

**TOWN OF BELGRADE
BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS MEETING
&
TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS**

TUESDAY / SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2007 / CENTER FOR ALL SEASONS / 6:30 P.M.

1ST PUBLIC HEARING CONVENED 6:30 P.M./CLOSED 6:40 P.M./ 2ND PUBLIC HEARING CONVENED 6:42 P.M./ CLOSED 7:15 P.M./ SELECT PERSONS MEETING OPENED 7:16 P.M./ ADJOURNED 9:30 P.M.

Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell	Select Person, Chair	Jack Sutton	Budget Committee & Transfer Station
Ricky Damren	Select Person, V. Chair	Bill Nason	Transfer Station Supervisor
Chris Merrow	Select Person	Jeff Stevens	Fire Chief
Richard Carey	Select Person	Peter Rushton	Planning Board Chair
Dennis Keschl	Town Manager	Dan Mackenzie	Fire Department
Jean Dalton	Board of Parks & Recreation	Marcia Haigh	Librarian
Gene Burgess	Transfer Station & Recycling Com.	Bruce Plourd	Fire Department
Greg Keene	Transfer Station & Recycling Com.	Eddie Ketch	Fire Department
Bill Pulsifer	Fire Department	Bruce Galouch	Fire Department & Transfer Station Com.

Others in Attendance: Beth Scherp, Barry Nutter, Dan Tukey, Maggie Shannon, Jean Saucier, Edie Stratton and Bruce Trumper

Public Hearing on the November Referendum Questions

Melanie Jewell declared a quorum and opened the Public Hearing on the following referendum questions:

“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?”

“Shall the “request for donations” part of the Social Service budget be voted on the floor of the Town meeting instead of as a referendum question?”

The Town Manager addressed the proposed November Referendum Questions. He informed those present that it has been discussed to shorten the number of warrant articles for Town Meeting,. Ricky Damren made a motion to closed the Public Hearing on the November referendum questions at 6:40 p.m.. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

Public Hearing on the Universal Waste Fee Schedule

The Town Manager addressed the proposed Universal Waste Fee Schedule and the reason it was being implemented along with the fee schedule for the items that will be accepted at the Transfer Station. Bill Nason, the Transfer Station Supervisor, stated the decision to start the program was to accommodate citizens. The collection of these items require special handling and are hazardous waste harmful to the environment. The proposed fee schedule is to help off set the cost of running the program. Most of the proposed fees are lower or equal to those of other communities. The Transfer Station Committee is hoping

the program will pay for itself. Ricky Damren made a motion to close the Public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

Select Persons Meeting

Order of Business:

- 1.) Melanie Jewell opened the Select Persons meeting at 7:16 p.m. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the following article to be placed on the November referendum ballot; “Shall the budget for the Center for All Seasons be voted on the floor of the Town Meeting instead of as a referendum question?” Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the following article to be placed on the November referendum ballot; “Shall the budget for the Library be voted on the floor of the Town Meeting instead of as a referendum question?” Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the following article to be placed on the November referendum ballot; “Shall the “request for donations” parts of the budget be voted on the floor of the Town meeting instead of as a referendum question?” Chris Merrow seconded **CLOSED 4/0**

Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the E-Waste Fee Schedule and to implement the Fee Schedule in October with this E-Waste Fee Schedule to be added as an addendum to the Transfer Station rules & regulations. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

The Town Manager gave an overview of the North Belgrade Community Center and the problems with the facility. There were only two estimates given on the work that needed to be done. One of the estimates was for \$20,000 and the other was in excess of \$60,000. The Town Manager recommended at this time to not use the Recreation Capital Reserve account to fix the building, but to close it up for the Winter months, and develop a warrant article to go to Town meeting. The Town Manager stated leaving the facility open could be a potential health risk to the public. Jean Saucier stated she supported the closing date of the facility of October 1st, but does not support a separate warrant article for the fixing of the facility, and it should be included under regular maintenance budget. The Town manager agreed this work should have been put into the budget as a regularly scheduled maintenance. Jean suggested that an article be developed to help take care of the problems, and to consider taking an amount of \$20,000 out of the capital reserve account to help offset the cost. Jean said was concerned that if the problems with the NBCC are not addressed with the facility it will remain closed and not reopened. Bruce Trumper was present and stated he was concerned the facility would be closed permanently. He met his neighbors here and it is important to him on getting together with them on a regular basis at this facility. Jean stated the NBCC does not generate a lot of revenue, but it is an important part of the North Belgrade community. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the closing of the North Belgrade Community Center, effective October 1st and to reopen the facility when it is feasible, with the motion to include the repairing of the North Belgrade facility with \$20,000 to come out of the Recreation capital reserve account. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to clean up the area and to ditch it this year, with the money to come out of facility maintenance and if there is not enough to expend an amount of up to \$2,500 out of the Select Persons emergency account. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) Sherri Nadeau was present for her request of speed bumps on the Stevens Road. The Town manager stated he had received a number of complaints concerning the road. The road is in poor condition. The road commissioner has graded the road. The residents stated the condition persists and each have taken turns dragging the road themselves. There have been a number of complaints concerning individuals speeding on the road which may have led to the condition. Barry Nutter, a resident from the road, presented Select Persons with a petition to have calcium chloride put on the

road and to request the road to be paved. Jack Sutton commented that perhaps the Board needs to consider having the road commissioner review the road to see what it needed to bring it up to specs and put the money into the upcoming budget along with the cost of the paving. The Rushtons stated they feel the road should be treated as a resource. They also feel there are safety issues with the road. They feel they are taxpayers and would like to have the road issues addressed. Ricky Damren made a motion to not approve of the speed bumps and to ask Maurice to review the road to see what it is going to take to build up the road and fix it and to put the monies into the 2008 budget. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

- 3.) The Board reviewed the Transfer Station job descriptions. The employees have reviewed their descriptions also. They have been approved by the Transfer Station Supervisor and the Town Manager. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the following job descriptions for the following positions; Transfer Station Assistant, Transfer Station Attendant - Compactor Operations and Transfer Station Attendant - Recycling Operations. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

New Business:

- 1.) Peter Kallin was present from the Belgrade Conservation Alliance. He provided the Board with a handout entitled "Partnering for Water Quality". The non-profit group is based in Belgrade Lakes. The issues right now at hand, according to Peter, are code enforcement issues with building surrounding the lakes. Peter requested the Board attend a regional stakeholders meeting for the purpose of discussing the improvement and standardizing of code enforcement in the Belgrades. This meeting will be held on October 29, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., location to be determined.
- 2.) The Board reviewed the petition received from Barry Nutter for a request of calcium chloride to be put on the Stevens Road and to request the road to be paved. There was some discussion on what needed to be done to the road. Rick Damren made a motion to accept the petition and for the town manager to request the road commissioner to grate the road and to lay calcium chloride on the road. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 3.) The Town Manager informed the Board the snowplow bids had been advertised without the Transfer Station on the bid sheet. With the purchase of the skid steer the employees at the Transfer Station believe they will be able to plow the area out after Ron Bellavance has come through with his snowplow. There was some discussion concerning if the skid steer would be able to do the snow plowing.
Chris Merrow made a motion to accept the following bids as submitted:
Mark Day's bid for the following facilities:
Belgrade Depot Fire Station \$25.00 per storm
Belgrade Lakes Fire Station \$30.00 per storm
Town Office \$45.00 per storm with sand \$95.00
Center For All Seasons \$125.00 per storm with sand \$225.00
Sahagian Road Extension \$30.00 per storm with sand \$25.00

Rick Damren's bid for the following facilities:
North Belgrade Fire Station \$25.00
North Belgrade Com. Center \$40.00
Salmon Lake Dam \$25.00
Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSTENTION (RICKY DAMREN)**
- 4.) The Town Manager addressed the PSAP service fee that the Town will now have to pay as a result of legislative requirement to reduce the total number of PSAPs in the state from 48 to 26. Verizon will no longer support the equipment. The PSAPs are being decommissioned due to the legislative order effective October 1, 2007. The Department of Public Safety will provide services to communities for a contracted service of \$2.50 per capita based on the 2000 census. The amount

due at the signing of the contract is approximately \$1,861.45, which is a quarter of the total that the Town would be charged for the year. There was discussion about Kennebec County potentially doing away with dispatch services, and these services would go to State Police at \$7.50 per capita. The Board discussed what other communities were doing. Most other communities are participating. In signing the contract these Ricky Damren made a motion for the Town Manager to sign the contract, pay the required fee of \$1,861.45 and to contact legislation to see what can be done about the fees being passed on to municipalities through taxes. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

- 5.) The Board reviewed the letter from Bruce Flaherty requesting the Town hold an awards ceremony for the volunteers in town. The volunteers will then become eligible for the Spirit of America Foundation Award. Chris Merrow made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to put together ballots to be distributed around town for nominations to be submitted by residents. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 6.) The Board reviewed the two supplemental taxes. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the supplemental tax to Thomas Barton for the amount of **\$68.68**. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the supplemental tax to Stuart House LLC for the amount of **\$2,155.07**. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 7.) The Board reviewed the two abatements. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement to Citi Capital Commercial Leasing for the amount of **\$941.45**. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement to Ronald Goldberg for the amount of **\$2,155.07**. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 8.) The Board reviewed **Municipal Warrant #41** for the amount of **\$424,760.46**. Richard Carey made a motion to approve of **Municipal Warrant #41** for the amount of **\$424,760.46**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** The Board reviewed **payroll warrant #40** for the amount of **\$12,551.72**. Chris Merrow made a motion to approve of **payroll warrant #40** for the amount of **\$12,551.72**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 9.) The Board reviewed **Manual Warrant # 2296** for the amount of **\$2,459.35**. Chris Merrow made a motion to approve of **Manual Warrant #2296** for the amount of **\$2,459.35**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

Updates & Announcements:

- The Town Manager reviewed his updates with the Board. **(Please see the attached updates)** The Town Manager informed the Board their decision to rebate the excise tax was not the Boards decision to make and needed to be placed on the Town Warrant. An article will be developed. No rebates will be given until then.
- Jack Sutton gave a brief overview of the School regionalization.

Respectfully Submitted

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