

**Board of Selectmen
12 February 2007
Minutes**

6:00 p.m. - Chairman Ella Jo Regan called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Regan, Selectman Don Guarino, Administrative Assistant Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne. Selectman Brian Forst was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes – The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of last week's minutes.

MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to accept the minutes of February 5, 2007 as amended. Chairman Regan seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Selectmen's Report – The Selectmen reviewed and finalized the Selectmen's report for the Town Report.

Budget – The Selectmen reviewed the Budget Committee's recommendations to the budget.

FYI's and Other Business

Health Insurance - Tim informed the Selectmen that as July 1, 2007, LGC would be changing prescription benefits for the Town's health insurance. He said there would be no increase in the premiums at this time. Tim said LGC had suggested holding informational sessions with our employees to make them aware of the changes, which LGC will come up and host.

Pay-as-You-Throw – Tim had a note from Brenda McBride requesting the following information be included in the minutes:

There is a 15-minute video airing at various times on Channel 26, giving an overview of the solid waste management program known as Pay-as-You Throw.

Brenda said she had found it quite helpful in understanding how the program works.

Letter - DES – Hydrant - Stone Road – Tim said he had received a letter from DES stating we would need a permit for the hydrant that had been replaced on Stone Road. He

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said the Fire Department personnel are working on the permit, and Nanci Mitchell is working on getting the maps that are needed.

Permission to Park Boat Trailers at Crystal Lake Park – Tim said he had received a phone call from Mr. Carr, tournament coordinator of the White Mountain Bass Club requesting permission to park vehicles and boat trailers at Crystal Lake Park from 7:00 p.m. June 29th until 7:00 a.m. on June 30th. This is for an overnight bass tournament to be held on Crystal Lake. The State has given them a permit conditional on confirmation of off-site parking due to the capacity of the State ramp.

Tim was asked to check with Gary Lines, and if nothing is going on at the park that evening, the club will be given permission to park the vehicles and boat trailers.

LRPA (Lakes Region Public Access) Television – Tim informed the Selectmen that they had been invited to LRPA Television's inaugural community outreach presentation, "State of the Station" on Tuesday, February 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Merrimack Community Center, 1 Circle Dr., Meredith, NH. He said the presentation would be broadcast live on Channel 26 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dot Grover, president of the NH Coalition for community media. There will be a question and answer session after the presentation. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Public Input

Firemen's Training – Brenda Currier wanted information about the hire date of our two full-time firefighters and when they would be completing their intermediate training. Brenda said the firefighters sign a contract that they would become an intermediate within a year. Brenda said Tom Young's year is up May 3rd, and he is testing soon. She added that Jonathan Gline's two years is up in July; he has taken the class, but hasn't tested, so he can't go out with them. Brenda stated that Andrea Kingston, a volunteer, had taken the same class as Jonathan, and she has been an intermediate for months, so she goes out with them at night. She said that the Chief has to follow through to make sure the full-time firefighters get their intermediate classes in a timely fashion. She was also concerned because some of the full-time firefighters had left as soon as they had completed their intermediate training; they also sign a contract that they will commit to a certain amount of time once they get their intermediate training. Brenda said we pay for the classes, and are not reimbursed, so when they leave right after training we lose out.

Ella Jo asked if Brenda had spoken with Chief Robbins. Brenda said she had spoken with Chief Robbins on more than one occasion. Brenda asked if the Selectmen would speak with Chief Robbins. Chairman Regan said they would.

Budget Question – Brenda Currier had a copy of the budget from the budget committee meeting. She felt the lines for salary increases for the Town were not clear. Tim Warren explained the procedure for the way the increases had to be listed in the budget.

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Brenda asked if it would be possible, in the future, to get copies of the budget before the budget meeting so people could have time to review it, and be able to ask questions at the meeting. Tim felt they could probably get them a day before the meeting.

7:15 p.m. – Recess

7:25 p.m. – Back in Session

More FYI's and other Business

Reports from Department Heads, Committees and Outside Agencies – The Selectmen reviewed the reports from Department Heads, Committees and Outside Agencies that are to be included in the Town Report.

Letter Town Counsel – Morrill Case – Tim said he had received a letter from Town Counsel regarding the Morrill vs. Town of Gilmanton case. He said argument of the appeal of the ZBA's decision of December 5, 2005 had been heard on January 16, 2007, and the court overturned the board's decision, and remands the matter to the board for further consideration. He said the deadline for the Town to appeal is 30-days from February 5, 2007.

There was a brief discussion of the case.

Tomlin – Justamere Lane – Tim informed the Board that he had received a call from Mr. Tomlin of 54 Justamere Lane. Tim said that Mr. Tomlin has a neighbor at 56 Justamere Lane who had gone before the ZBA to get a variance to build a deck onto his cottage. He said the edge of the cottage is 18" from the edge of the property, and the ZBA allowed the deck to be added to the back of the cottage, as long as they didn't encroach any closer than the 18". Tim said the deck that was added is 10' X 16', so it looks huge, but it is 18' from the property line. Tim said it is his understanding that when Mr. Tomlin came into the ZBA hearing, he didn't have any problems with a deck being added. Tim said that for some reason now there is a concern. He said Mr. Tomlin has spoken with ZBA Chair Betty Hackett a couple of times. Mr. Tomlin said the zoning board had erred in their decision, but now it has been approved so there is nothing they can do about it. Tim said that Code Enforcement Officer Bob Flanders had checked it out, and everything was built the way it had been approved.

8:30 p.m. - Enter into non-public session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Selectman Guarino moved to Enter into non-public session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) - Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person unless such person requests an open meeting; however, this cannot be used to protect a person who is a member of your Board, Committee or Subcommittee. Chairman Regan seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

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The Board discussed an ongoing code enforcement issue.

8:40 p.m. Out of non-public session

Selectman Guarino moved to come Out of non-public session. Chairman Regan seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

8:41 p.m. – MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Regan seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk