

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairperson Susan Clay at 7:05pm.

PRESENT:

Susan Clay-Selectperson
Lois Briere-Selectman
Burton Reynolds-Town Administrator

Gordon Carlstrom-absent for car repair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

1) Lee Murray, Road Agent - Tucker Mill Road

David Elliott put his bid for upgrade work on Tucker Mill Road. The only thing that Lee does not find on the bid is the price for ledge removals. Lee figured the yardage and he came up with \$10 a yard. Lee will take care of the drilling and blasting. David will only be responsible for the ledge removal. Lee would like to award the bid to David Elliott pending the Town meeting. David is the lowest bidder at \$75,700. Award the job on Tucker Mill Road to D&S Excavating work in 2000 may exclude crushed gravel because Town meeting of W.A. for road improvement is only \$50,000. Lois – motion, Susan – 2nd.

Next we looked at a proposal given to us by our attorney Leslie Nixon to look at as a statement from the board regarding the reinstatement of Fire Inspector Chuck Kaczmarczyk.

Susan would like to take more time to read before signing. The Statement would include what issues we would like Mr. Kaczmarczyk deal with when he does come back is to speak with the Board or primarily Burton and the Fire Chief or his designee that would be moving the Fire Inspectors office back to the Building Inspectors office so that it would be a feeling of more openness for people who needed to come in and see the Fire Inspector, because often times it is hard for people to get in and around the Fire Building because it is also not handicap accessible for the offices and often times needs to be kept locked for the safety of the equipment. We were hoping that the Fire Inspector would meet monthly with the Town Administrator and the designee Fire Chief to discuss goals and objectives as he work through the process and to clarify or even look at the job description to make sure it reflects what he needs to be doing as the Fire Inspector.

Letter to Ralph Holmes (attorney for Fire Wards and Fire Association) asking for bill and clarifying his role is now over. Burton will put a letter together.

Mr. Kaczmarczyk needs to answer the 5 questions Leslie has ask to help clarify the issues and he needs to give an answer in 2 weeks.

Back pay \$1,440. From the meeting up until October 13th.

2) Library and Rec Department Committee— coming forward to talk about where we go with the need for facilities for both the Library and Rec Department. David Hulick, Rec Commission indicated that they have come to the conclusion that the requirement for a better Library facility and Recreation facility are genuine and will continue. So they view that the negotiations for the Whipple Barn are not progressing at this point is a temporary situation and that at some point they will resume their search for a suitable development project either as joint effort between the Rec and Library or potentially separately. This opportunity certainly has opened their eyes as to benefits of a joint effort and those benefits are both financial and functional. What is the Selectman's visions as far as the Rec & Library as far as this type of activity goes? So that they can do a better job representing those departments and the town. They are looking for lessons learned, for your visions and looking for the next time they go forward they do a better job than they did this time. Lois Briere thinks that the Whipple Barn is not a "dead issue" and that she feels that the Selectmen should have become involved sooner in the negotiations. She felt that some of the issues regarding the Town could have been solved had some of the Selectmen possibly even the Town Administrator had been involved. This might have helped move the process along. Regarding the Library Lois indicated that questions came up regarding the space for the library at the Whipple Barn, they thought it was for less space, and that it would be good for the next 25 years. Brandy stated that the footage was going to be larger because there was going to be many other things included other than just book space.

Lois also brought up that the CIP questioned the Rec Department has not technically been on the 5 year plan for a new building totalling x amount of dollars. The Rec Department is on the 5-year plan for a building; she could not remember the dollar amount. Lois suggested that she thought the Rec Department could get a great deal of sales help from the school and staff especially if there was a Rec building included, because it would take alot of burden off the school. David Hulick said that the Rec Department has discussed their CIP requirements the concept of a stand-alone Recreation Center is something that they were not prepared to undertake lightly. They have worked hard on the ballfields up near the Transfer Station there is a plot of land there that is currently heavily forested part of it was cleared and they now have some ballfields. They know that next to that there is parcel that has a flat area in it and they have at various times talked about putting a small Rec Center there. There were some disadvantages to that because it is not in the center of town, it is in a

run off area from the Transfer Station and they were concerned about what that might have to do with a permanent structure. They were unprepared to walk in and propose an undefined project. They did talk about it. They talked about putting money aside for a future project, so when they had a defined project they could say, we need this much money and we have accumulated through our fund raising efforts another sum of money that we are prepared to put back into the Town to help reduce the impact. Clearly one of the lessons learned is that we need to raise the awareness of the town beyond the crowded situation at the gym beyond the heavy enrollments in the program and beyond the statement we put in from the Rec Department to the Master Plan. We also need to go on record with CIP saying that we want them to plan on X dollars per facility that it will A, B & C characteristics.

Next year the proposal from the Rec Department will be more defined, next year.

On the other hand this last effort, even though unsuccessful has also raised everyone's awareness about different types of opportunities we have for the Rec Department and for the Library.

Lois Briere asked a question, at one of the more recent Planning Board meetings Brent Armstrong stated that an appointment had been made with the Fair Ground Committee between the Library and the Friends of Recreation. Lois was wondering if they had a meeting. Don Chapman answered this question, He said that he had a conversation with Willard Dodge of the 4-H. Don asked if there was any possibility in the future of actually thinking of a project there. Don stated that they are not prepared for the public to hear this in anyway, because they have just had two major defeats and a third one they do not look forward to. Secondly, there is no way that any pressure should be brought to bear on any member of the 4-H Board. If they want to do something with the Town, they need to consider it on their own terms without interference because otherwise it will not work. The people in this room are hearing this for the first time. Brent has heard it because he is part of that Board. Whether we in fact open conversations, not negotiations, is a decision yet to be made by them.

Jan Walker - Building Committee would like to add that they also took into consideration what the size of an enlarged Library at the current site, would look like as to compared the Church that is considerably larger right next door to it and Dodge's store across the street. The architect at that time felt they would complement each other in size. It would be much larger and they are very much use to a small one. But on the other hand when it would be built they were trying to keep it in reason with the other two large buildings not to mention the Town Hall.

David Hulick repeated what he said earlier that they we are looking for any guidance or support or any indication that you don't encourage this type of activity. They expended a lot of effort and would not wish to do that again unless

they had some sense that there was interest and support that this is something that is worth bringing before the Town at some Town meeting.

Susan Clay stated that they all learned something from the process that they were very supportive of the plan and they all agree that they all learned something from the process they went through. She said they continue to support the idea with what was said at the Finance meeting and CIP meetings and what the warrant articles look like at this up coming March meeting. She said they all agree that we really do need more things for the Recreation. We are the only small town in this area that does not have some sort of skate board park for the kids because they need something. Also, we all agree we need a facility that can house all the books that we have available so the people can use them. Susan also stated that we were missing a Selectman tonight who she is sure has valuable ideas about this issue and that they might just want to give him a call and talk to him. Susan said she will not be on the Board after March 14th but as a citizen she will continue to support the Library and the Recreation Department. David Hulick appreciated Lois comment on to what they can do differently.

Pat Jennings – Library Trustee ask Burton Reynold's Town Administrator for his opinion. He said he felt a combined project was preferable he thinks it will bring synergy to the project from a private financing stand point in particular. That is going to be needed in order to have both projects be the size that both groups are envisioning to take care of their needs. Each alone would be a tougher sled, also indicating his willingness to try and reopen discussions with the Daniel's after Town Meeting. He also encouraged each group to continue to explore other options that might be possible in the downtown area.

Don Chapman expressed his concept of feedback from the community. There has been considerable excitement about making the Mill Street property available for future expansion of other Town Departments. What he is wondering is if his feedback is also your feeling so that we should think in terms of how that is to going to benefit the rest of the Town rather than directing any attention for the future facility for the Library and Rec.

Susan Clay felt that by offering the people some choices and saying look, if we can put the facility of the Library & Rec department together at the barn or another big facility that we find, then we can continue to keep the look of the Village the same by keeping the Library frontage the same by having it a Historical Library and have the backend perhaps the land usage office for the entire town. So if you wanted the Building Inspector, Fire Inspector or Planning Board you would go to one central place to see them. Or maybe the Selectmen Office so there would be an actual workspace for the Selectmen maybe even one phone. There might be an office for Burton where if someone came in and wanted to speak to him confidentially there would be someplace private. Whether it be a Town employee or a welfare recipient, they could have a private conversation without the Selectmen going in to get something in the office.

Tim Cady Library Trustee – indicated that they are running out of space. They will be back next year with some sort of plan. It is imperative that they proceed.

3) **Temporary Trailer Hearing** – Carol Hayse and Joan Smith, they are looking for a permit for a temporary trailer to be used as a contractors office on a building site. Richard Herget in the spring they will be starting site preparation and hopefully by the fall to start building. Trailer would be used for storage of tools and equipment.

Jim Holla – abutter to property. The trailer has been there 6 months. He wanted to know if the trailer could be situated where it is not so obvious. Mr. Holla said they would move the trailer.

Cynthia Forsaith – abutter to property. Same concern about the looks of the trailer. They also understand the trailer will be moved.

Granted temporary trailer permit (good for a 1 year). Lois – motion, Susan – 2nd.
Map 14 – Lot 128

MINUTES

The minutes of 11/15/1999 were approved as written.

The minutes of 2/14/2000 were approved with amendments.

The minutes of 2/25/2000 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

1) **Sample Ballot for New Boston Bulletin** insert and using for a handout looks good, it will really help the voters to review it at home and to use it as a guide when they go to polls to help them get through the polls faster.

2) **Department Head Goals** – Susan Clay has some questions about, February 9th there was a Department Head meeting and they discussed some issues and some Department Head goals. Burton stated that when the Department Heads come in for their normal rotational meeting with the Board of Selectmen this will be on the agenda.

3) **Open Space Committee membership** - Burton said that the next meeting we hope to have some of these people present to have a discussion to find out what their charges will be and the time frame.

4) **Planning Issues** - Lois Briere

1) The Planning Board has accepted LaBree Road for Al Bell, Forest Hills. A public hearing needs to be scheduled. We need to put a notice in the paper for the hearing to approve road.

2) List of priorities 2000 - Master Plan, changes to zoning and subdivision regulations, utilization's of subcommittees. Working on the Village District and starting on the CIP earlier.

3) Dufresne-Henry from Rene' suggested leaving a phone message when they are sending a fax on scheduled dates for road and cisterns inspections, etc. They need to start doing work on the road specs to reduce some of the friction with the contractors.

4) Community Services – Slight revision to what was submitted from Burton on issue of parking.

5) Sustaining agriculture – refer to the resource sections.

6) Discussed concerns about Regional Planning Commission

7) How to keep citizens involved in Master Plan update?

8) For Nic to meet with Claire, where will money come from? It is not in the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Blue Print Machine - Fee to be \$3.00 a copy.

2) Charge for fax of Assessment Cards – Fax fee \$1.00– covers pulling the card, copying it, sending it and refiling.

3) Building Permit Fee schedule – Report from Dennis, Our booklets could be clearer on renovations, meet with Dennis and Susan. Get comment from Gordon.

4) Library furnace has been installed

RSA 91-A:3 Ila Non-Public Susan Clay, Lois Brier & Burton Reynolds present. Discussed 4 personnel issues

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Lois – motion, Susan 2nd.

Patti Oakes