



Selectmen's Meeting
Rindge Town Office
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2010
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes
(approved 07-14-10)

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Forum – Goodrich state that we had our Groundbreaking for our Senior Housing project tonight and point out the rendition of the Senior Housing project. There will be 24 apartments in the building.

John Kauer asked to have a better explanation of the fence that they want to put around the Police Station. Sielicki stated that we currently have fencing at the Cromwell tennis courts that they could use for the fencing at the Police Station. They are working with two fencing companies and looking at what is salvageable at Cromwell. They are also getting pricing on new fencing. Candice Starrett stated that there is a chain link fence at the West Rindge common that will be removed in the next month. That is also available to the Police Department. The fence is an 8' high fence.

Walen re: Fireworks Permit Requirements – Sielicki stated that they had called him about it. In the past they have had problems with geese on their lawn. In order to scare away the geese, they have to use fireworks and they were afraid that every time they would have to come to the Police Department to get a permit. Sielicki stated that they know that they have been doing this and that they can continue to do that. If it became a problem in the future, then they would address the issue then. Chief Sielicki will send them a letter indicating that one permit can be used over time.

Approval of Minutes

06-08-10 & 06-08-10 NP – Barry made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

General Business

Proposed Revisions to Swap Shop Guidelines – Pini stated that back in August 2008, Mike Cloutier and herself worked with the folks at the swap shop on guidelines for the swap shop. The guidelines set on paper some good working guidelines. Cloutier has pointed out some concerns that he has had with some areas. They have gotten together with Pat Barry to make some changes to the guidelines. They have removed the hours on Friday, as the shop has not been open during those hours. The most significant change is removing the coordinator as one of the volunteers and instead having Mike Cloutier or one of his designees as the person that does the job of the coordinator. Volunteers need to be 18 years or older and need to fill out a volunteer application and be approved by the director before they volunteer. They have also changed #11 that states that volunteers and their immediate family can not take items from the Swap Shop during their scheduled time. This is to make it fair for the general public as well. Barry stated that the original set of rules and regulations was the combination of three days of compiling. It is very inclusive and there were a lot of people involved. The swap shop is a huge asset. It will help

everyone if Mike is the hands on lead person. Brummer asked if the Swap Shop was set up under the IRS RSA 149:M for guidelines that the State has for having Swap Shop. Pini stated that some people are under the misconception that we are required to have a Swap Shop and there is no such requirement. Pini stated that the State has goals to reduce Solid Waste as well as our own DPW Director has goals to reduce our waste. Other towns do not have a Swap Shop and some towns this type of thing is set up in a Church basement. Pini has questioned whether or not this is an appropriate governmental function. If a Church or religious group would like to take it over, then that would be great. Cloutier stated that there are always bumps in the road and he would ultimately like for a charitable organization to take this over. He has just learned that the Food Pantry needs to move as well and maybe that would be a great direction to find a place for both things to go together. There are some safety concerns where the Swap Shop is. Cloutier stated that Ed Rourke is a Level 4 certified Solid Waste Tech and will be his designee when he is not available. Cloutier thanked Ed for his service to the town. Brummer made a motion to accept the new adopted guidelines as of June 22, 2010, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor. Goodrich thanked the ladies for the volunteer work at the Swap Shop.

Abatement Applications

Peter Halliday – DuVernay came forward with his recommendation on this property. Mr. Halliday had provided the town with comparable properties, but the only comparable is Mr. Ketola's which is only assessed 3 dollars less than Mr. Halliday's. Goodrich stated that it would be good to have DuVernay go out and look at the Garage to see if we need to reduce the assessment. Halliday stated that if he is going to repair it and his tax assessment is not going to change, then he will just leave it as is. Barry made a motion to deny Mr. Halliday's request, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Justin Paré – Did not show.

Police Chief re:

MOU with City of Keene re: grant to purchase LENCOO Bearcat Specialized Mission Vehicle – Chief Sielicki stated that we don't have a tactical vehicle in this area. The closest one is in Nashua. The state is looking to put on in this area. Keene has agreed to take this on, put insurance on it, house it and maintain the day to day operation. All they are asking is that all towns involved give \$100 donation to a special fund for three years. This would be an insurance policy. After three years, they believe that they would not have to put any more money towards the fund. Motion made by Brummer to accept the chiefs proposal and the Town of Rindge enter into a MOU with the Cheshire County Chiefs association to pay \$100 for three years for insurance, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

MOU with Jaffrey Police Department for School Resource Officer – Jaffrey PD and the School worked out a deal this year to have a school resource officer. Part of this position he will come to the Rindge Memorial School to work with our kids. During the summer he will also be checking on kids that have curfews he will be checking on them. Brummer stated that this will be built into the Jaffrey Budget. Barry made a motion to accept the MOU with Jaffrey Police Department for the School Resource Officer as outlined, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Expenditure of Drug Forfeiture Funds – Sielicki stated that this goes with items they have been talking about with the surveillance cameras at the PD. His records show that they have \$12,000 in the Drug Forfeiture account, Kork stated that there is only about \$7,000. He will have to go back and do some revisions on the security system. Whatever they can get for the \$7,000 is what they will get at this time. He will have to come back to the board once he revises this.

Fireworks – There was more discussion about the geese problem that the Walen's have been having with geese on their properties. He has a call into the NH Fish and Game to see what they suggest. Goodrich asked if the permit was good for one night or a whole season. Sielicki stated that some instances they get permits for a few nights, but it is usually just one night. He hasn't had anyone ask for one for the whole season. The cost for a Class B is \$10 and a Class C is \$100.

Computer Replacement Recommendations – Pini stated that the Selectmen had a memo in their book from her. She has provided some background information for the Board and the public. Sequoya has provided the town with two different proposals for the upcoming year. We also need to get the computer committee back on track and recruit some new members. Pini asked Tom Strickland to talk about his two proposals. Brummer made a motion to accept the comprehensive quote from Sequoya to be our partner for IT solutions, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

2010-11 Oil Contract – Pini stated that herself and Cloutier got together a couple of weeks ago to discuss the heating season. They had a conversation with John Peard from Red's. He has been providing us with oil for the past couple of years. They have given us a quote for oil for the coming year. It seemed like a really good price and Cloutier did some checking around as well. Cloutier did lock in a price with Red's for next year. It is an increase over what we spent last year. Cloutier is hoping that the new furnace at the meetinghouse will help with the oil consumption.

Acceptance of Tax Deeds – The Tax Collector has provided us with a list of tax payers that have liens of three years old. Under the statute they are to be deeded to the town. The reasons why you may reject properties are limited. A couple of these are mobile homes and they are in the park, so we would be liable for the park rent, which we would not encore. Pini has reached out to some of the citizens. Some of them may still pay, they have until July 15th to pay, but the Selectmen have to let the Tax Collector know by July 1st. Pini went through all the properties with the Selectmen. Barry made a motion to accept the properties as stated by Pini, with the two properties pending tenants, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Resignation – Goodrich asked Kork Little to come forward. Goodrich stated that he received a phone call from Carl Little a couple weeks ago as they have moved out of Rindge. Motion made by Brummer to accept Carl Little's resignation effective June 20th, 2nd Barry. Both Brummer and Barry thanked Kork for stepping up. All members were in favor. Goodrich asked that the Board send a Thank you to Carl for his years of service. Pini stated that Little's term is through March 2011. The Selectmen had appointed Kork as Deputy through December. If she had a valid appointment then she would have stepped up as the Treasurer, but since she does not, then the Selectmen need to appoint a Treasurer. Pini still has some reservations as our structure and who does what in the Accounting Dept. Pini is recommending that Kork fill out the term of the Treasurer until the annual town meeting in 2011. During that time, Pini would like to have someone come in to look at our day to day operations. There is a company called MRI that is offering this service through Local Government Center. The fee would be \$2500 for this study. Brummer made a motion to appoint Kork Little as Treasurer, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor. Brummer made a motion to accept the MRI proposal for a study of our accounts, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Acceptance of Robert Millet's Resignation – Pini stated that Cloutier came to her last week that he received a letter of resignation from one of his employees. Cloutier had an opportunity to speak with him and it does seem like it was a lack of pay raises in the past couple of years. He is looking to get employment in another town. Motion made by Barry to accept Robert Millet's resignation, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Goodrich asked about advertising for this position. Cloutier stated that this is one of his truck drivers and one with a plow route. It is very crucial to his winter maintenance. If we do not have this position, then we would have to add miles to two other plow routes which would add overtime to them. Brummer feels that we need to advertise this position. Motion made by Brummer to advertise for truck driver/laborer, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

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

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

Town Administrator's Report

Ongoing Business – Pini stated that she did not prepare a formal report. We had our ground breaking on our Senior Housing project.

Pini has reached out to the BAC chair to review the mid year reports.

Pini stated that the Recreation Director asked that we nominate David Graham as a Recreation Committee member. Barry recommends him to the board, he has a heavy back ground in aquatics.

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

Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II. (e) for Reputation – motion made to go into non-public for Reputation.

Informational Items / Communication

Adjournment