



Selectmen's Meeting
Rindge Town Office
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2011
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes
(approved 03/30/11)

Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Barry.

Pledge of Allegiance

2011 Board Organization – Appoint Chair – Brummer made a motion to nominate Pat Barry as the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, 2nd by Samuel Seppala. All members were in favor.

Citizen's Forum – Ed Lameroux and Richard Feldman were here to present a Finland envelope and stamps placque to the Selectmen on behalf of Rindge for All.

Richard Call was asking why the votes don't match up with the amount of voters and the amount that voted for the Planning. Labonte stated that Planning Board was a vote for two.

Follow-up

Gutteridge Request to Abate Interest on Taxes – Jeannette Gutteridge was here on behalf of her son and his tax bills. He is unable to be here due to a court ordered class. She learned that he was behind on his taxes. She has paid his 2008 bills to take him out of lean and one of his 2009 bills. She is looking for a little help/reprieve on the interest on the bills. The interest is \$3888.65 in total. The Selectmen stated that they do need to be careful not to set precedence. Brummer made a motion to take this under advisement, 2nd by Seppala. They will take this up again in two weeks. All members were in favor.

Dan Aho was here to see who will be representing the BOS on the BAC. Pini stated that it was on their agenda for later.

Approval of Minutes

02-09-11 – Postponed until next meeting.

General Business

Chamber of Commerce re: Request to serve Alcohol @ Meetinghouse 3/25 – Becky Ryll and Roberta Letourneau were here representing the Chamber and were asking for a waiver to serve alcohol at the Meetinghouse at the munch and mingle from 6-6:30. Seppala asked why they were asking the Selectmen to do this. Pini stated that the Selectmen voted not to allow alcohol on town property and the Selectmen are the only ones that are allowed to waive this. Candy Starrett stated that the Chamber is thinking that they could get more members to come by having wine. Phil Stenersen stated that he thought that this is a slippery slope. There was discussion on this issue. Seppala stated that he does not drink, so his beliefs say to vote no. Barry stated that she doesn't feel that it is much of an issue since it is not a town function. Pini will consult with Brummer about this.

Department of Welfare Guidelines – Pini stated that Mary Drew, our Welfare Officer is not able to attend the meeting, since she has a class on Wednesday nights. Drew told Pini that every town needs to have guidelines in order to assist citizens with assistance. Pini does not think that they need to

make any decisions tonight, but that they should take these and review them. We can put them on the next agenda and see where everyone is at.

Committee Appointments

BAC Representative – Barry made the motion to appoint Seppala to the BAC for a 1 year term, 2nd by Seppala. All members were in favor.

Library Trustees – Alternates – The Library trustees presented the Board with a letter stating who their Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer and they recommend that the Selectmen appoint James Qualey and Karla MacLeod as alternates. Motion made by Barry to appoint Qualey and MacLeod to the Library Trustees for one year starting April 1st., 2nd by Seppala. All members were in favor.

Personnel Committee – Pini stated that last year the board appointed three new members for a one year term. Two of the members would like to be re-appointed. Pini would recommend that the Selectmen re-appoint Robert Childs and Richard Sirvint for two three-year terms. Seppala made a motion to appoint Richard Sirvint and Robert Childs to the personnel committee for a term of three years, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Planning Board Ex-Officio & Alternate – Seppala made a motion to appoint Barry as the Planning Board Ex-Officio, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor. Barry made a motion to appoint Seppala as the Alternate, 2nd by Seppala. All members were in favor.

Town/Gown Rep. – Jed is currently the representative and previously it was Pat, but it was a little disruptive, so they have asked that Jed stays on as the representative. Seppala made a motion to appoint Brummer to the Town/Gown, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Other – ZBA is fully elected so nothing further there.

Conservation Commission has two members that are up and Labonte has sent out an email to them, to see if they would still like to serve.

CIP committee, there was some discussion at the beginning of the year if this committee was being effective or if we should ask the Planning Board to take back that responsibility.

Agricultural Committee – formed in 2006, McCummings has worked to get this committee back up and running. Committee is not officially appointed, so we will email out to them to see if they still want to be a part of this committee and get them sworn in.

Computer committee – Pini stated that this committee has kind of fallen by the wayside, but there is value to maintain this committee. It was decided to get rid of this committee.

Barry would like to have an all boards/committees meeting again this year.

Payroll Manifest – Motion made by Seppala to approve the Payroll Manifest, 2nd by Barry. All were in favor.

Accounts Payable Manifest – Motion made by Barry to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest, 2nd by Seppala. All were in favor.

Town Administrator's Report

Ongoing Business

Informational Items / Communication

Jan/Feb 2011 Expenditures & Revenues – Pini stated that the Selectmen have the Expenditure and Revenue reports for 2011. Pini provides these for the Selectmen each month.

Bridge Deficiency – Wellington Rd – Pini wanted the Selectmen to know about two bridges with deficiencies, one on Wellington Rd and one on Converseville Rd.

SWRPC Dinner 3/29/11 – We are invited to their meeting if any of the Selectmen are interested.

Adjournment