle fell through the ice at the Town Docks today. It has been removed from the water.

- Anyone having an interest in applying for the open positions for Selectmen, Trustee of the Trust Funds, and Library Trustees should register at the Town Hall.

VISITOR'S AND RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Moultonboro resident Michelle Taft appeared before the Board on behalf of the newly founded Center Harbor Soup Kitchen. She inquired about the procedure for requesting funding from the Town for the non-profit organization. The Kitchen is also requesting funds from Moultonboro, Center Harbor, and Sandwich. The process includes submitting an application for the Board's review. The Board made a determination during this year's budget process to level fund existing Outside Agencies. An individual request for funding can be made by submitting a Warrant Article for vote at Town Meeting.

Resident Karen Sticht suggested allowing voters to choose the agencies they wish to support by presenting Warrant Articles for individual agencies on a 5-year rotating basis. She is concerned with the administrative costs of various agencies and is not in favor of the Town's past practice of covering the cost of attending awards ceremonies. The Chair told Ms. Sticht that dialogue has taken place regarding improvements to the vetting process for the 2010 budget process.

SELECTMENS' COMMENTS:

Two members of the Water Committee resigned due to health reasons. There is a consensus among the Board that the positions should be refilled. The Board will review an application from an individual expressing interest in the position, and will take steps to solicit additional applicants. The Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month from 5-7 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex. Anyone with an interest is encouraged to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**09-05 Appointment of Trustee of Trust Fund**

John Ward of Spindle Point Rd. has expressed an interest in serving as Trustee of Trust Fund. The Board reviewed the volunteer application submitted by Mr. Ward. Mr. Ward attended a couple of the meetings, and Chairperson Barbara Clark supports the appointment.

Selectman Lovett moved to appoint John Ward to fill the vacancy on Trustee of the Trust Funds. Seconded by Selectman Flanders. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

09-06 Abatements

Assessor Commerford provided the Board with a summary abatement sheet and inter-office memo describing the rationale and the impact for the following requests for abatement:

Mary S. Melia/Tax Map W01-5, removal of value of handicapped elevator - \$128.35

Samuel & Rose Blake/Tax Map S13-37, correction of error - \$108.87

Dow Associates, Inc./ Tax Map U07-100, settlement offer for 2006 and 2007 appeals - \$1,567.80

Selectman Flanders moved to approve the abatements as recommended by Assessor Commerford in the amount of \$128.35, \$108.87 and \$1,567.80. Seconded by Selectman Palm. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman Worsman motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:05 p.m. and return to a Workshop on the 2009 Warrant Articles. Seconded by Selectman Palm. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Edgar, Co-Interim Town Mgr.

Peter F. Brothers, Chairman

Brenda L. Vittner, Co-Interim Town Mgr.

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