

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Monday June 2, 2008 Town Office

Attendance: Richard Korhonen, William Demaray, Cora Briggs, Chief Ernie Steward, Tom Gould, Courtney Hladik, Martin Puckett

Board Members present: Louise Chabot, David Lemire, Ernest Souther III and Melanie Rounds arrived after the minutes were accepted. Absent: Jackie Knight.

1. Meeting called to order by Chabot.
2. Consideration of minutes from May 27, 2008: Souther made motion to approve the minutes, Lemire second, approved 3-0.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Gary Knight: Gary discussed the three Railroad crossings in town to be repaired this July. Maine DOT has designed two detour plans and will install signage for the improvements. From 6:00 am on July 7th through the 9th at 8:00pm, the Depot St and Main St Crossings will be closed to traffic. A detour for those three days will be on Pleasant St. to Church St. The downtown area will be accessible from Water and Foundry St. From 6:00 am on July 14th and ending the 15th at 8:00 pm, the Bridge St Crossing will be closed to traffic. Main and Depot St will be open during this period of work. Traffic from Route 133 to south bound Route 4, and north and south bound traffic on Route 4 will use the Crash Road. After the crossings are repaired and backfilled, recycled pavement will be placed for traffic and to allow loaded trains to cross them to complete the proper compaction to ensure longevity of the crossings. Pike Industries plans to be in Livermore Falls between the last of July and the first of August to pave. Gary also recognized Officer Hladik's achievement at the police academy including a 1.5 mile run record of 8:35 minutes and graduating at the top of the class.
 - B. Sewer Superintendent: Town manager will have materials ready for the board to review next meeting.
 - C. County Commissioners' Meeting: The commissioners have invited select boards and councils from Androscoggin County to discuss dispatch. The meeting will be on June 4 at the county building. Another current event is lien training for office staff on June 6. The office will close at noon.
4. New Business:
 - A. MMA Executive Committee: MMA sent out nomination papers to all communities for elected officials. Nominations are due by June 6.
 - B. MMA Legislative Policy Committee & AVCOG: Puckett currently serves as a representative for the town on both these committees and would like to continue.
 - C. Skate Park and Bike Path: Jackie Knight had provided some plans for the skate park equipment including a grind rail, ramps and half pipe. Volunteers would build the equipment and the town could supply the materials or obtain donations from the area. Puckett will discuss skate board regulation with the police chief.

D. Maine Association of Broadcasters: At the next selectboard meeting a representative will discuss the change to high definition and what citizens have for options.

E. Safety Grant: Nichols still has not received a response of the application.

5. Additional Business:

A. Public Session: Briggs asked about the railroad crossing repairs.

B. Review Correspondence: Communities are trying four ten hour workdays were also discussed as a way to save on fuel. Board discussed four ten hour work days and the possible energy savings. Board also discussed the possible financial impacts and citizen accessibility to town services. Puckett discussed the Personal Property and Lien Training for all office employees on June 6 with the office closing at noon.

C. Quit Claim Deed/Abatements/Supplements/Permits: None

D. Sign Warrants: Chabot made a motion to approve warrants and adjourn, Lemire second, approved 4-0.

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Tuesday May 27, 2008 Town Office

Attendance: Richard Korhonen, Marvin Parker, Cora Briggs, Mark Chretien, Donna Perry, Ken Jones, Kent Mitchell, Anita Wood, Bob Mills, Martin Puckett

Board Members present: Jackie Knight, Louise Chabot, Melanie Rounds, David Lemire and Ernest Souther III

1. Meeting called to order by Knight.
2. Consideration of minutes from April 22, 2008: Chabot made motion to approve the minutes, Lemire second, approved 4-0, with Souther abstaining.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Fire Department: Chief Jones was presented with a cake and mug for recognition of 31 of service to the town. The Chief thanked the town and expressed his gratitude. The Chief explained a special meeting of the fire department was called and the first vote for assistant chief resulted in four candidates, two of which were a tie vote. Another vote was taken and the majority of votes were for Mark Chretien. Knight made a motion to appoint Mark Chretien as assistant chief, Lemire second approved 5-0. The Chief also mentioned the accident involving Engine 3 backing into the narrow bay. An estimate to fix the damage will be obtained before a decision is made.
 - B. History Night: The Betterment group will be holding a meeting to discuss the recent event and reflect on successes and evaluate changes. Maine's Paper and Heritage Museum had over 350 visitors and raised money too.
 - C. Maine Power Options Bid: The board awarded the fixed price bids: #2 heating fuel to C.N. Brown \$4.059 per gallon. Diesel to Dennis K. Burke Oil Company \$4.295 per gallon.
4. New Business:
 - A. Signing School Warrant: Board signed all copies.
 - B. Planning Board Request: The planning board requested a reduction in the planning board membership from 7 members to 5. The request would have to be voted upon at a town meeting. Puckett recommended waiting until after the annual appointments to see if there are citizens interested in filling the empty seats.
 - C. Skate Park and Bike Path: Wright Pierce, the engineers for the bike path have redrafted an estimate to complete the project based upon recent costs. The total estimate is \$228,000. Local appropriations for the project are \$28,000, matched by the state and federal funding of \$176,000. More funds will have to be appropriated for the project in order to continue the process, which will require town approval. Knight discussed community interest in expanding the skate park. Bob Mills and other parents and children have discussed some ideas for the park and will donate time to construct new ramps, repair existing equipment and paint. Puckett will ask the treasurer about funding possibilities. A meeting will be held to get everyone together and start discussing some possibilities and gather input from the children that use the park.

- D. Sewer Superintendent: Mitchell asked about a retirement rehire for his position at the sewer department. He would officially retire from the position and wants to be hired as a new employee. It would save the town money for vacation time and retirement match from the town. Puckett will research legal aspect and report next meeting.
 - E. Overdraft: The treasurer made the board aware of a \$33.88 over expenditure for loan payment interest for a fire truck payment.
5. Additional Business:
- A. Public Session: Anita Wood from 10 Oak Street complained about the driveway abutment from the water and sewer project last year. Puckett will look at the driveway with the Public Works foreman. Korhonen asked about the progress of junkyard clean up.
 - B. Review Correspondence: The Androscoggin County Commissioners invited the board to a meeting to discuss dispatch. Ryan Crocker is having a celebration for completing his Eagle Scout project.
 - C. Quit Claim Deed/Abatements/Supplements/Permits: Chabot made a motion to approve an abatement for personal property account 183 for Citicorp Vendor Finance in the amount of \$381.51, Knight second, approved 5-0.
 - D. Sign Warrants: Chabot made a motion to approve warrants and adjourn, Lemire second, approved 5-0.