



Selectmen's Meeting
Rindge Town Office
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2010
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes
(approved 3/24/10)

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brummer talked about the election results.

Citizen's Forum – Letter from Mandy Elliott of Head Start to have a 50/50 raffle. They are looking for a raffle permit. Goodrich moved to allow them a raffle permit, 2nd by Barry. All members are in favor.

Pini stated that before we got into general business, that some organizational issues. Brummer stated that it is usually the Senior member that takes the Chairmanship. Barry stated that she agrees to that. There was discussion about other committees and the ex-officio to those committees.

Barry made a motion to nominate Goodrich as the Chairman of the BOS, Ex-officio to the Planning Board and Ex-officio to the Meetinghouse Maintenance, nominate Brummer to the Town/Gown, nominate Barry ex-officio to the Recreation Committee, ex-officio to the BAC, ex-officio to the Senior Housing committee, 2nd by Goodrich. All members were in favor.

Tom Coffey asked about the article in the Keene Sentinel and that the money was already there. He wanted to know where the money was. Goodrich stated that it was money that was set aside in the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve account.

Approval of Minutes - None

General Business

Appeal for Abatement or Interest Relief – Rich Peabody – 40 Lapham Ln. which his father purchased land for. This has been in the family. He is the trustee for the Peabody trust. There were some misunderstandings as to who was suppose to be paying the bills and then made the account in arrears. He is looking to get this resolved, but is looking to get some of the interest abated. DuVernay prepared a memo for the Board and also Carol Donovan is present if there are any questions. Barry stated that if she took the \$4.77 per day times 365 days it is a little over \$1700 in interest and they could abate that amount or for two years. Barry made a motion to abate \$3482 in interest, in that they keep their taxes up for the next years, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Senior housing – Lease - Members of the committee came forward. Pini stated that we have been working for many years on the Senior Housing behind the Town Office. They are in a position to move forward. The Lease states that they will lease the land for 99 years and pay the town \$1.00 per year. The attorney's representing the town and Southwest have all approved it. Brummer would like to see more work done on the piece of land and that the grounds be well

landscaped. Barry made a motion to accept the land lease agreement for the term of 99 years with the landscaping to appeal to Mr. Brummer, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Water – One of the major concerns of the committee was whether they could get adequate water and good quality. Keith stated that there is a fair amount of ledge out there, but they have enough topsoil to get around it. The water agreement has been approved by both attorneys. It is the Town's well, but any expenses associated with that well are going to be paid by this project as long as they are the only use. If we use the water for any municipal use, then we would share the expense. Motion made by Brummer to approve the water agreement, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Barry would like a snazzy shovel and scissors for the ground breaking.

Conflict of Interest, Code of Ethics, Financial Management Plan – Shelley Hadfield, our grant administrator has written these documents for the town. Barry made a motion to accept these three documents, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor of these.

Bob Cleland – Policy Reviews – Pini stated that Bob has been working in the Town Office part time and has taken on our Policies and getting them updated.

Cleland stated that before he got started that 10 minutes before he came that he got the news about the grants that the Energy commission applied for. The Town has received 3 of the four grants that they applied for.

The first policy that he went over was the Anti-Idling policy. He has gone over this with all the department heads and they are all in favor of this. Motion made by Barry to accept the Anti-Idling policy, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

The Tree Policy, which has been brought up a couple of times, has been revised. The Conservation Commission agrees with this policy. Motion made by Brummer to accept the tree policy, 2nd by Barry with the correction. All members were in favor.

The next three are just updated, no changes were made. Brummer had a question about the permit fees and that is states that they can charge \$10.00 and anyone can qualify. They would like it be a little stricter or age requirements. Motion made by Barry to accept the fireworks permits as updated, they would like to add an age to the policy, 2nd by Brummer. All members are in favor.

Motion made by Barry to accept the gravel hauling ordinance, 2nd by Goodrich. All members were in favor.

Motion made by Barry to accept the Leash Law ordinance, 2nd by Goodrich. All members were in favor.

J.F. Ryan Associates Contract – They are the low bidder on the Revaluation contract. We were waiting on the Town Vote in order to approve this contract. Motion made by Barry to accept the contract for statistical update by J.F. Ryan Associates, 2nd by Goodrich. All members were in favor. This revaluation is different than the one that we did in 2005, this will not be a measure and list. The appraiser will not be visiting every house in town. They will only be going to the houses that have sold in the past year. They will take the sale and compare it to the appraisal and then update all the properties in town.

Energy Commission - John McCracken came up with a proposal for the community garden. Pini has talked to the Local Government Center to see if there are any legal or liability issues with this garden. She received an email back and forwarded it to John for him to include in his proposal. There is the issue of if they will charge for the plots and how much they will charge. The money will go towards getting the water up to the garden. Barry stated that she thinks it is a really good start. The field will be tilled twice a year and by whom? The Highway department. The community owned carts, where would they come from? Cleland stated that they are hoping to build them. Goodrich asked if they have talked to the Agricultural committee. Cleland stated

that Jane is looking to re-instate the defunked committee and get the back up and running. Barry made a motion to accept the proposal for the Rindge Community Garden and to keep the Board updated on their progress, 2nd by Goodrich. All members were in favor.

Request by Don Burness to serve wine at the Library on 5/4/10 – The Library Trustees do not have any objection to this and Chief Sielicki did not have a problem with this either. They will control the drinking of the wine. Barry approved the request of Don Burness to serve wine at the Library on May 4th, 2nd by Goodrich. All members were in favor.

Committee Assignments – Pini stated that while the Library Trustees were here she wanted to let them know that the Selectmen will be talking about this at their next meeting. They will have this to the Selectmen by the end of the week.

Payroll Manifest – Motion made by Barry to accept the Payroll manifest, 2nd by Goodrich. All members were in favor.

Accounts Payable Manifest – Motion made by Barry to accept the Accounts Payable manifest, 2nd by Goodrich. All members were in favor.

Motion made by Barry to go into non-public for Reputation.
Barry moved to go out of non-public for Reputation and seal the minutes and to go into non-public for Personnel, 2nd by Goodrich. All members were in favor.

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

Town Administrator's Report

Ongoing Business – Pini stated that our facebook page has 500 members. Pini has signed the MOU and sent it along to Argent, but we have not received it back. Pini went over a few other items on the Ongoing business.

Informational Items / Communication

Adjournment – With no other items to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.