

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of 05-18-09**  
**5:30 p.m.**

*Selectmen:*

*(Absent with Notice)*

*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 Clerks:*

*Karin Landry*  
*Karin Nelson*

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. He made announcements pertaining to fire exits, listening assisted devices, microphones, and cell phones.

**ACCEPTANCE AND/OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

**09-27 Minutes of April 27 and May 4 Non-Public Meeting, May 4 Workshop, and April 27 and May 4 Regular Meetings.**

*Selectman Worsman motioned to approve the minutes of the April 27 and May 4 Non-Public Meetings, May 4 Workshop, and the April 27 and May 4 Regular Meetings. Seconded by Selectman Lovett. 4-0. Motion passed.*

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- A letter dated May 12, 2009 was received from the Waukegan Shoreowner's Association requesting a meeting with the Selectboard regarding water quality concerns and issues relating to lake level management. The concerns with water quality are based on spring chloride testing performed at various locations around the Lake. Both issues have a level of complexity. Co-Interim Town Manager John Edgar recommends that the Board refer the matter to the Lake Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee. The Committee will report to the Board once they have met with Shoreowner's Association. There was a consensus among the Board that Mr. Edgar should forward the communication to the Advisory Committee, ask them to meet with the Shoreowner's Association, and report to the Board at a subsequent workshop. Dialogue ensued regarding possible sources of elevated levels of chloride in Lake Waukegan. Mr. Edgar suggested that the Board should rely on the Advisory Committee to better understand the results of the chloride testing. There was a general consensus among the Board to proceed on that basis.

- The Board received a letter to Dr. Phil McCormack from Doug Hill at Nungesser & Hill in reference to the recent Center Harbor Board appointment to the Interlakes School District. The Center Harbor Board of Selectman is questioning the appointment of an individual to the vacant Center Harbor position on the Interlakes School Board. Pursuant to the applicable RSA, there must be a consensus of the three boards from the three district towns. Accordingly, the Meredith Board may have to become involved in the matter if it prevails. Co-Interim Town Manager Brenda Vittner will consult with legal counsel and Mr. McCormack regarding the matter and will keep the Board updated on the matter.
- The Town has been certified by the DRA for the 2008 assessment review. The level of assessment uniformity over the past year, assessment practices, and exemption/credit procedures are in compliance with state statutes and rules. The next assessment review is scheduled for 2011. The DRA praised the Town's attention to detail, thoroughness, periodic review, integrity, and hard work. They commented that we stand out as an excellent example for other communities to follow. Mr. Edgar and the Chair congratulated the Assessing Department and thanked them for a job well done.
- In observance of Memorial Day, there will not be a meeting on Monday, May 25. The Town Manager Search Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 26. An open house will be held at the fire station on Saturday, May 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to stop in and celebrate the opening of the new station. There will be special parking arrangements for the event.
- There has been an agreement to work with Lou Kahn and Bobby Smyth on a conservation easement. A site walk of the property is tentatively scheduled for later this week. The Board will be updated as the matter progresses.

#### **VISITOR'S AND RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

Resident Jim Hughes spoke about the need for port-a-potty facilities at the Town Docks.

Ms. Vittner will investigate the matter and report back to Mr. Hughes. Last year, there was a portable bathroom facility at Hesky Park for the entire summer. A schedule will be prepared of the portable facilities and their locations. Mr. Edgar reported that the Waukegan bathhouses are up and running.

The Laconia Area Community Land Trust housing project on Boynton Rd. is moving along nicely, and the Chair encouraged the public to take a minute to drive by and see the progress.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**09-28 2008 Abatement Approvals.**

Assessor Commerford provided the Board with a summary of the 2008 abatements.

Selectman Palm inquired if the leaking oil tank on Tommy's Cove was resolved. Mr. Commerford will investigate the matter.

Dialogue ensued regarding the difference in appraisals for purposes such as estate planning or settlement, as opposed to fair market value. The intended purpose of appraisals is screened by the Assessing Department and taken into account. The values of foreclosed properties are not considered.

*Selectman Palm motioned to approve the valuation adjustment of 12 properties, in the sum total of \$6,835.89, excluding interest, and deny the valuation adjustment of 4 properties, as set forth in the document prepared by Assessor Commerford. Seconded by Selectman Worsman. 4-0. Motion Passed.*

**09-29 2009 Board Appointments**

Each year the Board of Selectmen considers new appointments and re-appointments to various volunteer boards for the Town of Meredith. When appointments were made earlier this year, the appointment of Mark Tuckerman as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission was inadvertently omitted. Mr. Tuckerman has attended meetings of the Commission, and his appointment is recommended by the Commission Chair. Cheryl Prouty has served as a regular member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, and is due to be reappointed for another three-year term. The Parks & Recreation Director recommends her reappointment. Co-Interim Town Manager Brenda Vittner recommends both appointments.

*Selectman Worsman motioned that Mark Tuckerman be appointed as an alternate member of the Meredith Conservation Commission and Cheryl Prouty be reappointed as a regular member of the Meredith Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Seconded by Selectman Lovett. 4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Selectman Lovett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Worsman. 4-0. Motion passed.*

*Selectman Lovett motioned to move into a non-public session per New Hampshire RSA 91-A:3 II (a)(b)(c) and (e) after a short break. Selectmen polled. 4-0. 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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