

Town of Milton
Board of Selectman Meeting
Monday, October 20th, 2014
Milton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Mike Beaulieu, Andrew Rawson, Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator. **Also in Attendance:** Toni McLellan, Recording Clerk

Public In Attendance: Larry Brown, Betsy Baker, Michelle Beauchamp, Joel Kost, Dennis Wing, Les Elder, Pat Smith, Pam Smith, Richard Lover, Richard Krauss, Richard E. Plante, John Katwick, George Knapp, Gail Pennell, David Carpus, Barbara Hughes

M. Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 5:58pm.

New Business

Tim Eldridge: Re Signage Request for Street Parking in Front of High School - There will be no parking along designated areas of Elm Street (marked in red on the map handout). With the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the signs will read “No Stopping, Standing, Parking”. Parent Pick-up will be along School Street. T. Eldridge will talk with the owners of the property on the opposite side of Elm Street where they would like to install no parking signs as well. The school District will pay for the signs. The town (Pat Smith) will install the signs.

Library Repairs – M. Beaulieu met with Richard Plant earlier in the year at the library to discuss what the town would like in terms of the repairs. R. Plant then commenced with the drawings for the repairs. The cost for the handicap ramp and fire escape egress is now at \$26,000. This includes the insurance ticket liability and installation, but does not include the removal and disposal of existing structures (prior estimates also did not include materials removal – the town will be doing this). The original quote was for \$8,000 for the second floor fire escape only (3ft wide) with the new escape having the same footprint as the existing escape. However, in June, the Trustees contacted R. Plant and wished to include (add) the handicap ramp (1st floor) below the fire escape as well. The ramp must meet ADA requirements, which requires a 5ft wide platform (if changing direction) while the fire escape upstairs does not. Given this, the ramp must be larger and longer and will require 3X as much surface area which would result in 3X the original price. R. Plant brought the building materials (Diamond Plate and Perforated Plate). He would absorb any cost increase in materials between now and spring (when construction would commence) and is also giving a discount to bring the final price increase (reflecting changes in design) down to \$26,000. Estimated installation time is 4-5 working days. The library Trustees will call another meeting specifically to discuss this project.

Richard Lover Re: Sign Ordinance - On October 7th, Richard Lover filed three written complaints for violation of sign control ordinances. He states that only one of these violations has been addressed to date. The first complaint is regarding a sign on the Spaulding Turnpike. This 4X8 sign is a sheet of plywood for

McKenzie Farm. The second sign is a bright yellow arrow located on Route 125 below Wakefield Street. This sign is on a telephone pole. The third sign is a posting about a missing cat and is located at the stop sign at the end of Governors Rd on Route 125. A copy of this sign is also posted on a utility pole on Governors Rd. This sign was posted in 2011 as the writing on the sign indicates. There is another sign for “Sand-Loam-Stone-Mulch” located on Route 125 and Applebee Rd. This is also posted on a utility pole.

Sign Ordinances: There is the sign ordinance which has to do with zoning and commercial businesses and there is the original sign *control* ordinance which is handled by the BOS and is for town roads only. Most of the signs are on state property/roads. There are provisions the state has for businesses to advertise, but those wishing to place signage must go to the town Planning Code Dept. and apply for a sign permit. R. Lover requests that the BOS contact the state and ask that they enforce the sign ordinance, or alternatively designate Elizabeth Dionne to look into it. M. Beaulieu will work with E. Dionne to determine exactly what the state law is regarding posting signs. They will also go through Code Enforcement and the Town Attorney.

Larry Brown - There is a point of contact at the state level for town residents to go through if they would like to challenge a sign violation. RSA “XYZ” – does not give the town the authority to regulate parking over the winter. RSA 2134A - Agricultural products – requires Agriculture and sylvan products to be produced on site until they get to be 35% of the total sales of the entity.

M. Beaulieu will have an answer for R. Lover by mail.

Fee Schedule Amendment Approval -This is now an annual approval process for the town. The only changes to the list:1)“Fax per Page” was out of alphabetical order and is now in alphabetical order
2)The “Latest Amendment” date at the bottom of the document will change once the document is approved.
A. Rawson moved to approve the new fee structure as listed in the “Town of Milton, NH Fee Structure”
M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

July 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes – A. Rawson moved to accept the minutes as written. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

August 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes – A. Rawson moved to accept the minutes as written. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

September 29, 2014 Workshop Minutes – A. Rawson moved to accept the minutes as written. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

September 30, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes – A. Rawson moved to accept the minutes as written. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

October 6, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes – A. Rawson move to accept the minutes as written. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

October 6, 2014 Nonpublic Meeting Minutes – A. Rawson moved to accept the minutes as written and to seal them for one year. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

October 10, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes –There is one correction to be made (minutes state that “...cried himself to sleep” and should read that it was the “wife” that cried herself to sleep). The correction will be made by E. Dionne. A Rawson moved to accept as amended. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

October 15, 2014 Workshop Minutes – A. Rawson moved to accept the minutes as written. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

Expenditure Reports

There is nothing new to report.

Administrator

E. Dionne Re: NH Solar Garden –Electric bills have been verified but they only fill part of the vacancy from left by the school which had to be excluded. She asked if there are any businesses that the BOS would like to include as part of NH Solar Garden program. Tom Gray has suggested Eastern Boats and Index packaging. E. Dionne will look for additional businesses to fill the gap.

E. Dionne Re: Worker's Comp - She has received the rates for Worker's Comp for 2015. The rates have gone down (over \$3,000) due to member contributions, fewer injuries, safer workplaces as well as the fact that the injuries that have occurred were less expensive. A. Rawson moved to approve the member's contribution for Primex workman's comp program for 2015 in the amount of \$66, 278.00. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

E. Dionne Re: Unemployment insurance - the insurance went down a little over \$1300 (less claims) for next year for annual premiums. A. Rawson moved to approve Primex Unemployment Compensation program member's contribution program for \$4,374.00 for January 2015. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

Selectman Comments

A. Rawson – Two residents on Bolen Road are requesting assistance with fixing pot holes on the Road. Pat Smith stated that they are trying to accomplish grading but are encountering difficulties.

Per request of the Rec Commission – They would like to begin improvements to the Town Beach. The Dept. is requesting funding from the Capitol Reserve. E. Dionne will check into the purpose of the Warrant Article for the proper disbursement/reimbursement procedures.

He received a phone call from Helping Hands (downtown): E. Dionne will ask Brian Boyers to take a look into and at the business in the interest of keeping the business looking professional. B. Boyers has spoken with the business, and the owner, on a number of occasions. The landlord has also been addressed regarding the appearance of the business.

M. Beaulieu – Motion Regarding Landfill – he will do everything he can within the letter of the law to prevent a zoning change that would allow a landfill.

Public Comments

Gail Pennell Re: camper on 125 and Depot Pond Rd. One of the campers is now gone because it was sold. B. Boyers has spoken with the owners about a "cease and desist" order. The property owners then cleaned it up. The BOS will send Brian Boyers out to address the situation again.

Larry Brown – 1) A municipality which has a municipal planner on staff can require that individual to prepare a technical review of the literature regarding the siting of landfills and what the state (DES) requirements are on the siting of landfills. 2) Would like to bring to the public record the grant that the transfer station has just received for the America the Beautiful Program (second check) for \$5,000. 3) Would like to thank the BOS and the Town Administrator for their courtesies and the use of this room on Sunday Afternoon for a cordial and productive discussion by the candidates for State Rep and State Senator.

M. Beaulieu moved to adjourn at 7:25pm. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni McLellan
Recording Clerk

Chairman Tom F. Gray

James Michael Beaulieu

Andrew Rawson