

**TOWN OF BELGRADE**  
**BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS MEETING**  
**TUESDAY / JANUARY 19, 2010 / TOWN OFFICE/ 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Officials in Attendance**

Daniel Newman	Selectperson, Chair	Bruce Galouch	Transfer St. Com.
Chris Merrow	Selectperson, V. Chair	Loyce Hayslett	Library Trustee
Melanie Jewell	Selectperson	Marcia Haigh	Librarian
Ricky Damren	Selectperson	Stephanie Yeaton,	Board of Park & Rec.
Bruce Plourd	Selectperson	Jessica Moore	Recreation Director
Dennis Keschl	Town Manager		
Scott Damren	Facility Maintenance		
Clarence Burnham,	Transfer St. Supervisor		

**Others in Attendance:** Mike Benecke, Julie Benecke, Jerry Merrow, Lawrence Mare, Diane Heino and Andy Mannett

**Order of Business:**

1. Chair Daniel Newman declared a quorum and opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Board meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the minutes. Bruce Plourd seconded the motion.

**CLOSED 5/0**

**Unfinished Business:**

1. The Town Manager explained that earlier this fall an individual had come forward and offered to pay for the renovations of the cottage on the waterfront at the Center for All Seasons. He/she prefers to remain anonymous. The contractors, who have been working with the Recreation Director to determine all costs, brought the project to the Planning Board. The Planning Board reviewed the project. **(Please see the attached draft minutes of the Planning Board)**

Jessica Moore said that the only real change that will be made to the cottage is on the back of the building. They will be using the same square footage. The building will be resided and reroofed. The Board of Parks & Recreation does not want this to cost the town any money, and therefore requests that the \$5,000 already set aside, be kept in a reserve account to help pay for any future maintenance. The committee has discussed setting up the cottage with its own electrical meter and paying the electric bill with this money.

Melanie Jewell asked if the town needed something in writing that the building will be owned by the Town of Belgrade or if the town needed something concerning the donation. Melanie added that the intention of the \$5,000 was for the renovation of the

cottage and the electric bill will be picked up by the town. Melanie Jewell asked if anyone had checked out the septic system.

Andy Mannett stated that as far as they have researched there were never any problems with the septic; they will look into it further and contact plumbing inspector, Gary Fuller, for a plumbing permit for the work that will be done.

The Town Manager conveyed to the Board that the Town is already authorized to accept donations and the donation cannot come with any stipulations. The contractors doing the work will have to have the town apply for a permit through DEP for the work that is to be done, along with the plumbing permit.

Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the project contingent on the plumbing permit, the DEP permitting and to bring the information back to the board for final approval. Melanie Jewell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

2. The Town Manager requested the Board review the letter he drafted concerning the consent agreement with DEP for the alleged violations of Salmon Lake Dam. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to send the letter to DEP addressing the alleged violations. Melanie Jewell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

#### **New Business:**

1. The Town Manager provided some background on the request for access through the Town's Long Pond Beach Property by the Draggin Master's Snowmobile Club. The Club has lost their access from Long Pond to the Sunset Grille. The property owner has denied access. The snowmobilers are continuing to use the gentleman's land and the club has made apologies for this, and would like to provide another access route, to stop snowmobilers from using his land.

The Board agreed. Melanie Jewell made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign a land user's document authorizing the Belgrade Draggin Masters to use the Long Pond Beach for a snowmobile trail. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

2. The Board reviewed the application of Michael Benecke to the Board of Parks & Recreation for a three year term. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the appointment of Michael Benecke to the Board of Parks and Recreation. Bruce Plourd seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

The Board reviewed the application of Dianne Heino to the Library Board of Trustees for a three year term. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the appointment of Dianne Heino to the Belgrade Library Board of Trustees. Bruce Plourd seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

3. The Board reviewed the request to provide a monetary credit to the Commercial Haulers that increase their recycling and follow the Transfer station guidelines. The current fee is \$100.00.

Bruce Galouch stated that this is a request from the Commercial Haulers their hauling The Transfer Station Committee will draft up a chart with check points on the haulers effectiveness of their covered loads and their promotion of recycling. There will be a maximum of \$25.00 credit towards their next hauling permit.

There was some discussion as to how this would work and if it would just be a constant battle to have to stay on top of.

Melanie Jewell asked whether the Town is providing the recycling pamphlets and if they have put a plan in place, such as whether or not there is a go to person to mark items down weekly.

Bruce replied that they would be working on this.

Melanie Jewell made a motion to authorize the committee to move forward with this program on a six month probationary period. Ricky Damren seconded the motion.

**CLOSED 5/0**

The Board discussed the request of hiring law enforcement for a couple of Saturdays to enforce covered loads.

Bruce said that it is not for just setting there at the transfer station it is more for patrolling the area. There have been a lot of unsecured loads and quite a bit of roadside garbage.

The Town Manager said that maybe we could request patrol to write only warnings and not tickets.

Ricky Damren said he feels that we pay enough money to both the State Police and the Sheriff's Department and if there is a problem then they should be able to come right up.

Dan Newman suggested that the Town Manger contact both agencies and have a conversation with both about patrolling the area regularly.

Melanie Jewell made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to draft a letter to both the State Police and the Sheriff's Department addressing the board's concerns and to request increased awareness on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Bruce Plourd seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

The Board addressed the issue of the ashes being disposed of at the Transfer Station. Clarence Burnham stated that the Town needs s to have water tight containers for the ashes and they are not supposed to be stored as we are currently doing.

There was some discussion on obtaining containers for the ashes, perhaps 55 gallon drums with sealed rims. This would allow the Transfer station workers to mark the containers as to where the ashes have come from.

The Board suggested to keep track of who is dropping off ashes and to obtain a sign that states "No Ash Disposal until you check in with the Transfer Station Manager. The current cost for the disposal and the testing of ashes cost the town \$258.00 per ton.

The Board discussed the Transfer Station Committees request of replacement stickers for the transfer station along with charging a fee for the stickers. The committee would like to start the replacement of the Transfer Station Stickers in July of this year. They want to make sure that the stickers are affixed to people's vehicles as this is one of the requirements in the ordinance.

Ricky Damren said he does not think that we should charge for the stickers as they are cheap to purchase.

The Town Manager stated that there should be a two to three month period to allow for the stickers to be changed and during this time the transfer station staff may require additional help in the transition period.

The Board discussed numbering the replacement stickers and suggested shopping around for stickers that may be less expensive and smaller. The Board discussed placing the sticker in the door jamb of vehicles, if people did not want a sticker placed on their vehicle.

4. The Town Manager stated this item is on the agenda, because the only people who can accept gifts, donations, grants or money on behalf of the Town is the Board of Selectpersons as they are the trustees by law. There are a number of grants and donations that come in and some are very small. He is recommending the Board delegate the authority to him, through a policy, to accept donations, grants or gifts under \$5,000 and to bring to the Boards attention at their next Board meeting.

Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to draft a policy delegating the authority to him to accept gifts, grants or donations under \$5,000 to be brought back to the next Board meeting for their review. Melanie Jewell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

5. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the Town Meeting Warrant and to place the warrant on the annual March Town Meeting. Melanie Jewell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

6. The Board reviewed **Municipal Warrant #4** for the amount of **\$500,939.52**. . Daniel Newman made a motion to approve of **Municipal Warrant #4** for the amount of **\$500,939.52**. Bruce Plourd seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSTAIN (RICKY DAMREN)**

7. The Board reviewed **Manual Warrant #2427** for the amount of **\$2,752.75**. Daniel Newman made a motion to approve of **Manual Warrant #2427** for the amount of **\$2,752.75**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

#### **Updates and Announcements:**

- \* The Town Manager provided updates to the Board.
- \* There will be an informational meeting on the cutting and trimming of the trees around town.
- \* There have been a number of complaints about the snow removal of the roads on the southern end of Belgrade this year the Town Manager will address this with the contractor.
- \* The Building Committee members are going around and giving presentations on the new proposed building. The Town Manager said that there are currently two proposals on the table and maybe it would be useful if the town called a meeting with a moderator to give the people an opportunity to ask questions. Ricky Damren said that if it is done then there should be a time limit on how long people can speak, and there should not be any bickering allowed back and forth. Melanie Jewell questioned as to how many people would show up. Loyce Hayslett commented and said that there are already forums for this taking place. Dan said he has no problem with another meeting being set up by other people and felt the town should stay out of it. Ricky Damren suggested that Sarah Firth facilitate the meeting if there is one held. The Town Manager asked if this meeting should be held by other stakeholders. The Board did not feel they should hold another meeting at this time.
- \* The Town Manager updated the Board on the foreclosures. Currently there are some individuals who are not coming in at all and they are simply appearing to be ignoring the letters being sent out.
- \* The Town Manager asked if the Board would like him to investigate the printing of the Town Newsletter in the Turner publishing news bulletin that comes out. Mt Vernon has decided to go this route. The Board agreed to have the Town Manager look into this further.
- \* Marcia Haigh announced that there will be a meet the candidate's night at the Center for All Seasons on March 11, at 7 p.m., hosted by the Library.

Melanie Jewell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Bruce Plourd seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

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