

TOWN OF BELGRADE
BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS MEETING
TUESDAY/ FEBRUARY 5, 2008 / 7 P.M. / TOWN OFFICE

Meeting Convened 7:00 p.m. / Adjourned 8:58 p.m.

Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell Select Person, Chair
Ricky Damren Select Person, V. Chair
Richard Carey Select Person
Chris Mellow Select Person
Dan Newman Select Person
Scott Damren Facility Maintenance
Dennis Keschl Town Manager

Judy Johnson Friends of the Library
Linda Sprague, Friends of the Library
Bruce Galouch Transfer Station & Recycling
Marcia Haigh Librarian
Jack Sutton Budget Committee & Transfer

Order of Business:

1. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the January 15th, 2008 meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the minutes as amended. Dan Newman seconded the amendment. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)** The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the January 28th, 2008 meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the minutes. Chris Mellow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**

New Business:

1. Bruce Galouch was present from the Transfer Station & Recycling Committee to make recommendations to the Board concerning the Belgrade Transfer station. The Transfer Station & Recycling Committee presented the Transfer Station Study to the Board. Their recommendation for the Town is to stay with our own Transfer Station and to continue with improvements to the facility. The Transfer Station & Recycling Committee would like to hold an informational public hearing to present the study to the public. Sarah Flaks and Bill will be available to answer questions at the hearing. The hearing is set for April 1st, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center For All Seasons.
There was conversation on whether or not the Transfer Station & Recycling Committee should make a recommendation for the Town to buy land adjacent to the Transfer Station as a risk management venture. It was discussed that the land should be studied before we purchase it, also mentioned was consideration of having the wood on the lot cut to help offset the cost of the land. The Town Manager stated that there was \$25,000 set aside currently to purchase the property. Jack made a comment that he would hate to see the wood all cut off the land for the money. Melanie stated she feels the Town should pursue the purchase of the property. Chris Mellow made a motion for the Town Manager to make an offer and to purchase the property. Dennis will check out the water migration, move forward and make an offer and bring the information back to the board. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/1 ABSTAIN (RICK DAMREN) / 1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**
The Committee recommends the Town pay off the skid steer. This will save about \$3,080 in interest cost. Chris Mellow made a motion for the Town to pay off the balance due on the skid steer. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**
2. Judy Johnson and Linda Sprague were present from the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library. Judy informed the Board they were actively pursuing land and moving forward with building a new library with the intention of including a space for a municipal building.

In the summer they are moving forward with a capital campaign. The Friends of the Belgrade Library will be setting up an information table for the Town meeting.

3. The Town Manager requested the Board approve his moving forward to send a letter of request to participate in a lottery for a Radar Speed Trailer. This is a program being offered by the State of Maine Department of Transportation. The Board gave their consent for the Town Manager to send a letter of interest to participate in the lottery.
4. The Board reviewed the Animal Control Officers annual contract. Minor changes were made. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract, with the Animal Control officer with the amendments. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**
5. The Board reviewed the two background checks for concealed weapons permits for Richard MacKenzie and for Blaine Mahi. The Board gave their approval for the Town Manager to sign the background checks.
6. The Town manager presented a Resolution for PSAP services. He informed the Board five other Towns have signed the resolution and others will be taking up the resolution. He stated the Governor is seeking to invite Towns Fire & EMS departments in to work on some sort of resolution. Ricky Damren made a motion for the Board to accept the PSAP resolution and for the Board to sign the resolution. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**
7. The Board reviewed Municipal Warrant # 6 for the amount of \$68,098.72. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of Municipal Warrant # 6 for the amount of \$68,098.72. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**
8. There was no Manual Warrant.
9. The Town Manager informed the Board they have the authority to appoint him to the position of Deputy Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer. Ricky Damren made a motion to appoint the Town Manger, Dennis L. Keschl, to the position of Deputy Treasurer. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**
10. The Town Manager reviewed the TAN note with the Board. He would like to get the note out by the 6th of February. The Town Manager requested the Board authorize the Chair of the Board, the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer to send out the TAN note, review the bids, and sign the note for the amount of 1.75 million. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Chair of the Board, the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer to send out the TAN note, review the bids, and sign the note for the amount of 1.75 million and to approve of the following:

VOTED by the Board of Selectpersons for the Town of Belgrade, Maine as follows:

VOTED: (1) That under and pursuant to Title 30-A, Section 5771 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended and supplemented, there be and hereby is authorized the issuance of up to \$1,750,000 principal amount of Tax Anticipation Note of the Town in anticipation of the receipt of taxes for the municipal fiscal year which commenced January 1, 2008 and ends December 31, 2008.

(2) Said Note shall be dated February 20, 2008; shall mature on a date as deemed appropriate by the Treasurer (or Deputy Treasurer) and Chairperson of the Board of

Selectpersons; shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Treasurer (or Deputy Treasurer) and Chairperson; and shall be payable at a financial institution chosen by the Treasurer (or Deputy Treasurer) and Chairperson, and otherwise be in such form and bear such details as the signers may determine.

(3) Said Note is hereby-designated qualified tax-exempt obligations of the Town for the 2008 calendar year pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(4) That all things heretofore done and all action heretofore taken by the Town, its municipal officers and agents in the authorization of said Note are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and the Treasurer (or Deputy Treasurer) and Chairperson are each hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this voting, including delivering said Note against payment therefor.

Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**

*** NOTE: Ricky Damren made a motion to place the warrant articles on the March Town Warrant. Dan Newman seconded the motion. CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**

Updates & Announcements:

- The Town manager reviewed his updates with the Board. **(Please see the attached updates)**
- The Town manager informed the Board he was sending out an RFP for the 2008 year for Electrical Repair & Maintenance Services, along with Plumbing & Heating Services. He has received a number of remarks about the current system and felt this would be an impartial approach to the issue.
- Dennis will prepare for the next Select Persons meeting an analysis for a fuel tank.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ricky Damren made a motion to enter into executive session @ 8:40 p.m., pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §405 (6)(A) Dan Newman seconded the motion. Ricky Damren made a motion to re-enter select persons meeting @ 8:58 p.m.. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 (RICHARD CAREY)** Ricky Damren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**

Respectfully Submitted,

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