

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of 05-04-09**  
**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/Karin Nelson*

Call to Order: Chairman Peter Brothers called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. He made announcements pertaining to fire exits, listening assisted devices, cell phones, and the use of microphones. He introduced the Board, Co-Interim Town Managers, and the Recording Clerk.

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

**09-24 Minutes of 3/23 & 4/20 Workshops, 4/20 Non-public and 4/20 Regular Meetings**

*Selectman Flanders made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 23 and April 20 Workshops, 4/20 Non-Public and April 20 Regular Meeting minutes with the changes made by Selectman Palm on the March 23 minutes. Seconded by Selectman Palm. Selectman Worsman abstained from voting on the minutes of the March 23 Workshop because she had missed a substantial part of the meeting.*

*5-0-1 Motion passed.*

**CO-INTERIM TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

None

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**09-25 Boynton Rd. Cemetery Fence - Action**

This matter was reviewed at the workshop preceding the Board meeting. At the time the Laconia Area Community Land Trust housing project was approved, the Board received a petition from residents of Boynton Rd. asking that the cemetery fence be repositioned to allow for better snow removal along the corridor. The Board agreed to move the fence 2-3' from its present position. On April 6, 2009, the Board received a petition, signed by

most of the residents who signed the original petition, requesting that the fence remain in its current position. Resident Rob Ambrose attended the workshop on behalf of the petitioners to answer questions posed by the Board. The Board expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to save \$7,550 by leaving the fence in its present location. Public Works Superintendent Mike Faller has approved leaving the fence in its current location.

*Selectman Flanders moved that the fence at the edge of the cemetery along Boynton Rd. not be moved as originally designed, because most of the people who signed the original petition now wish to keep it in its present location. This represents an opportunity for the Town to save \$7,550, which is very desirable in the present economy. Seconded by Selectman Worsman. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

The Board will have the opportunity to revisit the matter if the necessity arises in the future.

### **Fire Department Intern Program**

The Chair reported that the Board arrived at a consensus at the workshop preceding the Board meeting to support a fire department intern program. A presentation was made by Chief Jones and Deputy Klutz regarding accommodating live-in students from the technical college at the dorms in the fire station. The matter was discussed at length and there was a consensus among the Board that the program is an opportunity for a partnership with the college that will benefit the Town and the students. The students will be under the direct supervision of the Chief and Deputy Chief. A manual has been developed that dictates the activities and conditions under which the students will be allowed to live in the dormitory, including daily, weekly, and monthly maintenance and duties. There are minor costs associated with the program. The volunteers will provide the Town with 30-35 hours of service during the summer/fall semesters.

### **09-26 Town Manager Search Committee Discussion**

At its April 27 meeting, the Board voted on five members of the public to serve on the Town Manager Search Committee: **Ken Colburn, Jeanie Forester, Bev Lapham, Dave Thorpe, and Justin Van Etten.** All five have agreed to serve on the committee. In addition, Board Chair Peter Brothers, Selectman Chuck Palm, and Co-Interim Town Managers John Edgar and Brenda Vittner will serve on the committee. Resumes for the position of Town Manager must be received by today. 65 resumes have been received at this time. The Board must set a date and time for an organizational meeting for the search committee. The responsibilities of the committee, and a timetable for reviewing resumes and determining which candidates to interview, will be addressed at the organizational meeting. Ms. Vittner suggested the meeting be held on Monday, May 11 at the Town Hall Annex. The search committee was established by the governing Board (Board of Selectmen) pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(b). The hiring of a public employee is a matter which can be considered in non-public sessions. Accordingly, the meetings for this determination will be held in non public sessions and will comply with all posting

and minute requirements for the meeting of governmental bodies in non public sessions. It is essential that everyone involved in the process recognizes the confidentiality of the interview process. The Board will act to hire a candidate for the position in a public meeting.

Chair Brothers would like to move forward with a reasonably aggressive plan in order to identify several candidates by July or August. He expressed appreciation for the working knowledge the Co-Interim Town Managers have for the position. The Board is appreciative of the excellent pool of candidates that volunteered to serve on the search committee. All candidates for the search committee will be formally thanked for their willingness to serve. The Selectmen will be updated on the progress of the committee.

The organizational meeting of the committee will be held on May 11, at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall Annex. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled at that time.

The Chair asked if any member of the public would like to speak before the end of the meeting. Resident Jim Hughes spoke regarding the need for Port-a-potties for public areas in Meredith, particularly at Hesky Park.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

*Selectman Worsman motioned that the Board move into a non-public meeting pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (b)(c) and (d) after a short break. Seconded by Selectman Flanders. Selectmen polled. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Selectman Flanders moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Palm. 5-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

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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