

**TOWN OF BELGRADE
SELECT PERSONS MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING / CEMETERY ORDINANCE**

TUESDAY / NOVEMBER 20, 2007 / CENTER FOR ALL SEASONS/ 6:30 P.M.

Public Hearing opened 6:30 p.m./ Public Hearing Closed 6:54 p.m./Select Persons meeting convened 6:58 p.m./ Adjourned 8:54 p.m.

Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell, Select Person, Chair	tish carr	Town Tree Warden
Ricky Damren Select Person, V. Chair	Phil Sprague	Tree Committee
Chris Merrow Select Person	Loyce Hayslett	,Tree Committee & Library Trustee
Richard Carey Select Person	Sue Gawler	Tree Committee
Dan Newman Select Person	Bill Getty	Board of Parks & Recreation
Dennis Keschl Town Manager	Marcia Haigh	Town Librarian
Jack Sutton	Budget Committee & Transfer Station Committee	

Others in Attendance: Joan Cummings, William Cummings, Ellen Walters and John Walters

Public Hearing on the Cemetery Ordinance

Melanie Jewell declared a quorum at 6:30 p.m.. Ricky Damren made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Cemetery Ordinance at 6:30 p.m.. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0** There was no one present from the Cemetery Committee. The Town Manager addressed the ordinance. He stated over a year ago the Cemetery Committee worked to develop this ordinance to set a clear understanding of what could be done. The Board reviewed the comments that had been made concerning the proposed ordinance. Note: Carl Yeaton's comments were via email and Dennis Purington comments were made to the Town Manager.

- Carl Yeaton made comment that the perpetual care payment should be paid in full before the lot is assigned. Ricky Damren commented he did not necessarily agree.
- Carl Yeaton - increase the burial space to \$100. The Board requested the original article be reviewed.
- Carl Yeaton- Required annual maintenance fee for those who obtained their lots at no cost? The Board did not feel that families should have to be responsible for paying for lots of those who have since passed away.
- Dennis Keschl asks if the perpetual care should be included in the ordinance. The Board felt this was a separate article and should not be included in the ordinance.
- Dennis Purington - Does the statement of flowers may be set, also include planting. The Board felt that it does include planting of flowers.
- Dennis Purington - Under section#5 - 8. concerning head and corner markers being set at ground level, does it mean no more upright monuments? The Board stated they felt it did not eliminate upright monuments.
- Dennis Purington - Should the term "service dog" have a definition? The Board agreed the term "service dog" should be included in the definitions.
- tish carr was present for the Public Hearing and expressed concerns of Section #5, item #4 and the statement that "no trees may be planted inside the perimeter of any Town Cemetery". tish expressed the Tree Committee has engaged in discussions with the Cemetery committee and the Board of Select Persons, concerning maintaining a park-like atmosphere. The Tree Committee perceived this to mean, tree plantings, would be included in the design plan of the cemetery. The Town Manager stated he felt the intent of the Cemetery Committee was not to eliminate trees in the Cemetery, but very to avoid planting of trees which could potentially cause damage to headstones and roadways. There was some discussion about the expansion of the cemetery and

the design of it. Dan Newman stated there could be a statement included in Section 5, #4, stating, "trees many be planted in specified locations to be determined by design". Ricky Damren made a motion to close the Public hearing at 6:55 p.m.. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Order of Business:

- 1.) Ricky Damren made a motion to not accept the Cemetery Ordinance and to send it back to the Cemetery with the suggested changes, with the ordinance to come back to the Board of Select Persons for their review on December 4th. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Melanie Jewell introduced Dan Newman as a new Select Person and welcomed him to the Board. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the November 6th meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 3/0/2 ABSTENTIONS (CHRIS MERROW & DAN NEWMAN)**

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) The Board reviewed the applications of Stephen Smith and Fred Perkins to the Board of Parks & Recreation. The Board of Parks & Recreation approved both members as full members and Mike Atwood will be moving to an alternate position due to other obligations he is unable to attend meetings. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of Stephen Smith to the Board of Parks & Recreation with his term to expire March 2008 as he is fulfilling a previously vacated term. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of Fred Perkins, Jr. to the Board of Parks & Recreation with his term to expire March 2008 as he is fulfilling a vacated position. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 2.) The Board reviewed the Personnel Policies. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the Personnel Policies. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

New Business:

- 1.) Phil Sprague, tish carr and Loyce Hayslett were present for the discussion of the Tree Ordinance. The Board reviewed the document. Ricky Damren made a motion to put the Tree Ordinance to Public Hearing for December 18th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Center for All Seasons. Richard Carey seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 2.) The Board reviewed the request from residents of East-West Lane to place the road on the March Town Warrant for acceptance as a Town Road. William Cummings stated there is an increase of tax revenue with the number of new homes on the road. John Walters commented the maintenance required for the road would be minimal as there is minimal traffic on the road. Jack Sutton conveyed he had some concern with the Town accepting a new road to maintain. He averages the cost of accepting the road at approximately \$14,000 a year with an escalating snow plow contract. Ricky Damren made a motion to place the East-West Lane, on the March Town Warrant, contingent on the approval of Maurice Childs and that it meets required road specifications. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 3.) Loyce Hayslett and Marcia Haigh were present for the request of an amendment to the Library Ordinance. Their request is to extend the term of trustees from two consecutive terms to four consecutive terms. Loyce Hayslett conveyed to the Board that the Trustees had discussed the term limit and feel they should not limit the term of a good trustee. Ricky Damren made a motion to put the amendment of the Library Ordinance to public hearing on December 18th, @ 6:30 p.m., at the Center For All Seasons. Chris Merrow

seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

- 4.) The Town Manager reviewed the dispatch service agreement with the Board. Mike Benecke sent an agreement from Waterville. The Town Manager reviewed it, made changes and sent it back to Waterville for their review. Before the agreement is finalized the Town Manager will bring it back to the Board for review. Ricky Damren requested a date after December be entered into the contract. No Action was taken.
- 5.) There was no information available concerning the mutual aid rescue services. Ricky Damren made a motion to table the agenda item until Bill Pulsifer could be present for the discussion. Chris Mellow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 6.) The Town Manager addressed the request for a representative to a regional solid waste group. This position would not have any authority. They will work with surrounding towns to look at the potential of improving Municipal Solid Waste Management Services. Ricky Damren made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with appointing a representative to a regional solid waste group. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 7.) The Board reviewed the information on alternative snow dates for the budget meeting scheduled on December 8th and the March 15th Town Meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion in the event of inclement weather to hold the budget meeting on Sunday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Office, with the Christmas gathering to be held that evening from 6-8 p.m., the motion to include an alternate date, in the event of bad weather, for the Town Meeting scheduled on March 15th, at 1:00 p.m. to be moved to Monday, March 17th at the Center For All Seasons beginning at 6:00 p.m., with the Town Manager and the Select Person, Chair to make the decision on weather conditions. Chris Mellow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 8.) The Town Manager informed the Board that the State has decided to close on the 24th of December, and the Town usually follows what the State is doing, should the Board reconsider their prior vote on staying open on the 24th of December until noon? There was some discussion. Ricky Damren rescinded his original motion. Richard Carey rescinded his second. Chris Mellow made a motion to approve of the Town Office closing for December 24th. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 AGAINST (RICKY DAMREN)**
- 9.) The Board reviewed the **Municipal Warrant #50** for the amount of **\$169,549.84**. Richard Carey made a motion to approve of **Municipal Warrant #50** for the amount of **\$169,549.84**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSTAIN (DAN NEWMAN)** The Board discussed the municipal warrant previews not being available in their books. A discussion ensued. Ricky Damren made a motion to change the deadline for departments to be on Thursday @ noon prior to the Tuesday Board meeting. If department heads do not get their paperwork in they will not receive payment until the following scheduled warrant. Chris Mellow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 10.) The Board reviewed **Manual Warrant # 2303** for the amount of **\$1,807.65**. Richard Carey made a motion to approve of **Manual Warrant #2303** for the amount of **\$1,807.65**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Town Manager reviewed his updates with Select Persons. (Please see the attached updates)
- Loyce Hayslett announced in January the Friends of the Library would be holding a dinner at the Belgrade Central School to raise money for fuel assistance and the food

pantry.

Ricky Damren made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Vogel, Executive Secretary to the Board of Select Persons