



Selectmen's Meeting

Rindge Town Office

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Meeting Minutes (approved 03/30/11)

Call to Order – Meeting Called to order by Chairman Goodrich. Present were: Burton Goodrich, Patricia Lang Barry, Jed Brummer, Carlotta Lilback Pini, Mike Sielicki, Rick Donovan, Jane Pitt, Julie Labonte, Marie Pugh, Errick Dubois, Keith Griffin, Pat Martin, Bob Cleland, Richard Mellor.

5:30 Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II.(c) for Reputation – Barry made a motion to go into non-public for Reputation, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Forum – Pat Martin was here and stated that there is a PUC RFP (Public Utilities Commission, Request for Proposal) due at the end of April? She would like to put in grant paperwork for a wind turbine for the Town of Rindge. The town uses 200 kw in energy and a 100kw turbine would supply half of the energy. This would be an extension of the Energy commission. Goodrich asked what would happen with the electricity that is generated. Martin said that all she would be doing at this point is getting quotes from wind turbine companies. We would have to connect into the town infrastructure, one building would be the main consumer and the rest would go back into the grid. Barry thinks that this is fantastic and a great way to look into alternative energy. The property that they are looking at is Pat Barry's mother's property. Pini stated that if they were planning on attaching into the school, then they need to go to the school board, since that is not a town building. Before the grant application is submitted, then they would want to come back to the board.

Approval of Minutes

December 30, 2009 – Motion made by Barry to accept the minutes of December 30, 2009, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

February 10, 2010 – Motion made by Brummer to accept the minutes of February 10, 2010, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

General Business

Memorial Day Discussion – Since the last Selectmen's meeting, Pini has attended the Memorial Day committee meeting and they have changed the location of the fireworks to Wellington field. However, they still need to check with the Recreation Director to see if this is available. Need to find out if the building would be open and if the Recreation Department would be open with other functions going on. Pini stated that if the fireworks were not a town event, then the Fire Department would charge for a 1hour detail, if it were a town event, then he would have a call member work the event for 2 hours. The difference in terms of cost would depend on what their call rate is. From a Police standpoint, Chief Seilicki was the one who had suggested moving the fireworks out of the center of town and that makes it less likely that there would be traffic issues. The parade portion would be the same; we wouldn't have an issue with the fireworks at Wellington. Pini's recommendation is that this be a town sponsored event. The Rindge Fire Association has agreed to pay for the fire detail. Barry made a motion to make the Memorial Day event a town sponsored event, with more discussion on the fireworks and the location on May

31st, 2nd by Brummer. Barry stated that in the town that there seems so little opportunity to have interaction with Taxpayers and citizens. Most taxpayers in town don't know who the Selectmen are visually. There is a big disconnect. She suggested that the Chairman of the Board speak to the citizens. Errick stated that they were talking about that and also about having the whole Board march in the parade. All members were in favor.

Telecommunications Committee re: Argent Cable – Pini had made arrangements for Argent to come and speak to the board last week, but at the last minute cancelled by email. There was a Telecommunications meeting scheduled for 3pm and this meeting was held. The committee was disappointed that Argent would not be at the meeting. The committee had asked Argent to provide the town with information about their operations; they have not done this to date. We have signed the MOU and mailed it back to them, but they have not signed the MOU or mailed it back. They have been in town working on the lines and the service. Pini also contacted PSNH to see if they have a pole license and they stated that they did not. The Telecommunications committee has asked that the board send them a cease and desist order. Goodrich stated that he thought that they should take a different approach and send them a stern letter from our attorney. Barry does not agree, she feels that they have not provided anything from day one and does not feel that a stern letter from our attorney would work. Brummer does not want to affect the service for the citizens in the Town of Rindge. Citizens are afraid that this will cut out our cable and internet. Getting out of town will hurt the citizens. Brummer suggested putting together a time line and if they don't meet it, then send them the cease and desist order. Brummer made a motion that they inform Argent communications that they have not been forthcoming and coming before the Board of Selectmen and if they do not present themselves in the next two weeks to the Board, that they will pursue a cease and desist order, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Update Ordinances – Bob Cleland was here for this.

North Street Bridge - Cleland stated that this ordinance is not applicable any more. The items that are applicable have been moved to a different ordinance. He is looking for the Board to rescind this ordinance. Barry made a motion to rescind the North Street Bridge ordinance, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Road Restrictions – Cleland has met with Mike Cloutier and Mike Sielicki about this ordinance. Fill in. Motion made by Brummer to approve the updated Road Restrictions Ordinance 94-15, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Snow Removal – Cleland has updated this one with both Mike's. Barry made a motion to accept the new ordinance, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Public Hearings re: Unanticipated Revenue

Ward Fund Donation for Meetinghouse Furnace – Pini stated that there was a Meetinghouse Oversight committee meeting and Mike Cloutier suggested that the furnace be replaced as it was inefficient. The Meetinghouse Oversight committee had asked the Ward Trust if they would donate the money to replace the furnace. They agreed to fund the project at a cost of \$26,000. We held off on doing the work because the Energy Commission was investigating a grant. Motion made by Brummer made a motion to accept the donation from the Ward Trust with a big Thank you for the replacement of the furnace, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Energy Grants – Cleland stated that we were approved for \$41,081 for energy efficient community block grant. Once we accept the money then we have to make a contract with TRC, which is the controlling area, then we need to send out sealed bids. We got a grant for \$5508 for the Police Station. We made an audit of the Police Station. Energy Saver Enablers came in and gave us a quote. We could possibly save up to \$887 per

year. Third area is a grant for \$22,283 to replace 34 street light fixtures. This would give us a possible savings of over \$6000. We have to have a contract with TRC, and then send out the bids, then once we have a contractor, then we can start the work. We have two years to complete the work. Martin stated that there is a lot of compliance that we will have in order to accept this money. They are very strict about it and the reporting. They want to see what we actually are saving.

There was much discussion on the Street Light replacement. There was a suggestion to put some of the money away in a savings account for when we can do the LED light conversion.

Motion made by Barry to accept the three grants totaling \$41,081, 2nd by Brummer with the idea that we set up a capital improvements account to place the energy savings into that account. Pini stated that we might not have an energy savings this year since we are still on the 2007 budget. Sielicki wanted to know that if we accepted the grant money that they would be replacing all of the street lights? The answer was yes. All members were in favor.

Franklin Pierce Request to Make University Drive One Way for Commencement – Motion made by Brummer to accept the request from Franklin Pierce to make University Drive one way for Commencement, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Sielicki stated that Franklin Pierce is looking to use the back parking lot of Lakeview and Sawmills they would like to have some events on the week before commencement and allow the kids to drink in the parking lot. This is against our town ordinance and they would like a waiver of this. Brummer moved to allow the waiver, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Capital Equipment Needs – Continued – Pini stated that Donovan was not prepared to come back to us on this, he is still preparing information. Sielicki handed out information about the 4-wheeled drive vehicle. He checked out re-furbished companies and he received some phone calls to buy their used vehicles. There is no cost savings in going with a used vehicle. Barry would like to adhere very strictly to what the voters chose to do or not to do in this town. What is left is for us to highlight the decisions. Goodrich stated that we live with what we have, live with our maintenance budget and try to make repairs as best we can. We need to see what we can find for \$14,000. Brummer made a motion to bring up to the Board attention if he finds a used vehicle, but can act if it is an expedited matter, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Fireworks Permit for Atlas – Pini stated that Atlas is required to be permitted every year by the Town after the Fire Department has done their annual inspection. Motion made by Brummer to approve the Fireworks Permit for Atlas, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Request for Permit to Solicit for Bake Sale – We received a letter from the Richmond United Methodist Church to hold bake sales at Market Basket. No more than 4 times per year. This would be on a Saturday between the hours of 9am – 3pm. Barry made a motion to give permission to the Richmond Methodist Church to do bake sales no more than 4 times in this calendar year, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Committee Assignments – Pini stated that this is an ongoing item. We have run ads in the Rindge Connection and in the Ledger-Transcript. We only received one inquiry and he has declined.

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

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

Town Administrator’s Report

Ongoing Business – Pini handed out Expenditure and Revenue reports for the Board and went over some of the highlights. We are at 23% of budget overall. Revenue, overall we have collected 18% of the revenues that we are expecting.

Health Insurance

Pini received a phone call from Eric Olson who was doing work out on a Class VI road. He would like to repave his road and fix some pot holes. The Selectmen need to hold a public hearing and allow time for the neighbors to express any concerns that they may have. They would like to do a site walk at 5pm and then convene the meeting at the next meeting.

**State Budget – Reductions in Revenues to Towns
Health Insurance Premiums**

Informational Items / Communication

Motion made by Brummer to go into non-public for Litigation, 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

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:55