



Selectmen's Meeting
Rindge Town Office
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2011
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes
(approved 04-13-11)

Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Goodrich.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Forum – John Kauer was looking for clarification of the sign ordinance. Pini stated that DuVernay had contacted a company that had put their signs in the right of way instead of writing them a letter and give them time to appeal. The Board of Selectmen have asked that DuVernay to use a kinder, gentler approach, so they would prefer them to call them first.

Barry stated that this is the last meeting of Burt Goodrich and she gave a presentation.

Dean request to abate interest – They are asking the board abate \$19.34. They purchased a property and the seller did not tell them when the property taxes were due. Brummer made a motion to abate the Dean family the late fee of \$19.34, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Moran request to abate interest – Have been residents in town for several years and they stated that they did not receive the first bill of 2011. They accrued interest of \$473.14, which they would like to have abated. Barry made a motion to not abate the interest for the Moran's, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Follow up – Doug Thorn from Woodbound had come to the last meeting of the Selectmen. There was an error on their assessment which was fixed and he was asking that the Selectmen go back another year to abate that as well. Barry made a motion to decline their request at this time for the abatement, 2nd by Brummer. Brummer stated that he will recuse himself from this due to his connection with the Woodbound. He stated that this was not a \$50,000 mistake but a \$703,000 mistake. Goodrich stated that they had made the correct between 2009 and 2010, this request is for one additional year – 2008. Taxpayers have the right to review their card at any time and file for an abatement by March 1st of that year. Brummer stated that if this may cause them to claim bankruptcy and then we would be out the tax bill every year, he feels that we should make a payment plan with them to get the 2008 tax money. This would not give them the abatement for 2008, but give them time to pay the bill without penalties. Goodrich made a motion that the fair thing to do and be consistent with past practice is not to make an adjustment in the assessment for the 2nd year, but to work out a payment plan without penalty for late payment for that year of 2008, 2nd by Barry. Goodrich & Barry in favor, Brummer recused himself.

Approval of Minutes – None to approve at this time.

General Business

NH Special Olympics Recognition of Police Sargent Frank Morrill – Chief Sielicki gave a presentation on this. Frank will have to be gone for 21 days and be in uniform for many events. Sielicki is asking that Morrill be able to go and for this to be considered his duty time. Special Olympics pick up all of his other expenses. Barry made a motion that they send Sergeant Morrill as

our representative and ambassador to the Special Olympics, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Voter's Guide / 2011 Budget – Pini stated that at the last meeting that the Board did vote to put out a voter's guide. She has spoken with department heads and select board members about sending out a letter specifically addressing the amended budget. Pini read the letter for the Board and the audience. Brummer made a motion to approve the letter to the citizens of Rindge regarding the budget of 2011, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

There was a question on the voter's guide and the vote on the budget for the BAC. Pini stated that Oeser had sent out an email to the BAC to see if they wanted to reconvene to take a new vote and no one responded back to her, so she told Pini to go with what she had.

Keene Sentinel Request to put Honor Box on Town Property – Pini stated that an honor box is a box that sells newspapers. Cloutier stated that the best place for it to be is next to the Post Office box in the Town Office parking lot. Goodrich stated that he feels if you put an honor box out for one newspaper, then you have to allow all. Pini asked for an opinion from the Local Government Center, which gives you different options and there was a court case. Barry made a motion that the Board not honor the request for the honor box, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Ratify Employee Policy Handbook – The Board received recommendations from the Personnel committee last year for changes on different policies. We did it in piecemeal, but needed to put it all together in the policy. Pini would like the board to approve the whole policy so that we can hand it out to the employees and have them sign off on receiving it. Barry made a motion to approve the Employee Policy handbook as of 2/23/11, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor. Sielicki stated that the department heads have not seen the new policy books and feels that the department heads should be able to give their input before the Selectmen ratify this. McCummings gave some suggestions to the board on the process.

Payroll Manifest – Barry made a motion to accept, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Accounts Payable Manifest – Brummer made a motion to accept, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Motion made by Brummer to go into non-public session, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II.(e) for Litigation

Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II.(a) for Personnel

Town Administrator's Report

Ongoing Business

Informational Items / Communication

Candidates' Night March 2 at RCC 7:00

Kelly Ayotte Letter

Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.