

**SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP**  
**Minutes of 03-09-09**  
**4:00 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 4:00 p.m. He introduced the Board, Co-Interim Town Managers, and the Recording Clerk.

**09-11 Laconia Motorcycle Week Association**

Jen Anderson, Director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association, made a presentation to the Board on the role the Association plays in the promotion, planning, and coordination of Motorcycle Week. The Association's mission is to promote Motorcycle Week, the Lakes Region, and the State of New Hampshire to motorcycle enthusiasts. The Town of Meredith has been a member of the Association since 1994. The Town pays annual membership dues of \$2,000. The dues paid by members cover the operating expenses of the Association, and the expenses involved with the publication of the Laconia Rally News.

Although attendance at motorcycle events has been lower than average in recent years, this year's event in Daytona Beach did not show a decrease in attendance compared to last year. The Association has not made any cuts to the advertising budget. It hopes to encourage people to attend the event and stimulate the local economy.

As a Board member, the Town is provided space for a welcome letter in the Rally News inviting enthusiasts to take advantage of all the area has to offer, and setting forth expectations for riders. The Town receives a 5% discount on advertisements in the News. A link to the Town's website is included on the Association's website. The official Rally logo can be used as desired. Most importantly, serving on the Board allows the Town to have input regarding how the Rally can be made more enjoyable, successful, and user friendly. It gives the Town the opportunity to have a voice in the management, control and policy making for the event. Board members have input on matters such as the official starting date and length of the event.

Selectman Flanders is in favor of the Town's support of the Association. It is important to be able to participate in the planning and debates surrounding the event. He attended this year's event in Daytona, and told the Board that bulletins for the Laconia Rally were

readily available. Dialogue ensued regarding cost saving trends by enthusiasts, including staying farther out of Town and leaving mid-week. As a result, more events are being held on the first weekend, including the big race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Selectman Worsman is in favor of the Town's support of the Association, but would like to see it slated as a separate Warrant Article in 2010 so the community can weigh in on the support of the organization. The Association is a registered New Hampshire non-profit corporation, but is not registered as a non-profit at the federal level.

Selectman Lovett posed questions regarding the structure of the organization. Paul Lessard has served as the Town's representative on the Board for many years. The insurance policy provided by the American Motorcycle Association covers all official events and Board members. The City of Laconia has used their insurance as a municipality in the past, and utilized the AMA's for backup coverage. Selectman Lovett requested a balance sheet and income statement for the Association. The Association is audited annually. New Association members pay dues in the amount of \$5,000, which are reduced annually in \$500 increments and stabilize at \$2,000. The Association offered a special offer to join at the \$2,500 level a few years ago. The Association uses a system of checks and balances to ensure that new members have the best intentions for the success of Motorcycle Week.

Selectman Palm suggested holding a joint meeting on a Saturday prior to the event so interested individuals have the opportunity to express views on matters that affect multiple towns, such as the routing of traffic. Ms. Anderson agreed that a gathering in April is a good suggestion.

The Board should direct questions to Co-Interim Town Manager John Edgar.

### **09-12 Center Harbor, Meredith, and Moultonborough Community Caregivers**

Carol Gerken, Executive Director of the Center Harbor, Meredith, and Moultonborough Community Caregivers, came before the Board to familiarize them with the role of CHMM Community Caregivers in the communities they serve. Their mission is to enhance quality of life for all ages by helping neighbors remain independent with dignity. Volunteers provide supportive services such as transportation to doctor and dentist appointments, laboratory tests, shopping, hair appointments, and respite for long-term family caregivers. Community Caregivers served 60 new members in 2008, for a total of 168. 89 of the 168 registered neighbors live in Meredith. The challenges faced by the organization are fund raising and volunteer recruitment and retention. The organization calls on 86 volunteers, 23 of which live in Meredith. 13 of the volunteers who completed the last three training sessions are from Meredith. Community Caregivers is willing to schedule training sessions that accommodate business schedules. In 2008 there were more than 1,000 requests for service, representing 4,000 volunteer hours. The organization is staffed by two part time people, the Executive Director and Office Manager. It is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and relies on donations, grants, fundraisers, and grants to cover its operating expenses. There is no government

funding or revenues received from the Towns it serves. There was a consensus among the Board that the services provided by the organization are very valuable.

**Miscellaneous:**

Dialogue ensued regarding how Town roads have been affected by recent warm weather. Further details will be presented at an upcoming workshop on roads.

The DES received \$800 million in requests for wastewater and water infrastructure projects for the \$58 million made available by the stimulus package. Water & Sewer Superintendent Brian Carroll submitted requests for \$3.2 million for water infrastructure and \$1 million for wastewater. The state will not be granting any money to towns in 2009 for roadwork.

*Selectman Flanders motioned to adjourn the meeting and move into a Non-Public meeting per RSA 91-A:3 II(b) at 5:10 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Worsman. Selectmen polled. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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John C. Edgar, Co-Interim Town Manager

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Peter F. Brothers, Chairman

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