

TOWN OF BELGRADE
BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY / OCTOBER 16, 2007 / 7:00 P.M./ TOWN OFFICE

Public Hearing on the General Assistance Appendices 6:30 p.m. / Closed 6:42 p.m./ Select Persons Meeting convened 6:42 p.m./Entered Executive Session 8:22 p.m./ Re-entered Select Persons Meeting 8:26 p.m./ Re-enter Executive Session 8:27 p.m./ Re-entered Select Persons Meeting 8:30 p.m./ Adjourned 8:37 p.m.

Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell	Select Person, Chair	Linda Bacon	Board of Parks & Recreation
Ricky Damren	Select Person, V. Chair	Phil Sprague	Tree Committee
Richard Carey	Select Person	Loyce Hayslett	Tree Committee & Library Trustee
Chris Merrow	Select Person	Jack Sutton	Transfer Station & Recycling Committee
Dennis Keschl	Town Manager	Marcia Haigh	Town Librarian

Others in Attendance: Mike Barrett, Clyde Dyar, Pat Jones, Mark Ostermann and Raymond Hewett

Public Hearing on the General Assistance Appendices

Melanie Jewell declared a quorum and opened the hearing at 6:30 p.m.. The Town Manager explained the G.A. Appendices are annual changes made by the State, which the municipal officers are required to adopt.

There was some general discussion concerning the requirements to qualify for the assistance. Ricky Damren made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the General Assistance Appendices at 6:42 p.m..

Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

Order of Business:

- 1.) The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the October 2, 2007 meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the minutes as presented. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSTAIN (CHRIS MERROW)**

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) There was no one in attendance from the Board of Parks & Recreation at 6:45 p.m.. Ricky Damren made a motion to table this agenda item until there was someone present from the Board. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to remove this agenda item from the table at 7:35 p.m.. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the application of Stephanie Feegel to the Board of Parks & Recreation with her term to expire 2009. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 2.) There was no one in attendance from the Board of Parks & Recreation at the time of review. Ricky Damren made a motion to table the review of the Policy changes and the Roles & Responsibilities documents. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** The Board reviewed the Policy Changes to the Board of Parks & Recreation at 7:37 p.m.. Linda Bacon was in attendance from the Board of Parks & Recreation and stated the Board had decided to update both documents as they were outdated, and did not accurately convey how business is currently being managed at the Recreation facility. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the changes to the policy document as presented. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
The Board reviewed the Board of Parks & Recreation Roles & Responsibilities document. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the Parks & Recreation Roles & Responsibilities document as presented. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

New Business:

- 1.) Pat Jones was present to introduce herself as one of the candidates for the House of Representatives. She provided the Board with some information on housing. She asked if there were any questions or priorities the Board would like to see handled at the State level. The Town Manager stated the most recent issue is the PSAP's reduction mandated by state legislature passing the burden of the cost to tax payers. The Board thanked Pat for attending the meeting.

Clyde Dyar was present to introduce himself to the Board as a candidate for the House of Representatives. Clyde intends to work towards the reduction of the State balancing their budget on the backs of municipalities. If elected, he or a representative would be in attendance regularly at Select Persons meetings. The Board thanked Clyde for attending the meeting.

- 2.) The Board reviewed the proposed Cemetery Ordinance. The Town Manager addressed the ordinance. There were minor changes made to the document. Ricky Damren made a motion to put the Cemetery Ordinance to a Public Hearing scheduled for November 20th, 2007. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 3.) Ricky Damren made a motion to table the Tree Ordinance until the November 6th meeting. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 4.) The Town Manager stated he originally had spoken with Matt Scott concerning the closing of the Gowell Road. However, Matt has contacted the office, and has reconsidered the closing of the Gowell Road. The Board took no action.
- 5.) The Board reviewed the application of Michael Barrett to the Belgrade Library Board of Trustees. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the application of Michael Barrett to the Library Board of Trustees with his term to begin January 1st 2008. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

The Board reviewed the application of John Perry to the Budget Committee. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the appointment of John Perry to the Budget Committee with his term to expire March 2008. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

- 6.) Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the resignation of Corbin Findlan with regret, and to award him with a certificate of thanks for his service to the Long Range Planning Committee. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 7.) The Board reviewed the Municipal Valuation Return. Chris Merrow made a motion to approve of the Municipal Valuation Return. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 8.) The Board reviewed **Municipal Warrant #45** for the amount of **\$965,147.71**. Richard Carey made a motion to approve **Municipal Warrant #45** for the amount of **\$965,147.71**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**
- 9.) There was no manual warrant.

Updates & Announcements:

- The Town Manager reviewed his updates with the Board.
 - Letters have been sent out on the railroad crossing on the Depot Road concerning the safety of this track.
 - The turn-a-rounds for the snow plow are being worked on to put agreements together to

cover the Town's liability. Potentially the Town & School District shall consider entering into a joint agreement for an easement of a turnaround.

- The Town Manager commented there has been a recent health issue, which he will be contacting Health & Human Services on regarding the bats in the Town office.
- There was some discussion in regards to the NBCC being used this past weekend after residents were told it was closed for the season.
- The Board discussed the Stevens Road and the complaint that the calcium chloride which was requested has not been put on the road. The resident stated he would be willing to lay it on the road himself if the Town bought the bags of calcium chloride.
- There was general discussion on E-911 services from Somerset County at a reduced price. The Town Manager will look into this.
- There was discussion on whether or not the Board would consider supporting the Town Manager writing a letter to the district office in support of ceiling fans being placed in some of the upstairs classrooms. There was no vote on this. There will be a meeting next week, consisting of Dr. Morse, representatives from the school and parents. Discussed was contacting the Town's school board members to attend this meeting.

Ricky Damren made a motion at 8:22 p.m to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Maine State Statue Title 36 M.R.S.A. 6216 for the purpose of discussing a poverty abatement. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to re-enter the Select Persons meeting at 8:26 p.m.. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement for case # 2 for the amount of \$540.68. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

Ricky Damren made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:27 p.m. pursuant to Maine State Statue Title 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A). Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0** Ricky Damren made a motion to re-enter the Select persons meeting at 8:30 p.m.. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

Ricky Damren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0**

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