

**BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS
INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MARCH
TOWN REFERENDUM QUESTIONS**

TUESDAY/ JANUARY 29, 2008/ CENTER FOR ALL SEASONS/ 6:30 P.M.

Meeting Convened: 6:30 p.m./ Adjourned 7:02 p.m.

Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell	Select Person, Chair	Scott Damren, Facility Main.
Ricky Damren	Select Person, V. Chair	Jack Sutton Budget Committee
Chris Merrow	Select Person	Norma Blazer, Tree Committee
Richard Carey	Select Person	Phil Sprague Tree Committee
Dan Newman	Select Person	Marcia Haigh Town Librarian
Carl Yeaton	Cemetery Committee	Fred Perkins Parks & Rec
Kathryn Horton	Parks & Rec.	Mike Guarino, Library Trustees

Others in Attendance: Jim Blazer, Nan Bell, Katherina Burdet, Peggy Siegle, Linda Sprague, Carmen Bedard, Bob Simpson and Laura Richter

**NOTE: Richard Carey did not enter the meeting until 6:40 p.m.
Please see attached articles.**

Melanie Jewell opened the meeting on the Referendum Questions for the March Town meeting at 6:30 p.m.. Ricky Damren made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**

Article # 3 – Marcia Haigh informed those present the change on the Library Ordinance was to amend the Trustees length of term from 2 full terms to 4 full terms.

Article #4- Carl Yeaton was present from the Cemetery Committee. There were no questions.

Article #5 – Norma Blazer was present from the Tree Committee. There were no questions.

Article # 6 – No questions

Article # 7 – No questions

Article # 8 – No questions

Article # 9 – No questions

Article # 10 – The Board was handed a fax from the Mid Maine Unit of the American Red Cross. There were no questions.

Article # 11- Laura Richter was present from the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group. There were no questions.

Article # 12 – There were no questions.

Article # 13 – There was no representative from the Children’s Center. Norma Blazer asked what services are provided to the community from the Children’s Center. The Town Manager read a letter received from the Children’s Center on what services have been provided to the Town of Belgrade for 2007. Fred Perkins asked how do the Social

Service Groups solicit monies. The Town Manager stated they submit a letter requesting financial support every year to be considered for the warrant.

Article # 14 – They are a non-profit group, every year they come to the Town to campaign for funds. They served 15 people this past year, provided 38 hours of community education, and prevention education on domestic violence. Municipalities make up 5% of their budget. They serve Kennebec and Somerset counties.

Article # 15 – Peggy Siegel was present from Kennebec Behavioral Health. Peggy stated the group needed the Town's support. She stated the Town's support in 2004 was higher. They served 49 residents providing the following services:

- Counseling
- Community based services for mental illness.
- Medication Clinics
- Psychiatric Services
- They support transitional and mental health

They billed \$130,558 and approximately \$36,244 was unpaid and absorbed through the agency. The majority of the individuals served are primarily Maine Care recipients.

Article #16 – There were questions about who this group is. There was no representation.

Article # 17 – Bob Simpson was present from KVCAP Transportation. The group transported 100's of people to KMH this past year. They serve low income, elderly, disabled, the Children's Center and Shelter Workshops. They served 27 residents this year, traveling individuals over 121,320 miles.

Article # 18 – Carmen Bedard was present from Senior Spectrum, which is now called Spectrum Generations. They have nine volunteers they put in 238 hours. They delivered 804 meals on wheels, served 145 meals @ Senior Spectrum, served 186 hours of in home care, helped 64 residents and provided caregiver services to 119 families.

Article # 19 – There was no representative. There were no questions.

Article # 20 – Katherina Burdet was present from Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area. They provide non-medical support to families during the last days of life. They provide bereavement services, individual grief support, programs for teens, children. They have also started a new program called Hopes place, which is a six-week program. They have seven trained individuals in Belgrade, 25 residents were served in 2007, 13 received care in home, 12 received support and all programs are free of charge.

Ricky Damren made a motion to close the Informational Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m..

Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to place the referendum articles on the March Town Warrant. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted,

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