

TOWN OF BELGRADE SELECT PERSONS MEETING

TUESDAY / DECEMBER 4TH, 2007 / 7:00 P.M. / TOWN OFFICE

MEETING CONVENED 7:00 P.M./ ADJOURNED 9:27 P.M.

Officials in Attendance:

Melanie Jewell	Select Person, Chair	Loyce Hayslett	Tree Committee & Library Trustee
Ricky Damren	Select Person, V. Chair	Jessica Moore	Recreation Director
Richard Carey	Select Person	Bruce Galouch	Transfer Station & Recycle Com.
Chris Merrow	Select Person	Kathryn Horton,	Board of Parks & Recreation
Dan Newman	Select Person	Linda Bacon	Board of Parks & Recreation
Dennis Keschl	Town Manager	Nancy French	Cemetery Committee
Marcia Haigh	Town Librarian	Fred Perkins	Board of Parks & Recreation
Jack Sutton	Budget & Transfer Station & Recycling Committee		
Pat Pow	Library Board of Trustee		

Others in Attendance: Anne Woloson - Steinberg

Order of Business:

- 1.) The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the minutes. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Ricky Damren rescinded his original motion. Chris rescinded his second. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the minutes as amended. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) The Town Manager addressed the changes that were made to the Cemetery Ordinance. A discussion ensued. Additional changes were made to the ordinance. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of placing the proposed Cemetery Ordinance to a public hearing to be scheduled on Tuesday, December 18th, 2007 at the Center for All Seasons with the following two amendments; in the definition of "Service Dog", the motion is to remove the portion of definition that states "who is neither blind nor deaf"; the second amendment under "Responsibilities of the Belgrade Cemetery Committee", is to add an additional duty of the cemetery committee, #e, "to recommend cemetery budgets for town approval and administer expenditure of appropriated funds". Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

New Business:

- 1.) Linda Bacon, Fred Perkins and Jessica Moore were present from the Recreation department to review the request to place an article on the March Town Warrant to allow for the consumption of alcohol at the Center For All Seasons. Linda stated this topic was brought to the Board last Spring for their consideration. The Recreation Board has discussed how the Town can be protected and how the neighbors could be protected from rental events if the consumption of alcohol passes. They have done some brainstorming on restrictions that could be considered. There was discussion on the amount of money that could potentially be generated from renting out the Center for All Seasons for Weddings, Anniversaries, etc.. The Recreation Director has turned away up to nine requests this year for Wedding / Anniversary rentals. The Recreation Board feels that the monies generated from these rental events could provide opportunities for additional programming at the Center. Resident Anne Woloson-Steinberg was present for the meeting and voiced her opinion on how the rental of the facility would generate revenue that could help in the reduction of

taxes. She supports this suggestion and asks the Board to consider how it could be handled safely.

There was some discussion on whether or not the North Belgrade Community Center should be included in the article. Melanie Jewell stated she would like to see this article on the floor of the Town Meeting so it could be open for discussion. Chair Person, Melanie Jewell asked for a show of hands for all of those in favor of supporting alcohol in the North Belgrade Community Center and the Center For All Seasons. **CLOSED 5/0** Richard Carey made a motion to place the following article on the floor of the Town Meeting; "Shall the Town permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages at its community centers during rental events subject to policies and restrictions established by the Board of Select persons. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

- 3.) The Town Manager reviewed information with the Board concerning the letter from State Representative H David Cotta. The Town manager will follow up with Jeff Hermon to see if there is anything that can be done and bring the information to the next Board meeting.
- 4.) The Board reviewed the two bids for the MSW transportation bids. One bid received from Maurice Childs was to sell the Town four trailers and a truck. The Transfer Station and Recycling committee are recommending not to accept this offer and recommend the Board accept the bid from Waste Management, Inc.. The Town Manager informed those present that in the Town, over a 10 year period, will save an amount of \$500,000 to \$800,000. Currently the Town is paying tonnage costs of \$90 to \$95. The calculated cost with Waste Management, Inc., is \$74 to \$78 per ton. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the bid of Waste Management, Inc. and to authorize the Town manager to develop a contract for a period of up to three years, and to bring it back to the Board for their review. This motion is to include a letter to Maurice Childs informing him the Board's decision to not purchase the trailers. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 5.) The Board reviewed the application from Mark Twist to the Long Range Planning Committee. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the application of Mark Twist to the Long Range Planning Committee for an unlimited term. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 6.) The Board reviewed the Supplemental Tax to Clifton Hammond for the amount of \$1,140.00. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the Supplemental Tax to Clifton Hammond for the amount of \$1,140.00. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0** The Board reviewed the Supplemental Tax to Paul & Debra Davis for the amount of \$202.69. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the Supplemental Tax to Paul & Debra Davis for the amount of \$202.69. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 7.) The Board reviewed the abatement to Diana and Roger Gould for \$202.69. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the abatement to Diana and Roger Gould for the amount of \$202.69. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 8.) The Board reviewed the **Municipal Warrant #52** for the amount of **\$46,017.27**. Richard Carey made a motion to approve of **Municipal Warrant #52** for the amount of **\$46,017.27**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 4/0/1 ABSTAIN (DAN NEWMAN)**
- 9.) The Board reviewed **Manual Warrant #2305** for the amount of **\$6,928.07**. Chris Merrow made a motion to approve of **Manual Warrant #2305** for the amount of **\$6,928.07**. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**
- 10.) The Board reviewed the request from the Long Range Planning Committee to have a member of the Planning Board and the Board of Select Persons sit on the LRPC Board. Melanie Jewell asked if the Town manager would contact the Planning Board to see if someone is interested in sitting on the LRPC. This agenda item is tabled until the December 18th meeting. Select Person, Dan Newman has agreed to sit on the Board.

Updates & Announcements:

- The Town Manager reviewed his updates with the Board. **(Please see the attached updates)**
- The Town manager reviewed the office would like to close on December 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a luncheon for the office staff and to utilize the copy fees. The Board agreed.
- The Town manager reviewed how the office would pay for the food for budget day, the Board of Select Persons agreed.
- The office would like to give two fifty dollar donations in the name of Paul Bickford, one from the Town and one from the Board of Select Persons. The Board agreed.
- The Town Manager mentioned that the property owned by the Town adjacent to the Cemetery, it had been discussed to put an article together for Town Meeting, but more research is needed and this will be delayed until June or November of 2008

Chris Merrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.. Melanie Jewell seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Vogel, Executive Secretary to the Board of Select Persons