

# TOWN OF BELGRADE SELECT PERSONS MEETING

TUESDAY/ TOWN OFFICE DAY/ NOVEMBER 6, 2007/ 6:30 P.M

Select Persons Meeting convened 6:30 p.m./ entered executive session 9:15 p.m./ re-entered Select Persons meeting 9:18 p.m. / entered executive session 9:22 p.m./ re-entered Select Persons meeting 9:25 p.m./ entered executive session 9:27 p.m./ re-entered Select Persons meeting 9:28 p.m./ Adjourned 9:29 p.m.

## Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell	Select Person, Chair	Doug Mather	Budget Committee
Ricky Damren	Select Person, V. Chair	David Leigh	Budget Committee
Richard Carey	Select Person	Eddie Ketch	Fire Department
Jeff Stevens	Fire Department	Doug Sawyer	Fire Department
Bruce Plourd	Fire Department	Maurice Childs	Road Commissioner
Dennis Keschl	Town Manager	Pam Tracy	Treasurer
Dennis Purington	Budget Committee	Phil Sprague	Tree Committee & Fire Department
Sue Gawler	Tree Committee	Bill Nason	Transfer Station Supervisor
Jack Sutton	Budget Committee & Transfer Station & Recycling Committee		

**Others in Attendance:** Barry Nutter, Mark Twist, Karen Childs, Daniel Tukey and Paul Stevens

## Order of Business:

- 1.) The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the October 16, 2007 meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the minutes as amended. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

## New Business:

- 1.) Pam Tracy gave an overview of the 2008 budget. **(Please see the attached document)** The Town Manager will be addressing budget initiatives on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007. **(Please see the attached document)**
- 2.) Ricky Damren made a motion to set the deadline for Social Service requests by 4:30 p.m. on November 30<sup>th</sup>, included in the motion is to contact those Social Service groups to be present for the budget meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 3.) Phil Sprague and Sue Gawler were present for the discussion on the Tree Ordinance. Sue explained this ordinance will work to take care of public trees on public property and will help in the governance of trees in Belgrade. Public Trees in the town right of way being worked on will require individuals to attain a permit. The authority initiative in the ordinance gives the board of Select persons the ability to levy fines. Plant lists will be provided on plants recommended. This ordinance will not affect the road commissioner, cemetery or any municipal official acting on behalf of the Town. Ricky Damren made a motion to put the Tree Ordinance to a public hearing at the Center for All Seasons for November 20, 2007. Melanie Jewell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 2/ 1 AGAINST (RICHARD CAREY) 1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** The motion failed, not a majority vote.

- 4.) Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the resignation of Jean Saucier with regret and to authorize a certificate for her service to the Board of Parks & Recreation. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 5.) The Board reviewed the applications of Stephen Smith and Fred Perkins to the Board of Parks & Recreation. There was some discussion concerning the positions. Ricky Damren made a motion to table the applications until the Board of Parks & Recreation met to determine who would be taking a full board position. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 6.) Bill Nason and residents from the Stevens Road were present for the discussion of the Road Commissioner and elected versus appointed. Bill stated the current process is confusing and the Road Commissioner answers to the people and not to the Board or Town Officials. Bill feels the current process is not working and requests the Board of Select Persons place an article in the March Town Warrant for 2008 to change the road commissioner position from elected to appointed. Ricky Damren made a motion to develop an article to change from elected to appointed and to place it on the March Town Meeting Warrant 2008 and to take effect for 2009. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 7.) The Board reviewed the list of past dedications of the Town Report. Ricky Damren made a motion to dedicate the Town Report and cover to Robert Martin. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion for a memorial in the Town Report for Carolyn Bickford. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 8.) The Town Manager reviewed the changes he made to the personnel policies with the Select Persons. Ricky Damren made a motion to table the personnel policies until they could be reviewed thoroughly by the Board. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 9.) Ricky Damren made a motion to set the date for the Holiday Gathering for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., to be held at the Center For All Seasons. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 10.) The Board reviewed **Municipal Warrant #47** for the amount of **\$480,349.85**. There was some discussion concerning a tax overpayment. Richard Carey made a motion to approve of **Municipal Warrant #47** for the amount of **\$480,349.85** to include the refund on the tax overpayment pending an acceptable reply. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 11.) The Board reviewed **Manual Warrant # 2300** for the amount of **\$7,942.26**. Richard Carey made a motion to approve of **Manual Warrant #2300** for the amount of **\$7,942.26**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** The Board reviewed **Manual Warrant # 2301** for the amount of **\$14,740.70**. Melanie Jewell made a motion to approve of **Manual Warrant #2301** for the amount of **\$14,740.70**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**
- 12.) **ADDED ON AGENDA ITEM:** Fire Department members were present for the discussion on dispatch services for EMS & Fire. The Town Manager informed the Board there have

been discussions with the City of Waterville. Mike Benecke, who is a police officer for Waterville and a resident of Belgrade, has coordinated the effort with the two towns. The City of Waterville will charge the Town of Belgrade \$2.50 per person for dispatching of both Fire & Rescue. We will have to develop an agreement with Waterville to provide these services. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to develop a contract for dispatching services with Waterville for Fire & Rescue for the cost of \$2.50 per person. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

#### **Updates & Announcements:**

- The Town Manager reviewed his updates with the Board. **(Please see the attached updates)**
- Melanie Jewell stated she would like to have one of the school board members attend the Board meetings on a regular basis for updates of the regionalization. Melanie requested the School Board to be on the agenda for the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The town manager stated he would speak to Jim Morse and set up a forum for school board members, select persons, and Dr. Morse to address questions from the public.

**Executive Session (s):** Ricky Damren made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a poverty abatement as required by Maine State Statute Title 36 M.R.S.A. 6216 for case #4. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Richard Carey made a motion to re-enter the Select Persons meeting at 9:18 p.m. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of an abatement of 2005 taxes for case #4 in the amount of \$3,017.80. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

Ricky Damren made a motion to re-enter executive session at 9:22 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a poverty abatement as required by Maine State Statute Title 36 M.R.S.A. 6216 for case #3. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to re-enter Select Persons meeting at 9:25 p.m.. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of an abatement of 2005 & 2006 property taxes for case # 3 in the amount of \$2,136.69. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

Ricky Damren made a motion to re-enter executive session at 9:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of a personnel issue as required by Maine State Statute Title 1 (405) (6) A. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)** Ricky Damren made a motion to re-enter the Select Persons meeting at 9:28 p.m.. Richard Carey seconded the motion.

Ricky Damren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/1 ABSENT (CHRIS MERROW)**

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