

# **TOWN OF BELGRADE**

## **PUBLIC HEARING & SELECT PERSONS MEETING**

**TUESDAY/ FEBRUARY 6, 2007 / 6:30 P.M./ CENTER FOR ALL SEASONS**

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED 6:30 P.M./ CLOSED 7:45 P.M./ SELECT PERSONS CONVENED 7:50 P.M. / ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:03 P.M./ RE-ENTERED SELECT PERSONS MEETING 9:13 P.M./ ADJOURNED 9:30 P.M.**

**Officials in Attendance:**

<b>Ricky Damren</b>	<b>Select Person, Chair</b>	<b>Robert Martin</b>	<b>Appeals Board, Chair</b>
<b>Melanie Jewell</b>	<b>Select Person, V. Chair</b>	<b>Bruce Galouch</b>	<b>Transfer Station, Chair</b>
<b>Richard Carey</b>	<b>Select Person</b>	<b>Loyce Hayslett</b>	<b>Library Trustee</b>
<b>Penny Campbell</b>	<b>Select Person</b>	<b>Carl Yeaton</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>
<b>Dennis Keschl</b>	<b>Town Manager</b>	<b>Nancy Mairs</b>	<b>Town Historian &amp; Trustee</b>
<b>Pat Pow</b>	<b>Library Trustee</b>		
<b>MacGregor Stocco</b>	<b>Long Range Planning Committee</b>		
<b>Marcia Haigh</b>	<b>Town Librarian</b>		
<b>Dennis Purington</b>	<b>Budget Committee</b>		
<b>Jay Bradshaw</b>	<b>Emergency Management Director</b>		

**Others in attendance: Anna Mae & Jerry Pooler, Laura Ritcher, David Leigh, Kate Faragher-Houghton, Peggy Siegel, Hohn Johnson and Jennifer Howe.**

### **Public Hearing on the Referendum Questions for the March 16, 2007 Secret Ballot**

Ricky Damren declared a quorum. Melanie Jewell made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the referendum questions. Penny Campbell seconded the motion. Ricky Damren requested the Board take up article #12 first as requested. The Board agreed.

**Article #12** - Kate Faragher-Houghton was present for this article. She gave a brief overview of the services provided by the Family Violence Project.

Robert Martin gave a brief comment on the support of Town tax dollars to Social Service groups and how the Town should not be supporting these groups through the appropriation of tax dollars.

**Article #3-** Jay Bradshaw was present for any discussion on the Emergency Management Ordinance. There were no questions.

**Article #4** - There was a brief discussion concerning why this article for the continued acceptance of household waste & trash was on the warrant. Jack Sutton spoke to this article.

**Article #5** - Robert Martin asked what the revenue for 2006 Recreation programs was. Melanie Jewell gave an explanation of revenue for 2006 and the expected recreation revenue for 2007.

**Article #6-** MacGregor Stocco asked if the article to support the Library was voted down, what the end result would be. Dennis Purington, from the budget committee, explained the Library and its programs would not be running, but there are additional articles in case it is voted down because the Town has a legal obligation to heat & maintain the building.

**Article #7** - There was a question on why this article was needed. Melanie Jewell explained the Alford Center runs all the programs at the Center and if the article is voted down then the programming of the Center would revert back to the Town, who would then become responsible for programming.

**Article #8** - There were no questions on this article and also no representation from the Mid Maine Unit of the Red Cross.

**Article #9** - Laura Rictcher was present from the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group and explained the activities taking place for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. MacGregor Stocco commented as to why the budget committee would support funding this July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and not support social service groups that benefit the community and its residents. Dennis Purington responded he felt that residents should not be

told by the municipality who they are donating money to and it should be a choice. He supported the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration as he felt it benefits the entire community.

**Article #10-** David Leigh was present from the Belgrade Regional Health Center. He gave a brief over-view. There were no questions.

**Article #11-** There was no questions or a representative present from the Crisis & Counseling Center.

**Article #13 -** Peggy Seigel was present from the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center. She gave an over-view of the services they provide to residents. This is a free clinic.

**Article #14 -** John Johnson was present from the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville. He explained these monies do not go to the volunteers, rather they go to the administrative portion to help organize the volunteers and the people they are serving.

**Article #15 -** Anna Mae Pooler was present from the KVCAP to answer questions for the Child & Family Services. She gave an overview of the services provided by this group. For every one dollar donated by municipalities there is a Federal/State match of \$4 - \$5.

**Article #16 -** Anna Mae Pooler was present from the KVCAP to answer questions for the Transportation Services. She gave a brief overview. There were 4,400 rides provided to Belgrade residents in 2006, 120 residents served and 129,000 miles traveled. The KVCAP Transportation Services also receives matching funds for every municipal dollar.

**Article #17 -** Richard Carey spoke for Senior Spectrum. He gave a brief over-view.

**Article #18 -** Jennifer Howe was present from the Sexual Assault & Crisis Support Center. She said the services they provide are free of charge and they are the only agency that provides these services. Jennifer provided some statistics on sexual assault. One in every three women, one in every five men and one in every adult are victims of sexual assault. They work directly with law enforcement.

Melanie Jewell made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. and to take a five minute break. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

#### **SELECT PERSONS MEETING**

##### **Order of Business:**

- 1.) Melanie Jewell made a motion to open the Select Persons meeting at 7:45 p.m.. Richard Carey seconded the motion. The Board reviewed the Meeting minutes of the Select Persons & Budget Committee. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of the January 9, 2007 Select Persons & Budget Committee meeting minutes. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the January 16, 2007 Select Persons meeting. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of the January 16, 2007 meeting minutes. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW) / 1 ABSTAIN (PENNY CAMPBELL)** The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Select Persons & Budget Committee meeting. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 meeting minutes. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW) / 1 ABSTAIN (PENNY CAMPBELL)**

##### **New Business:**

- 1.) The Board reviewed the resignation of Scott Luetlich to the Long Range Planning Committee. Richard Carey made a motion to accept Scott's resignation and to award him with a certificate for his years of service. Melanie Jewell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 2.) There was some discussion on the mailing of the Town reports and whether or not the Town should continue mailing out the reports. The money was not put into this year's budget. Surrounding Towns were polled and most do not mail out their reports. This information was provided at the Budget meeting and it was the understanding we would not be mailing them out this year. Melanie stated she felt that we should continue mailing the reports out to taxpayers. Melanie Jewell made a motion to authorize an amount not to exceed \$800.00 for the purpose of mailing out the Town report and to authorize Dennis Keschl to put a survey in the back of the Town report asking how residents would like to

proceed with the Town report and whether the Town should continue to mail it or leave it at local stores & the Town Office for pick-up. Richard Carey seconded the motion.  
**CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

- 3.) Dennis Keschl headed up the conversation on the appointments & re-appointments of committee members. Dennis informed the Board some committee members are coming up for re-appointment and in one instance the committee does not want a member back. This member has missed a number of meetings and does not work with the committee. The Board requested Dennis speak with this committee member and if still there is a problem then to bring it to the Board. The Board felt that committee members should fill out re-appointment applications. The Board authorized Dennis to send out a letter to all department heads and to write-up a policy on re-appointments.
- 4.) Dennis Keschl lead the discussion on the Board by-laws. Dennis stated there was no chain of command if both the chair and the vice-chair were not available for an emergency. There were no other changes. Dennis will make the revision and bring it back to the Board. Richard Carey made a motion to table the Board By-laws until they have been revised and bring them back to the Board after the discussed change. Penny Campbell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 5.) Melanie Jewell made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Pooler to the Transfer Station and to authorize a certificate of appreciation for his years of service. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 6.) The Board reviewed **Municipal Warrant #7** for the amount of **\$442,599.82**. There was some discussion on the plowing payments in the warrant. The Town manager will look into the plowing questions. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of **Municipal Warrant #7** for the amount of **\$442,599.82**. Penny Campbell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 7.) The Board reviewed **Manual Warrant #2269** for the amount of **\$4,326.05**. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of **Manual Warrant #2269** for the amount of **\$4,326.05**. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

#### **Updates & Announcements:**

- **There was an additional item added to the agenda.** The Fire Department submitted an application to hold a basket bingo on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of the basket bingo application for the Belgrade Fire & Rescue Association to be held at the Belgrade Central School on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- The Town Manager reviewed his updates with Select Persons. **(Please see the attached updates)**

#### **Executive Session:**

Melanie Jewell made a motion at 9:03 p.m. to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) F for the purpose of discussing the Town manager's six month review. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Melanie Jewell made a motion to re-enter Select Persons meeting at 9:13 p.m.. Richard Carey seconded the motion. The Board agreed to hold the six month review for the Town Manager at the next Select Persons meeting on February 20, 2007. Melanie Jewell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

Respectfully Submitted

Mary J. Vogel, Executive Secretary to the Board of Select Persons