

# **TOWN OF BELGRADE**

## **BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS MEETING**

TUESDAY / JULY 17, 2007/ TOWN OFFICE/ 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Convened 7:00 p.m./ Adjourned 9:35 p.m.

### Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell, Select Person, Chair	Marcia Haigh Town Librarian
Ricky Damren Select Person, V. Chair	Loyce Hayslett, Library Board of Trustee
Richard Carey Select Person	Jessica Moore Recreation Director
Jack Sutton Transfer Station & Budget	Dennis Keschl Town Manager
Jean Saucier Recreation, Chair	Dennis Purington, Budget Committee
Bruce Galouch, Transfer Station, Chair	
Pat Pow Library Trustee, Chair	

Others in Attendance: Philip Curtis, Travis Warren, Terry Warren, Diana & Ronald Bellavance

**NOTE: THE MEETING WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.**

### THE MINUTES FOLLOW THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

### 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 July 3<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Richard Carey seconded the motion.  
**CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

### Unfinished Business:

- 1.) The town manager reviewed the problems with the North Belgrade Community Center. There is an infestation of mice combined with prevalent mold issues. There is mouse urine which has been leaking through the ceiling tiles. There is an issue carpenter ants at the facility. The air quality is of a concern for renters. The facility could continue to be used if the problem of the rodents is cleaned up. The ventilation system could be covered with polypropylene, but Advance 1 service suggests that the furnace duct work be cleaned, before use of the furnace. The water infiltration through the basement needs to be addressed in order to take care of the mold and to keep it from reoccurring. There was some discussion on where will the monies come from to handle these problems. Suggested was to contact insurance and see if these issues could be put in on a claim. There is money in the Recreation Capital Reserve account that could be utilized. There was some discussion on how much it would cost and if the reserve account monies had been earmarked for certain things. Melanie Jewell stated she felt the Board needed to have an exact amount of the cost before they could decide what monies could be utilized. Melanie stated the facility should be closed until further notice due to the health risk. The Board authorized the Recreation Director to review those who have paid for the use of the facility and to find other accommodations for those rentals. Jean Saucier expressed concern that if the North Belgrade Center is closed, the Board will not reopen the building. Jean did not feel the Board should close the facility right now, as this was not on the agenda. Melanie stated she felt the Town has a liability to act responsibly in the best interest of the residents and those who may have rented the North Belgrade Community Center. She feels the Board should close the facility until information has

been provided by the Town manager on the costs associated with taking care of the current issue and that in October the facility should be closed due to the heating duct issues. Ricky Damren made a motion to have the recreation director contact those who have requested or already paid for rentals and inform them that due to the circumstances alternate arrangements for rental will be made. Included in the motion is to post the door of the North Belgrade Community Center stating it is closed until further notice due to carpenter ant and rodent infestation, and to hold a special meeting of the Board of Select Persons on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office, to determine where the money will come from and what the cost of the extermination and repairing of the NBCC will cost. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

#### **New Business:**

- 1.) Jessica Moore was present for her quarterly update. **(Please see the attached update)**
- 2.) The Town Manager reviewed the issue of Carpenter Ants at the Center for All Seasons. There have been a number of campers and parents complaining about the ants that have been coming home in the camper's bags. There is currently \$6,524 of money left out of the \$7,000 that was raised and appropriated for the staining of the Center, this money could be used out of this money to help take care of the problem. The Town manager has spoken with Modern Pest Services and received a quote of \$1,475 to take care of the problem. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to take \$1,475 out of the remaining \$6,524 for the staining of the Center to address the carpenter ant problem at the Center For All Seasons. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 3.) Philip Curtis was present for the meeting. He was formerly with Maine DOT and now works as a consultant for Maine Local Roads. The Town Manager invited Phil in to speak to the Board and to the snow plow contractors on the use of salt and sand application to the winter roads. The cost of the winter snow plowing is the Town's second highest expense. Phil explained that using more is not necessarily better. He explained the contractors, with time and training, could save the Town money by being conscientious of how much they are applying. The average use of sand is 80 yards per mile. In order to achieve this, snow plow contractors would need to calibrate their equipment. Phil can do this for the municipality. This alone will save 20 to 30% in material. Pre-wetting the material before you apply it to the road will also aid in the reduction of the amount of sand used. Phil stated the public will not notice the difference in reducing from our current 7,000 cubic yards per mile to 4,000 cubic yards if the contractors calibrate their systems and pre-wet their material. A pre-wetting system would cost about \$2,000. This would consist of contractors having a 60-80 gallon plastic tank mounted to the side of their truck with a hydraulic pump. Phil conveyed to the Board because our sand & salt pile is outside we lose 80% of our salt. The Board discussed covering the pile, but came to no final decision.
- 4.) The second quarter financial review was postponed until August 7<sup>th</sup>, data was available for those who wanted the worksheets.
- 5.) The Board reviewed the application of Julia Schnee, before approving of the application they needed to accept the resignation of Amy Bernatchez. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the resignation of Amy Bernatchez to the Board of Parks & Recreation. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the application of Julia Schnee to the Board of Parks & Recreation to fulfill the remainder of Amy Bernatchez's term with Julia Schnee's term to expire March 2009. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the

nomination of Marie Pulsifer to the ad-hoc building committee. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

- 6.) The Board reviewed the abatements. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement to Terry Parlin for the amount of \$313.38. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement to Peter Sargent for the amount of \$368.74. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement to Alan & Tina Easler for the amount of \$682.54. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement to Barbara Mullens & Percy Ackerman for the amount of \$296.70. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement to Jeff & Tammy Holman for the amount of \$1,068.38. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 7.) The Board reviewed the supplemental taxes. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the supplemental tax to Matthew & Sandra Micone for the amount of \$560.44. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the supplemental tax to Joan Ferrara for the amount of \$201.47. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the supplemental tax to Walter Crocker for the amount of \$1,068.38. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 8.) The Board reviewed the following articles:

“Shall the budget for the Center for All Seasons be voted on the floor of the Town Meeting instead of as a referendum question?”

“Shall the budget for the Library be voted on the floor of the Town Meeting instead of as a referendum question?”

Ricky Damren made a motion to accept both articles as written and place both articles on the November 2007 referendum ballot. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

After some discussion Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of an article to be developed for the next Select Persons meeting of August 7<sup>th</sup>, to place the Social Services back on the floor of the Town Meeting. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 9.) The Board reviewed the re-application of a liquor license for the Village Inn submitted by Charlie Grover. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the re-application of the liquor license for the Village Inn for Charlie Grover. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 10.) The Board reviewed **Municipal Warrant # 32** for the amount of **\$419,289.68**. Richard Carey made a motion to approve of **Municipal Warrant #32** for the amount of **\$419,289.68**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 11.) The Board reviewed **Manual Warrant #2289** for the amount of **\$3,284.30**. Richard Carey made a motion to approve of **Manual Warrant #2289** for the amount of **\$3,284.30**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

## UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Town Manager reviewed his update with the Select Persons. **(Please see the attached updates)**
- The sale of the Town owned-land on RT #8 did not go through. The highest bidder has declined to follow through and lost his deposit of \$2,000. The land has been offered to the next highest bidder for the amount of \$22,500. If they decline, the Board will have to determine whether or not they would like to re-advertise the land.
- The Cemetery Committee, Long Range Planning Committee & Tree Committee will be attending the meeting of August 21<sup>st</sup>, for the purpose of discussing the cutting of trees at the Cemetery for the cemetery expansion.
- The Town Manager has requested the Board delegate his authority of scavenging to Bill Nason the Transfer Station Facility Supervisor. The Board agreed.
- The Town Manager reported he had received two quotes on the Wood Storage Pile and the ash pile. One was for the amount of \$5,000 and the other was for \$6,700. This will be an agenda item for the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Select Persons meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

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