

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Monday, September 15, 2008 Town Office

Attendance: Bernal Lake, Carroll Bowie, Cora Briggs, Ashley O'Brian, Fred Nadeau, Terry Despres, Mel Slade, Bill Nichols, Ron Chadwick, Martin Puckett

Board Members present: Louise Chabot, Jackie Knight, Ernest Souther III and William Demaray. Absent: David Lemire

1. Called to order by Chabot at 6:30pm.
2. Public Hearing for Parking Ordinance: Puckett discussed the amendments to the parking ordinance over the years since it was adopted in 1980. The document was never retyped into one document. Comments were made about the enforcement of the ordinance in the downtown area, high school and middle school, and signage. After no other comments were received the hearing was called to an end by Chabot.
3. Consideration of minutes from August 18, 2008: Demaray made a motion to accept, Chabot second, approved 3-0, Knight abstained. Souther made a motion to table minutes from September 2 Chabot second, approved 4-0.
4. Old Business:
 - A. School Consolidation: Despres started the discussion about the process between the process of SAD 36 and Jay. Despres presented student population projections and cost per student between the two districts. Nadeau and O'Brien also discussed the process, funding issues and the referendum timeline. Despres explained the difference between the Sinclair act in the 1950's and the current school reform is that the Sinclair act offered rewards for consolidation. Despres anticipates cost savings will not be realized until 3 to 5 years.
 - B. Apple Pumpkin Festival: Apple Pumpkin Festival: The event is from 10 to 3 on September 27 and will have a pie baking contest, a triathlon, and many new vendors.
 - C. Single Stream Recycling: Puckett, Chadwick, Chabot and Nichols discussed the recent trip to examine the town of Monmouth's single stream recycling program and the parallels that could lead to efficiencies and cost savings in Livermore Falls.
 - D. Parking Ordinance: Demaray made a motion to accept the parking ordinance packet as written and have a committee review and evaluate sections, Chabot second approved 4-0. The board would like the committee to consist of representation from the police department, public works, and citizens.
 - E. Culvert Update: The Haines Corner washout estimated project cost is \$69,000. A meeting with FEMA to consider the project for reimbursement will occur on Tuesday.
 - F. Dispatch Discussion: Knight discussed other community's votes to not join the consolidation and due to lack of community support, Knight also voted to oppose the process at this time. The County Commissioners will meet to discuss next steps.
 - G. Tree Removal Bid: One bid was received and opened from Castonguay Excavation for \$4,050. Demaray made a motion to approve the bid, Knight second, approved 4-0.
 - H. Transitional Planning: Puckett discussed a list of items that he has been working on and are current priorities. A special town meeting will be needed to raise more

money for the bike path. \$28,000 has been raised and a minimum of \$16,000 additional will need to be raised for the town's match. The town may be able to use a recycled material for the surface but there are still concerns of the viability. Paving costs have caused the project costs to increase above the original budget. The special town meeting will also gauge community support of the project. Puckett presented a contract to have AVCOG administer the CDBG grant program. After reviewing the contract the board would like the wording changed to reduce the financial liability of over runs. The contract will be presented again with changes at the next board meeting. Demaray made a motion to appoint Kristal Flagg as interim town manager and pay a stipend of \$200 per week until a replacement is hired, Knight second, approved 4-0.

5. New Business:

(a) Town Manager Report: Maine Municipal Association has received a dividend check in the amount of \$4,770 as a result of excellent claim service.

6. Additional Business:

- A. Public Session: Nadeau would like to see a committee formed to have a comprehensive view of the town's solid waste operation. Demaray made a motion to run an ad in the paper to gauge interest in forming a solid waste committee, Souther second approved 3-0, Knight absent. The same notice will be used for filling vacancies on the budget committee, planning board, and other committees including a committee to evaluate the parking and traffic ordinance. Slade discussed problems with handicap accessibility on the sidewalks and buildings.
- B. Review Correspondence: Reviewed, no action needed.
- C. Quit Claim Deed/Abatements/Supplements/Permits: Chabot made a motion to approve an abatement for the Paper and Heritage Museum for (account 1647) for \$4,109.68, Knight second, approved 4-0.
- D. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (F) Poverty Abatement Case 08.04: Demaray made a motion to enter executive session, Chabot second, approved 4-0. Chabot made a motion to exit executive session and deny the abatement and recommend property owner sell any property that is more than the town's minimum lot standard, Souther second, approved 4-0.
- E. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) Personnel: Chabot made motion to approve, Knight second, approved 3-0. Souther made a motion to exit executive session and to have all applicants follow the application process listed in the job position advertisement, Knight second, approved 3-0.
- F. Sign Warrants: Souther made a motion to approve warrants and adjourn, Knight second, approved 3-0.