

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES February 7, 2012

Members Present: Selectmen Crichton, Ramsey, Chambers, Murphy, Elton

Others: TM Trefethen, TC Buckman, Deputy TC Albert and 30 members of the general public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Chambers second Elton "approve minutes of January 17, 2012" passed 5-0.

MOTION Chambers second Elton "approve minutes of January 24, 2012" passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Ron Long expressed an opinion on the Prime Parking Lot Purchase, monies owed to the Berwick Sewer District from Prime Properties owners, and possible liability exposure by the Town Manager on hiring of Part-Time Employees.

Resident Peg Wheeler expressed an opinion on MSAD 60 Budget, and what the recall of three board members means to Berwick.

Resident Tom Lavigne expressed an opinion on Towns liability exposure with regard to the Prime Parking Lot purchase.

Resident Dave Rodrique expressed an opinion on Corruption and taking property from others and not looking out for the towns best interest.

Resident Jodie Wright asked Selectmen Chambers to "give 9 Rochester Street back to the Town".

COMMUNICATIONS

Reviewed by Town Manager no action taken.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE WARRANTS

MOTION Chambers second Elton "approve warrants 1229, W1229, 1230, W1230, 1231, W1231" passed 5-0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

MOTION Crichton second Murphy "establish an official name for the Police Department and Multi-purpose Room as the TOWN HALL ANNEX" passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Recall vote and effect of Government Operations: Town Manager outlined some effects as to what will happen if all members get recalled the shorten election process and what effect this has on the Annual Town Meeting and Municipal Budget Process.

MOTION Crichton second Murphy "if all members up for recall get recalled we authorize the Town Clerk to implement the Shorten Election Process" failed 2-3.

MOTION Crichton second Murphy "a warrant article appear on the Annual Town Meeting warrant to create a Municipal Budget Committee" failed 2-3.

ABATEMENT/SUPPLEMENTALS

MOTION Chambers second Elton "grant abatement for R42 Lot 34" passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Tom Lavigne expressed his opinion on what the Prime Parking Lot was worth.

Resident Joe French asked for an informational mailer on the upcoming recall vote to be sent at town expense to the residents. Board normally does not do this but a *MOTION by Crichton second Murphy "to send out informational mailer" failed 2-3.*

Resident Peg Wheeler expressed an opinion that this vote indicates the problem that exists.

Resident George Murphy informed the Board of his visit with Governor Paul LePage on Saturday past and the opinions expressed to him by the Governor on the Ordinance removing him from elected office and his inability to be rehired as a Part-Time Police Officer in Berwick.

Resident Dave Rodrique asked questions related to court action to seek approval of disbursement warrants and what if anything appears in the newspaper. Dialog then was engaged in between the Town Manager and Mr. Rodrique on the subject.

Resident Tom Lavigne expressed an opinion on the mailer.

Resident Jodie Wright expressed an opinion on the Editorial on February 2, 2012 that appeared in Foster's Daily Democrat. She also expressed an opinion of background checks for Municipal Elected Officials and past criminal activity of a Board member.

Resident Jeanette Lemay expressed an opinion on the towns fund balance and its monetary amount in relationship to informational mailers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION Chambers second Elton "enter executive session under MRSA 405 6 (A)" passed 5-0 @7:58PM

MOTION Chambers second Elton "end executive session" passed 5-0 @ 8:28PM

MOTION Chambers second Murphy "extend medical benefits to an employee for two months" passed 4-1.

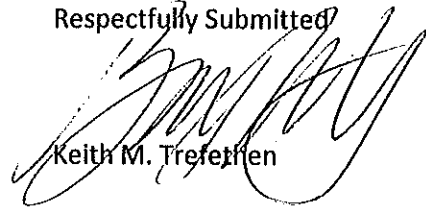
MOTION Chambers second Elton "enter executive session under MRSA 405 6 (C)" passed 5-0 @ 8:29PM

MOTION Chambers second Elton "end executive session" passed 5-0 @ 9:03PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Chambers second Elton "to adjourn" passed 5-0 @ 9:05PM

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith M. Trefethen', written over the typed name.

Keith M. Trefethen

Town Manager