

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

Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – June 28, 2010

7:02 P.M. Present: Chairman David Klumb; Selectman George Hashem and Selectman George Cummings.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the minutes from June 14, 2010 as written; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

Selectman Hashem commented that he did not feel that the non-public minutes from June 14, 2010 met the criteria of RSA 91-A:3 nor the criteria to seal the minutes, thereby making a motion to unseal the minutes after advising that he had talked to Town Counsel regarding this issue. There was no second. Selectman Hashem then made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91:A-3 II (e) relative to legal issues; seconded by Selectman Cummings. Roll call: Chairman Klumb – yes; Selectman Hashem – yes and Selectman Cummings – yes. Chief Robert Dupuis attended. Mrs. Jones was asked also requested to attend.

7:21 Chairman Klumb reconvened the meeting. He advised that the Board discussed the non- public minutes of June 14, 2010 regarding sealing or unsealing them. The Board voted to table acceptance of the minutes until the next meeting. He advised that tonight's non-public session minutes were not sealed.

Selectman Cummings made a motion to accept the non-public minutes of May 17, 2010 as written; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved. These minutes are sealed.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- A building permit certificate and the building permit application for Mark and Rose Stevens – Map 7-54-2;
- Denied the final 2009 Abatement application; and
- A medical leave slip and a vacation leave slip for Mrs. Jones.
- She advised that a "Permit for a Travel Trailer" for 33 Centennial Drive was given to the Police Chief to be completed by the applicant for processing by the Board.

The Board signed the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- A Timber Tax Levy and Warrant;
- A Gravel Tax Levy and Warrant;
- An Intent to Cut for Richard George – Map 4-41;
- A medical leave slip and a vacation leave slip for Mrs. Pinkham; and
- Provided a budget through the month of June.

Police Chief Dupuis advised of the following:

- Presented a leave slip request from Lieutenant Philip Mitchell for July 28, 2010;
- Presented the past month's activity report. He advised of a recent issue, after receiving a complaint, of the shooting of geese on Lake Winnepocket, for which the person had a permit from the Federal Fish and Wildlife, but was not following the permit guidelines. Chief Dupuis contacted Fish & Wildlife, who rescinded the permit and advised that charges are pending.
- He has met again with the Army Corp of Engineers. They have sent a proposal of their contract to their office in Massachusetts for reimbursement of 49 cents per mile and an hourly rate of \$39 per hour for a

- Webster officer to patrol the federal property once a week. Chief Dupuis expects approximately \$4,642 in reimbursement to come back to the Town.
- An invitation has been received to Officer Richard LaValley's graduation from the Academy to be held at the Capital Center of the Arts. He gave a copy to each of the Board members; and
- The mid-term review of Officer LaValley has been received from the Academy, reading off some of the results, which indicated that Officer LaValley was doing well.

Fire Chief Colin Colby advised of the following:

- A follow-up letter regarding the reprogramming of the radios was received, which authorizes the reprogramming of the radios free of charge, and requires the Chairman of the Board's signature;
- He attended the recent Capital Area meeting noting that calls were up district-wide by 4%. Webster is at 80 calls to date;
- He advised of an extension for two years regarding a change in the radio band. He will do an inventory of the Department's radios to see how many new radios will be needed due to the change at a cost of \$500 per pager. Chairman Klumb inquired about money in the budget for replacement pagers. Chief Colby advised that he had funds for four pagers this year and will continue to budget for pagers.

Road Agent Emmett Bean noted that his radios in his trucks may be affected by the change noted by Chief Colby. He then advised the Board of the following:

- He has started the Pearson Hill Project;
- He advised that he had gravel and material stockpiled at the "Town Pit" and requested permission to have Henniker Crushed Stone come and crush that material and the tar. The recycled material would be used on Pearson Hill at a cost of \$5.25 per yard, which would result in a cost savings to the Town. Chairman Klumb inquired about the need for a permit, which Mr. Bean did not think was needed. Selectman Hashem made a motion to go forward with the crushing if no permit is needed; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved;
- Mr. Bean received several quotes for a new plow. He requested permission to buy a Craig from Milton Cat for \$8,550. There is over \$14,000 in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve. Selectman Hashem made a motion to withdraw \$8,550 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the purchase of a new plow; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved. The Board signed Purchase Order #18 for the Highway Department to Milton Cat for a Craig-hydraulic plow in the amount of \$8,550;
- He requested that the FEMA funds received in the amount of \$7,753.13 be put back into the Highway Budget. This would be an interfund transfer, thereby allowing the Highway Budget to be overspent in that amount. This action will be taken after the Public Hearing for acceptance of this unanticipated money, which is scheduled to be held on July 12, 2010; and
- He will attend a class with Unitil on Thursday regarding emergency response. Chief Dupuis advised that he would also be attending.

Treasurer Mary Welch has given the Impact Fee check for the school bond to Mrs. Pinkham.

Chairman Klumb expressed reservations regarding the signing of the Currier & Ives Resolution of Support as did Selectman Hashem. Selectman Cummings recommended staying involved so that Webster would be informed. Selectman Hashem noted that no one had to be formally appointed to attend the Currier & Ives Byway Council meetings, but that anyone could attend. Tom Mullins advised that there is a 53-page management plan on line for review and expressed concern about Route 127 eventually being designated on the historic register and losing local control. The Board further discussed whether to appoint members to attend with comments from Jere Buckley and Carol Creighton. Chairman Klumb advised that anyone interested to attend could go but no appointments were made at this time.

The Board reviewed a letter from Elizabeth Nelson, Map 6-31, regarding the need for an electrical inspection. Mrs. Jones advised that Adam Pouliot had suggested earlier that if there were no new electrical boxes, then an inspection was not necessary, to which the Board agreed. As no such change was made, no inspection is needed.

The Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 12, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. to accept unanticipated money.

The bids received for Propane for the Public Safety Building and the Town Hall were as follows: Eastern Propane – 68 cents over the delivered cost, currently at \$1.915; Rymes – \$1.49 per gallon with a 20% deposit required based on 4,500 gallons; Energy North – \$1.859 and Amerigas – \$2.309 per gallon if the Town owns the tanks. Selectman Hashem made a motion to award the bid to Rymes; seconded by Selectman Cummings. The quantity of propane seemed low; therefore Mrs. Pinkham will call Rymes and request an increase in the number of gallons to better reflect what was used last year.

Mary Jane Turcotte presented a letter to the Board regarding ongoing construction at 33 Centennial Drive citing the reasons why she felt they were in violation of the state law relative to the septic regulations. She also noted the accumulation of junk in the yard. She requested that the Board send a letter of violation with a cc to DES representative Dick DeSeve, to which the Board agreed. It will be sent by certified mail with a cc to the Town Attorney as well. A copy of the DES administrative rules will be enclosed with the letter. There was a general discussion on the number of unregistered vehicles allowed to be kept on one's property.

Chairman Klumb will talk with Robert Lake, as had been requested at an earlier meeting, regarding the Yield sign at Deer Meadow Road.

Town Attorney Bart Mayer requested dates that the Board would be available for an administrative inspection of the Azmy property so that he may coordinate with the Town of Warner. A list of available dates will be sent to Attorney Mayer with a request by the Board to have a Police Officer accompany the Board.

Mrs. Jones noted that she has not received any response from the two owners that expressed interest in repurchasing their property after the 2010 tax deed process. Both parties sent checks to cover the 2007 taxes too late to stop the deed process. These checks are being held by the Town, but will be returned by July 9, 2010 if no confirmation of repurchase has been received.

8:34 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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