

## **MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN –NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

Members Present: Selectmen Crichton, Chambers, Murphy, Elton, & Ramsey (7PM)

Others: TM Trefethen, TC Buckman and 40 members of the general public.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Board of Selectmen reviewed with the public the modification recommended by the State for the General Assistance Ordinance. Board presented information to the public. Public Hearing lasted from 6:42 to 6:45PM. *MOTION Elton second Crichton “approve 2011-2012 changes Appendixes A-C” passed 4-0.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION Elton second Crichton “approve minutes of October 11, 2011” passed 4-0*

*MOTION Elton second Crichton “approve minutes of October 18, 2011” passed 4-0*

*MOTION Elton second Crichton “approve minutes of October 25, 2011” passed 3-0-1 (Chambers)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Peg Wheeler commented upon the letter from the Attorney General’s Office

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Manager reviewed information no action taken.

### **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE WARRANTS**

*MOTION Elton second Chambers “approve warrants 1216, 1217 & W1217” passed 5-0.*

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Land Use Committee Discussion: Tabled by the Board at the request of selectmen Crichton until a slate of Committee members can be developed by Selectmen Crichton.

Budget Committee Discussion: Board reviewed the sample ordinance from MMA and requested that the Manager obtain Committee development parameters from North Berwick.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment of Recreation Committee Member: *MOTION Crichton second Chambers "appoint Tracey DeMoura to the Recreation Commission" passed 5-0.*

Discuss Attorney General's Letter of October 24, 2011: The Board reviewed the letter and outlined to the public the points of view made by the Attorney General in the letter. They are (a) Review with Legal Counsel the deadline for acceptance of bids identified under 36 MRS 946. (b) review the act of disclosing bids prior to opening the bids to anyone requesting this specific information. (c) review the transaction and if it kept with the Code of Ethics. (d) Town Clerk and her responsibilities as a Notary in the review and signatures on documents. (this was provided to the Secretary of State for further review by the AG's office).

Many folks had opinions on the content of the letter (read by the Town Manager) and provided to the Board its insight as to steps to address this matter moving forward. The Board thru the Chairman provided to the public steps it has already taken and that the Board is waiting for an opinion from the Town Attorney of 36 MRS 946 and its application in this process.

The **Municipal Valuation Return** was reviewed by the Board but signatures were tabled until the Board could review further.

## **ABATEMENTS/SUPPLEMENTALS**

*MOTION Chambers second Elton "deny request for abatement on PP#722 as recommended by the Contract Assessing Service" passed 5-0.*

*MOTION Elton second Chambers "grant abatement requested on R14 Lot 25-3 as recommended by the Contract Assessing Service" passed 4-1.*

*Action on R40 Lot 2-E did not take place and the matter was tabled.*

*MOTION Elton second Chambers "grant abatement request on R58 Lot 4 as recommended by the Contract Assessing service" passed 5-0.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident/Sewer Administrator Jay Wheeler mentioned a Water Treatment Discharge workshop and questioned the appointment process just used on the Recreation Commission appointment".

Resident Mike Doran discussed his activities with the Contract Assessing service.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*MOTION Chambers second Elton "enter executive session under 405 (6) (D) to discuss a Labor Contract Issue" passed 5-0 @8:45PM*

*MOTION Chambers second Elton "end executive session" passed 5-0 @ 9:08PM*

*MOTION Chambers second Elton “ approve the parameters discussed in the executive session and allow the Town Manager to seek their inclusion into a Statement of Understanding “ passed 5-0.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION Chambers second Elton “to adjourn” passed 5-0 @ 9:10PM*

Respectfully Submitted

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Town Manager