

TOWN OF WEBSTER
Office of Selectmen
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303

7:02 P.M. Selectmen's Meeting – February 22, 2011 – Tuesday (Draft – amended on March 7, 2010)

Present: Chairman David Klumb, Selectman George Hashem and Selectman George Cummings.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting on January 24, 2011 and February 7, 2011 as written. Selectman Cummings pointed out the manner agreed to earlier by the Board in which amendments were to be handled. Chairman Klumb advised that there were currently no amendments to these minutes. It was pointed out that Mrs. Jones had transcribed a portion of the minutes of 1/24/11 with Selectman Cummings making a motion to add this transcription to the minutes. There was no second to this motion. Selectman Cummings seconded the motion to accept the motion made by Selectman Hashem to accept the minutes of 1/24/11 and 2/7/11 as written and the motion was approved. Selectman Cummings again made the motion to add the transcription from 1/24/11 with no second made. No action taken on this motion.
- Selectman Cummings made a motion to accept the minutes of the non-public sealed minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting on February 7, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved;
- Selectman Cummings made a motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on February 8, 2011 as written.; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved;
- Seven Applications for Current Use from Abby Rockefeller – Maps 8-3-2; 5-35-4; 5-35-5; 9-43-2; 12-8; 12-19; and 6-105.

The Board signed a list of the 2010 encumbrances voted for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham. She advised that the auditors would allow for the encumbrance, through a journal entry, of the two purchase orders signed for the Fire Department in 2010 as they were legally signed for at end of last year.

Lieutenant Mitchell presented the Police Department semi-monthly report. He reported that repairs were done on the Explorer at a cost of \$142.

Fire Chief Colin Colby advised that there were 28 calls to date. They have had three calls in the last two days. He attended the Capital Area Meeting last week and advised that calls were up about 9% across the board. He advised that the Town of Hillsborough will be joining the Fire Compact this year, which should help level out the rising costs of dispatching. He also will be updating the phone contact list for dispatch. He thanked Mrs. Pinkham for his assistance regarding the encumbrance of outstanding Purchase Orders mentioned above.

Treasurer Mary Welch advised that the month of January has been reconciled.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised that the warm weather and heavy trucks have caused some issues with the dirt roads and if the heavy rains come as expected, the roads may be posted earlier than normal. This will be posted in the usual manner. Mr. Bean recently attended a demonstration in Warner with Chief Colby on meth labs; bomb, etc. expressing concerns over the disposal of such items in seemingly innocent ways along the roadways.

Rauri O'Mahony from Central NH Regional Planning Commission met with the Board to discuss transportation projects at the State, regional and local level, which are submitted through CNHRPC to be forwarded to the Department of Transportation for consideration and inclusion in the 10-year plan. He noted that the Interstate Highways take a huge chunk of the funding; noting that the process for funding will be very competitive for other projects. Webster has submitted Route 127 from the Town Hall to the Salisbury Town Line as a project. Mr. O'Mahony is seeking more information to identify and move the project forward, advising that he could get some information from the Scenic By-Way project regarding maps, etc. which will be included with this project request. He can facilitate contact with the District Engineer for potential costs if the Road Agent is unable to provide that information, noting that it is understood that there is little funding at the local level for such projects. Chairman Klumb advised that the Town wanted to keep Route 127 on the radar, with Mr. O'Mahony saying that this is the correct route to take and will begin the work. He advised that there would be no cost to the Town at this time, but recommended that a member of the community represent the Town on the Planning Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee to attend meetings. Chairman Klumb volunteered to do this. There was discussion on Route 127 in general.

BOS Initials:

D. E. Klumb

G. K. Hashem

G. C. Cummings

Mr. O'Mahony advised that the nine Planning Commissions in the State have been working with UNH to undertake a complete inventory of broadband service throughout the State. He left a map of Webster so that those locations with no DSL service can be identified. He is looking for a return of the map as soon as possible.

Selectman Cummings advised that the Energy Committee met last week with Eric Coulter and Vanessa Goold, representatives of CNHRPC. Marty Bender advised that they presented the committee with a proposal that would not cost the Town anything. There is a company from Boston, Peregrine Energy Group, that would come to the Town Hall and the Public Safety Building to do an energy assessment, not an energy audit, and would then give a recommendation as to the need for insulation, etc. Mr. Bender is preparing a spreadsheet to show the past year's energy usage, which is needed by this company. Selectman Hashem made a motion to make this information available to Peregrine and sign the user authorization sheet; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved. Chairman Klumb signed the "User authorization: Energy Inventory Tool for ETAP New Hampshire." The Energy Committee names will be typed in as being authorized to provide the requested data. Mr. Bender expects Peregrine to be here in about six weeks.

Because of concerns he had, David Batchelder tried to clarify some issues tonight. He began with the history of the forming of the original Planning Board and the Ordinance, which became the basics of today's Zoning Ordinance. He especially highlighted the desire, gleaned from a questionnaire sent prior to the adoption of the Ordinance, which overwhelmingly supported that there be no mobile home parks in Webster. He expressed concerns over the aquifer in the area of the campground as well, respectfully recommended that if the petition articles pass this year, that the Board ask for an Environmental Impact Study to see what damage could be done. Referring to the Planning Board, he indicated that the minutes were an issue of contention saying that they should not be used as a place to "grind personal axes". He suggested that if a member(s) were disruptive they could be removed pursuant to RSA 673:13. He referred to the use of alternates to fill vacancies as it had been said that a precedent had been set to do so, noting that in 41 years there had only been one time when an alternate had filled a vacancy, referring to Tom Mullins. He then noted that the only precedent that had been broken was in regards to the ex-officio Selectman member of the Board and the rotation thereof, noting that there is an RSA that allows the Selectman member to stay on the Planning Board until that Selectman's term expires.

At this time Selectman Cummings read a prepared statement into the minutes (attached). There was discussion by the Board and the public on the petition articles relevant to the timeframe they were delivered and reviewed by the Planning Board, the potential to clarify the storage of RV's on property, the potential of the campground to become a trailer park, the duties of the PB; duties of the petitioner, etc. Other discussion relating to the campground was what would happen if the petition articles were defeated, the number of sites existing, the camping season, the affect on the tax base, how else the land might be used in the future and other various comments and questions. The Board agreed that they will meet with the Town's Attorney after the Town Meeting regarding this issue.

Mrs. Jones will contact the Town Attorney for a resolution to the alleged issue of an illegal apartment on Deer Meadow Road.

The Board requested an employment ad for a replacement for the Planning/Zoning Board Secretary and Administrative Support be put in the Concord Monitor and be posted as the position will be vacant as of April 1st.

Correspondence was received from Sally Silver offering the Board an opportunity to purchase her vacant land on Pleasant Street for \$75,000. A letter will be sent thanking her and advising her that the Board is not in a position this year and advising her that any action relative to this would need to be on the warrant for a Town Meeting.

The Town of Salisbury has requested that the Board attend their Selectmen's meeting on March 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm to discuss public safety consolidations. Chairman Klumb and Selectman Cummings plan to attend. Selectman Hashem will be unavailable. This meeting will be posted.

The Board is waiting for a list of recommendations from the Chairman of the various Boards' for the replacement or reappointment of those whose term expires on 3/31/11.

8:32 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

David E. Klumb, Chairman

George K. Hashem

George C. Cummings

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