

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

Meeting Convened 7:00 p.m./ Adjourned 9:04 p.m.

Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell Selectperson, Chair	Bruce Galouch Transfer St. & Recycling Com.
Ricky Damren Selectperson, V. Chair	Bruce Plourd Fire Department
Chris Merrow Selectperson	Peter Rushton Planning Board
Richard Carey Selectperson	Nancy French Cemetery Committee
Fred Perkins Board of Parks & Recreation	Kevin Hawes Road Commissioner
Dennis Keschl Town Manager	Clarence Burnham, Transfer Station Super.
Gary Fuller Code Enforcement Off,	Dan Mackenzie Fire Department, Chief
Bill Pulsier Deputy Fire Chief, Lakes St.	

Others in attendance: Peter Sargent, Mary Galouch, Randi Galouch, Frank Poulin, Steve Towle, and Chris Poulin

Order of Business:

1. Melanie Jewell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)**

Unfinished Business:

1. The Town Manager said he would keep the board informed, but has not been able to set up a time with Lesley Jones from Hatch Hill in Augusta.
2. Fred Perkins was present from the Board of Parks & Recreation for the discussion concerning the discussion of a waiver of the alcohol fee for the rental of non-profits using the town's recreational facilities. He said the Board of Parks & Recreation had some concerns because of the alcohol use, but there are a number of non-profits that potentially are interested in using the facility and serving alcohol. The clean-up fee and the damage fee would still apply, but the non-profit groups would be exempt from the rental fee. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize non-profit organizations, that are within the Town of Belgrade, to be exempt from payment of the rental fee for the use of the center, for events serving alcohol. Melanie Jewell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN) (Please see the attached application for rental with alcohol)**
3. The board will meet with Mount Vernon officials on Wednesday, April 1st, at the Mount Vernon Town Office at 7:00 p.m.
4. The Town manager will provide an RFP for the Board's review on an electron supplier.

New Business:

1. The Board reviewed the re-appointment application of Nancy French to the Cemetery Committee. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the re-appointment of Nancy French to the Cemetery Committee for a three year term to expire 2012. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)**

2. The Town manager informed the board that the State of Maine Department of Public Safety is the only provider for rural dispatch. This is the rural patrol of State police and Kennebec County. There are three organizations involved with providing PSAP services. This is not the same service that Somerset County is providing, nor is it the same as what is being provided by Waterville for EMS. The cost to the town for this contract with the State Department of Public Safety is \$16,885 a year for two years, effective July 1st of 2009 through June 30, 2011. The contract has a provision for a thirty day pull out option. The town manager recommends the board authorize him to sign the contract, but he will not sign it until closer to the July 1st deadline because there are currently four bills to go to the Legislature on PSAPs, slated for Thursday, March 19, 2009. He will be attending to give testimony on behalf of the Town on March 19th. The Manager encouraged the Board of Selectpersons and Fire & Rescue Officials to attend the hearing to provide testimony as well. There was some discussion on what would happen in the event the town refuses to sign the contract. The Town manager explained in the event you fail to sign a contract for these services, morally they will dispatch, but because of your lack of failure to provide for this service, the RCC becomes your dispatch by default. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Town manager to sign a contract with the State of Maine Department of Public Safety for rural dispatch of State Police and Kennebec County Sheriff's department for the two year term to begin on July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT**

3. The Board reviewed the three referendum questions;
Ricky Damren made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on March 31, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the Center For All Seasons as required by Maine State Statues Title 22 M.R.S.A. 4305 (4) for the purpose of public comment on the adoption of Model Ordinance GA Appendix (B) amendment for the period of April 1, 2009 – Sept. 1, 2009. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)**

Melanie Jewell made a motion to hold a public hearing on March 31, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., at the Center For All Seasons for the following referendum question to be placed on the May 20, 2009 Town referendum; "Shall the Town of Belgrade vote to approve the following; "To see if the Town will vote to require

that the term of office for Regional School Unit #18 board members elected at the annual town elections in March, begin on July 1st, beginning with the annual election in March 2010?" Chris Merrow seconded the motion.

CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)

Ricky Damren made a motion to place the following question to a Public Hearing scheduled for March 31, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., at the Center for All Seasons to be placed on the May 20, 2009 town referendum, Shall the Town of Belgrade amend, the ordinance entitled, "Fire Department Ordinance for the Town of Belgrade", dated August 29, 1995, to allow for the ordinance to include a statewide mutual agreement as provided by Title 37-B, chapter 13, Section 784. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSE 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)**

4. The Board reviewed the letter submitted by Kristen Brann and Randi Galouch requesting to place a bottle collection box at the Transfer Station until June 24th, 2009 and then the bottle box would be turned over to the Class of 2010. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the MHS Cheerleaders to place a bottle box at the Transfer Station until June 24, 2009. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)**
5. The town manager stated he had drafted the RFP for paving to try to improve the bid process for the town's annual road paving. The Road Commissioner and the town manager had attended a seminar a couple of weeks ago. The Road Commissioner is attending several meetings next week to learn more about paving processes. There are several options that the board can consider; placing a performance bond is something that could be considered, but this would increase the bid by 1 ½%. There are different options and recommendations on recycling and reclaiming of the pavement, how thick to lay down the base, questions on whether or not it is more cost effective to grind. The manager has spoken to some civil engineers and they have stated that there is a value to laying down a base. Melanie Jewell asked the manager to bring the information back to the next meeting for discussion and to talk to some folks about recycled asphalt.
6. The town manager informed the board the agenda item concerning the Shoreland zoning ordinance was placed on the agenda at the request of Peter Sargent. He has concerns about some of the State's recommendations. The new Shoreland zoning regulations are supposed to be adopted by towns this year with a deadline of July 1st. Peter Sargent and other residents were in attendance to discuss some of the changes. Frank Poulin, Chris Poulin and Steve Towle all shared concerns about some of the State changes as well. They had concerns that the Town has not reviewed the changes and amended the Town's Shoreland zoning ordinance. This means that the Town will have to follow the guidelines provided by the state until the Planning Board can bring it to the Town for a referendum vote to approve amending the Shoreland zoning ordinance. Peter Rushton, Chair of

the Planning board was present and said the deadline had gotten by the Planning Board. They are placing it on their agenda for their April 2nd meeting for discussion and review. Rich Baker, from DEP will be in attendance to provide some guidance to them. The Town Office will get in touch with the State to see if there will be a referendum for the State in June, and if not the Town will have to adopt the State standards set, and hold a referendum in November to amend the Town's Shoreland zoning ordinance.

7. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the purchase of a plaque for the retiring board member. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)**
8. The Board reviewed the **Municipal Warrant # 12** for the amount of **\$479,174.79**. Chris Merrow made a motion to approve of **Municipal Warrant # 12** for the amount of **\$479,174.79**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)**
9. The Board reviewed the **Manual Warrant # 2379** for the amount of **\$4,360.25**. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of **Manual Warrant #2379**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)**
10. The Board reviewed the background check for a concealed weapons permit for Robert True.
11. The Board reviewed the information on the Household Hazardous Waste collection. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Town manager to sign the town up for the May 16th Household hazard event taking place in Augusta, and authorized the expenditure for setup costs as well as the expenditure of payment of up to two units for the first 50 people who sign up. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSENT (DAN NEWMAN)**

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Town manager gave verbal updates to the board.

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