

TOWN OF BELGRADE
BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS MEETING
TUESDAY/ FEBRUARY 17, 2009/ 7:00 P.M./ TOWN OFFICE

Meeting convened 7:00 p.m./ Adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell	Selectperson, Chair	Jack Sutton Budget/Transfer Com.
Ricky Damren	Selectperson, V. Chair	Bruce Plourd, Fire Department
Chris Merrow	Selectperson	Dan MacKenzie, Fire Dept., Chief
Dan Newman	Selectperson	Dennis Keschl, Town Manager
Richard Carey	Selectperson	Clarence Burnham, Transfer St. Sup.

Order of Business:

1. Melanie Jewell declared a quorum and opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m... The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the February 3, 2009 meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

New Business:

1. Ricky Damren made a motion to table the quarterly review of Recreation as Jessica Moore was unable to attend the meeting. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
2. The Board reviewed the reapplication of Dennis Purington to the Budget committee. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the reappointment of Dennis Purington to the budget committee for a three year term to expire 2012. Chris Merrow seconded the motion.

The Board reviewed the reapplication of Gordon Pow to the Board of Appeals. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the reappointment of Gordon Pow to the Board of Appeals for a three year term to expire 2012. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

The Board reviewed the reapplication of George Hoy to the Dam Committee. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the reappointment of George Hoy to the Dam Committee for a three year term to expire 2012. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

3. The Town Manager informed the Board that the newly formed RSU will not formally take office until July 1st, 2009. The School Board does not dissolve

until June 30, 2009, and there are currently three school board members, one whose term expires March 2009. Because one of the school board members term lapses and he will not be continuing, we will not have a full school board. Frank Haggan has said that he would agree to stay on until the end of June if this is what the Board of Selectpersons wished. Ricky Damren made a motion to re-appoint Frank Haggan to the SAD #47 School Board until the end of the month of June. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

4. The Town Manager reviewed the history of the intersection of Rt. # 8 & Rt. # 11 with the Board. Ben Swan has submitted a letter sharing concerns of safety with the intersection. He was part of a board comprised that reviewed the intersection together with DOT officials, to come up with a solution concerning the safety of the intersection. Ben stated at these meetings DOT officials agreed that the intersection was worse then before with the implementation of the berm. The Town manager said he asked Ben if he could get him some kind of documentation proving, that DOT agreed about the rebuilding of the intersection creating a worse and then the he would be able to investigate it and act on it. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with investigating and/or acting on any information provided to him by Ben Swan in an effort to resolve some of the concerns of safety of the Rt. #8/ Rt. #11 intersection. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
5. The Town Manager stated that the break in at the Lakes Fire Station damage was approximately \$500.00. There was an old radio taken, some change and damage to one of the doors. The door has already been repaired. The Town Manager spoke with Jeff Gilbert at Maine Security, who had called when he had seen the report of the break in to see if the town was interested installing a security system in the town's fire department buildings. The Town Manager stated he had spoken with the Fire Chief, Dan MacKenzie and he did not believe that the Town needed to absorb this kind of cost and felt that the departments could get by with the purchase of surveillance cameras. The Manager asked the Board if they were interested in him pursuing the cost of installation of a security system. The Board said they would like to see what the cost would be. Ricky Damren motion to table the agenda item on the installation of a security system at the Fire Stations until the Town Manager could investigate the cost of the system. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
6. There was no action taken on the Governor Volunteer Service Award as the time frame for the program has lapsed.
7. The Town Manager informed the Board there was no policy concerning road waivers being given out. In 1992 there was an article that was approved of by the town to adopt a policy where all Town roads are posted for vehicle weight load limits at the same time any State highways within Belgrade are posted

for vehicle weight load limits. This policy on load limit waivers spells out the process. Melanie Jewell stated she would like to be notified whenever there is a load limit waiver handed out, she was unaware the office did this. Ricky Damren said he was not in favor of the creation of a policy as it was his understanding if it was not an ordinance it is not enforceable. Melanie asked if he was interested in creating an ordinance to address the load limit waivers. Rick said he was not interested in an ordinance and that he would abstain from voting as he was a contractor. Chris Merrow made a motion to accept the Policy for the Town of Belgrade for providing a waiver for local road restricted heavy load limits. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

8. The Board reviewed the two supplemental taxes to Lawrence Vear for the amounts of \$1,227.11 and \$1,400.65. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of both of the supplemental taxes for Lawrence Vear, for the amounts of \$1,227.11 and \$1,400.65. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
9. The Board reviewed the abatement to Jeffrey Neale for the amount of \$375.22. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement to Jeffrey Neale for the amount of \$375.22. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
10. The Board reviewed the **municipal warrant # 8** for the amount of **\$457,670.57**. Richard Carey made a motion to approve of **municipal warrant #8** for the amount of **\$457,670.57**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
11. The Board reviewed **manual warrant #2373** for the amount of **\$4,433.00**. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of **manual warrant #2373** for the amount of **\$4,433.00**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

The Board reviewed **manual warrant #2372** for the amount of **\$8,184.23**. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of **manual warrant #2372** for the amount of **\$8,184.23**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
12. The Board discussed the letter received from Lesley Jones, the Director of Solid Waste, for the City of Augusta. The letter asks if there is any interest on behalf of the town to entertain processing of any recyclables that are generated from the Hatch Hill program. The Town Manager stated they have approximately 3,000 tons to recycle and even though it has been discussed to look at a regional process he is concerned about the amount of tonnage. Ricky Damren stated he did not see there was any harm in talking to them and find out exactly what they are proposing. Jack Sutton commented that from his personal standpoint, the town has spent a lot of money on equipment and the facility, and he feels right now the Transfer Station needs a period of

stability. Clarence Burnham, Transfer station supervisor, agreed that he has concerns about the Transfer stations ability to handle this amount of recyclables. The Town Manager said that he did not believe we could enter into any kind of agreement with Augusta, without taking it before the voters. Melanie Jewell stated she would be interested in speaking with Lesley to find how what their thoughts are. Jack commented that perhaps there could be a trade-off for Hatch Hill to accept the town's solid waste. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the town manager to investigate further with Lesley about the proposal for the town of Belgrade to process the recyclables from Hatch Hill. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

13. The Town Manager said he had received an email from Debbie Baeder from Mount Vernon concerning the two towns meeting about Mount Vernon joining the Dam Committee. She will bring this to her board for discussion and then she would like to have the two boards meet. On Thursday there is a public forum in which the Town Manager would like to present a letter he has written, to those present at a workshop on LD 208 "Dams Bill". The letter is in support of requiring municipalities that share bodies of water, to also share in the contribution of maintenance and upkeep of local dams. **(Please see the attached letter)** Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the town manager to submit the letter at the Public Hearing on behalf of the Town of Belgrade. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Updates & Announcements:

- The Town manager reviewed his updates with the Board. **(please see the attached written updates)**
- The Town manager conveyed to the Board that the town is required by law to amend the current flood plain maps and ordinance. The State Planning Office is willing to come into the office to inform the board as to the reason why they are important.

Ricky Damren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m... Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary J. Vogel, Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectpersons