

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selectmen Ramsey, Crichton, Murphy, Chambers, Elton

OTHERS: TM Trefethen, TC Buckman and 30 members of the General Public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Elton second Chambers "approve minutes of August 16, 2011" passed 5-0

MOTION Elton second Murphy "approve minutes of August 24, 2011" passed 4-0-1 (Chambers)

MOTION Elton second Chambers "approve minutes of August 31, 2011" passed 5-0.

REVIEW AND SIGN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The Town Manager advised the Board that a petition was received by 5PM today. The petition needs to be reviewed to determine if it is legal and the proper amount of signatures can be certified. He suggested delaying signing a Warrant until your next business meeting to allow the review to be completed. *MOTION Murphy second Chambers "table action on the Warrant from September 8th to September 20th to allow a review to be completed" passed 5-0.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Peter Perri was concerned about the Local Building Code sunseting on July 1, 2012 because of the current questions coming from the legislature on passing a State wide Building Code. *MOTION Murphy second Chambers "review code at our next business meeting" passed 5-0. MOTION Crichton second Murphy "extend the local Municipal Building Code by 1- year and have this placed on the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November" passed 5-0.*

Resident Oscar Stone pointed out the Boards inability to extend an action of a Town Meeting vote.

Resident Jill Farwell discussed if another Informational Meeting would be held by CMP infrastructure upgrade for Berwick.

COMMUNICATIONS

Reviewed no action taken on items reviewed.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE WARRANTS

MOTION Elton second Chambers "approve warrants 1207, W1207, 1208, W1209, 1209" passed 5-0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Modification of Tax Acquired Property Policy: Board reviewed the document and reviewed several matters related to the Policy. In their review and under Article 4.3 they added a definition of Immediate Family and instructed the Manager to place it in 4.3. *MOTION Crichton second Murphy “approve the policy as amended under Article #4” passed 3-2 (Ramsey, Chambers)*

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Massage Establishment License: *MOTION Chambers second Elton “approve the Massage Establishment License for Janet LaPierre as reviewed” passed 5-0*

Meet with John Campbell to discuss Littering Ordinance: Resident John Campbell had provided the Board a draft copy of a littering ordinance he wished for the Board to consider. Several ideas came up as to what should happen. *MOTION Murphy second Crichton “table action until next meeting” passed 5-0*

Deputy Town Clerk/Customer Service Rep Position: With a hiring freeze the Board reviewed if this position needs to be filled with the departure of present employee due to retirement. Board tabled for action and will discuss further at their next business meeting.

Status of Security & Maintenance of Prime Properties: Board discussed the properties and the attempts recently to set fire to the property. Board of Selectmen wish to this matter to be addressed and action either by the Mortgage Holder or the town must take place to secure the property.

Discussion on the creation of a Municipal Budget Committee: Board asked the Manager to provide to them various options with regard to the organization of a Municipal Budget Committee.

ABATEMENT/SUPPLEMENTALS

MOTION Chambers second Elton “approve abatement for Map R22 Lot 2-2” passed 4-0-1 (Crichton).

MOTION Chambers second Elton “approve supplemental for Map R22 Lot 2-2” passed 4-0-1 (Crichton).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Oscar Stone on the Boards ability to abstain from a vote.

Resident Peg Wheeler on the hiring process for the Planning/Assessing Coordinator, value of tax dollars, development of a community center for positive community energy and Boards meeting with Geoff Aleva at the Fire Station.

Resident Dave Stolpe if the Prime Parking Lot was going to be on the November Warrant, along with Security & Maintenance of the Estabrook building , along with asking members of the Board their votes on certain matters.

Resident Peter Perri mentioned the Budget Committee issue on a May ballot, review of the unsafe building rules under the code to address the Prime Property and concerned about the liability issues with vacant properties.

Resident Andrea Ouimet on the Housing Project and in her opinion the lack of publicity on the subject matter.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Chambers second Elton "to adjourn" passed 5-0 @ 9:08PM

Respectfully Submitted

Keith M. Trefethen

Town Manager