



**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Rindge Town Office**  
**Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011**  
**Time: 5:00 p.m. Non-public**  
**6:00 p.m. – regular meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**  
**(approved 04-13-11)**

**5:00 P.M. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II.(a) for Personnel**

**Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry  
**Present were:** Patricia Lang Barry, Jed Brummer, Samuel Seppala, Carlotta Lilback Pini, Town Administrator, Julie Labonté, Administrative Assistant

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Citizen's Forum** – Jan Griska – Resident of Atlantic Dr., would like to pursue getting Atlantic Dr. to be approved as a town road. Pini gave the background on this road.

John Kauer – Questioned the Emergency Aid Use and Emergency Aid Center. Pini stated that she did ask the Trustees last year to research the funds, but it was not

Ed Gagnon – How long does it take the tax assessor to get back to you. He has called three times in the past three weeks and has not received a call back. Pini will look into this.

Larry Cleland – Follow-up questions to the Crime Watch seminar for Chief Sielicki. He feels that the information about the burglaries is not getting into the paper. Chief Sielicki stated that he gives all of their calls to the Ledger on Tuesdays and it is up to them what they put in the paper. Barry feels that maybe there is a different way that we can get the information in the paper.

Matt Sauvola – renew building permit on Delton Dr. – Wanted to ask the board to renew his building permit that he pulled 3 years ago for no additional fees. He did renew it for 6 months. This past month he lost his house to a house fire. Donovan feels that this is Brummer made a motion to not charge for a renewal for a building permit for Matt Sauvola on Delton Dr., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seppala. All members were in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

**02-09-11, 04-21-10, 03-16-11** – Seppala made a motion to accept the minutes from 02-09-11, 04-21-10 and 03-16-11, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

**General Business**

**Asplundh Re: Cutting trees on Town Property** – They are in the process of trimming trees on the power lines for 120 miles. They would like to open a corridor of 8' from the power lines and get the permission from the Selectmen to get a blanket permission to be able to take trees down in the town right of way.

**Department Head Reports**

**Fire/Emergency Management – Emg. Mgt./Hazard Mit. Plans, Tire Fires, Fee Sch. –** Donovan came forward with his Emergency Response plan, which he needs the Selectmen to sign off on.

Tire Fires – There have been a lot of tire fires in roads. He was hoping to have an association meeting with the department last night to see if they could put up a reward for the arrest and conviction. They have already had 6 tire fires this year. Pini felt that Donovan needed to get the approval of the board for the reward. There was much discussion from the citizens in the audience. Stenersen stated that he will get together with the Chiefs to try and help them out. Sauvola stated that he would also help and educate them on fires since he just had one.

Fee Schedule – Donovan brought forward the new fee schedule for 2010, updated from 2007. He went over the major changes for the Selectmen. Brummer made a motion to approve the revisions to the building and fire department fee schedule as of today, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seppala. All members were in favor.

**Highway – Disposition of Plow Truck** – Cloutier was unable to come before the board tonight. He wanted to bring up the disposition of the Plow Truck that was approved at Town Meeting. Pini stated that our procurement policy states that we will put excess equipment out to bid, but that is not law. The past practice has been to trade in the vehicle. Selectmen would like to wait to hear from Mike.

**Police – Neighborhood Crime Watch** – There is an initial \$500 to get the group started. There might be additional costs after for signs. There are some citizens that will put up the first \$500. Barry stated that FPU will match the first \$500. Sielicki will talk with the Police Association and will get together with Little to get this off the ground.

#### **Appointments/Committee**

**Deputy Town Clerk** – Pini stated that Labonte has been serving as the Deputy Town Clerk for the past year or so. Brummer made a motion to appoint Julie Labonte for a period of one year as Deputy Town Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seppala. All members were in favor.

**Deputy Treasurer** – Selectmen had a memo from Kork Little to appoint Ellen Smith for a three year term. Seppala made a motion to appoint Ellen Smith as Deputy Treasurer for a term of 3 years, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

**Budget Transfers** – Pini handed out draft proposals for budget transfers. She has received back most department heads requests. She went over the major areas of the budget. There was much discussion on the budget.

**Payson Village Water System Operator** – Pini stated that we leased the land for SWCS to build the housing. One of the arrangements was that they would construct a water system and be capable of serving other town buildings in the future. It is built that way. In exchange for doing that we agreed that once that system was built, we would take it over and it would be our public water system. They are looking for an April 1<sup>st</sup> occupancy. This has to be run by a certified water operator.

**Citizens Forum Follow-up** – Jeannette Gutteridge came in before the board two weeks ago to ask for a reprieve in her son's taxes. Pini called Local Government center and didn't really get a cut and dry answer. If someone is struggling to pay their taxes, then they are probably struggling in other places as well, and we have a welfare program for that. We don't pay their taxes, but could pay something else to help them so that they can then pay their taxes. The other avenue is that they can file for an abatement in the time frame set forth. The third avenue would be if we did take it by tax deed, then resolve with them so that we don't take their property. Brummer made a motion to deny Jeannette Gutteridge's request to abate interest and penalties on the tax bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seppala. All members were in favor.

**Payroll Manifest** – Seppala made a motion to approve the payroll manifest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

**Accounts Payable Manifest** – Brummer made a motion to approve the accounts payable manifest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seppala. All members were in favor.

#### **Town Administrator's Report**

**Ongoing Business** – Pini has been contacted by Southwest Region Planning commission about updating our Hazard Mitigation plan at no cost to us.

Telecom Committee was supposed to have a meeting today, but it was cancelled. They are still talking about the Franchise agreement. Next meeting April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chamber had a meeting this morning with its new board. They want to change the format of the Ridge Connection. They would like to make it 8 1/2 x 11 and black and white.

Matthew Somero assessment- House is assessed at \$350,000, but they have the best panoramic views in the whole town. Seppala did not feel comfortable signing the letter. Pini feels that everyone that files an abatement application should have the chance to present their case to the board.

**TANS** – Little came before the board and stated that she feels like we will need to borrow TANS in order to cover the May and June school payments. Pini will call Karen Gray to see what their financial situation is.

**Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II.(e) for Litigation** – Motion made by Brummer to go into non-public for Litigation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seppala. All members were in favor.

#### **Informational Items / Communication**

**Letter from Skip Marsh Re: Police Department**

**List of Town Owned Properties**

**Adjournment** – With nothing further the meeting was adjourned.