



**Selectmen's Meeting**

**Rindge Town Office**

**Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2010**

**Time: 6:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Minutes  
(approved 10/6/10)**

**Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Brummer at 6:00pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Citizen's Forum** – Sue Massey was present and stated that the Farmers Market is coming to an end on October 14<sup>th</sup> and they would like to have a party for all the vendors as a thank you. They would like to be able to serve beer and wine, but would like to know what they need to do in order to get permission. Pini stated that the town has a policy that there is no alcohol to be served on town property. We have allowed and denied this in the past. Motion made by Barry to grant the request to serve beer and wine on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rindge Recreation Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Call stated that there are a lot of political signs that are making this town look bad. We have someone that takes care of signs and he wants to know why these signs are not gone. Brummer stated that the ones that are no longer running have removed their signs, but the ones that are on the ballot in November can still have their sign up.

Cleland was here and stated that the Rindge Energy commission was enrolling the Town of Rindge in the New England Carbon Challenge. They will be doing this through Clean Air, Cool Planet and will hold a series of forums for the citizens of Rindge to help bring down carbon usage in families.

Tom Coffey stated that in the paper last week that the Recreation Department transferred money to the Fire Department to replace the pump on the Fire Truck. There was a ball game at the early part of the season, there were two teams from Rindge that had to end because it got dark and they were told that they could not turn the lights on because they didn't have the money for the electricity. He wants to know how the Recreation department can give \$15,000 to the Fire Department when they don't have the money to turn on the lights for the kids. Brummer stated that he didn't know if the light were a logistics or communication issue. They have had the lights on since then. They have saved some money in the Recreation Department, because we don't fund two full-time positions like we did. Pini stated that the money came out of Salaries, Health Insurance and the family festival. The Electricity comes out of a different budget and those lights down there burn up a lot of electricity. The new Recreation Department is working with the Recreation committee to come up with a solution, those lights burn dollars. Coffey is objecting taking the money from the kids to repair the fire truck. Brummer stated that they will look into the lights on the ball field with the Recreation Director.

Mr. MacLeod was present to talk about a duck problem that he has with his neighbor. She has about 60 ducks and they are living in her house and she lets them out at 6am. Pini stated that Mr. MacLeod has come in to talk to Jane Pitt in the Planning office, Pini has spoken to him on the phone as well. Pini has also spoken to the Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer and she has a meeting with the Health Officer in the morning. They will write Mr. MacLeod a letter once everything is settled.

Mr. Kauer stated lights burn dollars and maybe the energy committee could look at this situation. Pini stated that she did do a little research online and there is such a thing as LED ball field lights. She has shared that information with the Recreation Director.

**Request to have Thanksgiving Basket raffle at Market Basket** – Labonte read the letter for the Selectmen and Citizens benefit. Pini stated that the last time that this came up that she said she would look into the peddlers permit. This is one of the ordinances that has taken a back burner at the time. Barry made a motion to allow the Sacred Heart School from Gardner to set up one Saturday and one Sunday in November to sell raffle tickets for a basket at Market Basket, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Call wanted to know how much money that the fire and police departments make when they are standing down at the four corners for their fundraisers.

Cleland stated that on October 9<sup>th</sup> that there will be a bus at the Historical Society that is a museum about US/World War II. It will be there from 10am – 1pm and all are welcome.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**7/28/10 & 9/8/10** – Motion made by Barry to accept the minutes of 7/28 and 9/8, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

### **General Business**

**Annual Road Weight Limit Ordinance** – Cleland was here to get the acceptance of the Selectmen on this update. It has been reviewed by Mike Cloutier. Barry made a motion to accept the updated annual Road Weight Limit Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

**Kimball Road Right of Way** – Brummer stated that we have public land and people are using the deeded right of way even though they are not allowed. The town took three pieces of land by tax deed on Pearly Pond years ago. Pini stated that certain neighbors have deeded right of ways over these parcels and are allowed access to the water. Other people that do not have deeded right of ways over the land, have made the assumption that because it is town land that anyone can use it. Pini and DuVernay talked to the Local Government centers legal council and they stated that just because it is town land, it does not make it public land. We might want to consider at some future date to put up signs or chains on the property, but for now we can let citizens know that they are not allowed to use the property and hopefully they will stop. Pini stated that we were originally approached to sell the property but we can only do that by public auction or sealed bid. We don't think that it will solve the problem. Dick Isakson gave some background on the lake and the public access. Barry made a motion to not take any action at this time, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. Pini stated that Dave is recommending that we advise the association that no one without a deeded right is allowed to use the right-of-way. All in favor.

**JRCSD BC – Charlie Eicher** – Charlie would like to be the designee on the board. Barry stated that he was phenomenal last year. He gave the Selectmen good reports. Barry made a motion to appoint Charlie as our JRCSD Budget Committee representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

**Waste Oil Furnace Grant** – Brummer stated that this is for a waste oil furnace to take this waste oil and recycle it. Pini stated that Cloutier has already purchased the furnace for \$6000 since our other furnace died, but the State has this grant. She understands that we have the grant already, but the Selectmen just have to approve it. Brummer made a motion to apply for the \$2500 grant from the state, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barry. All members were in favor.

**Proposed Social Media Policy** – Pini went over the proposed policy for the Selectmen and the Citizens. Barry made a motion to accept the Social Media policy as proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

**Dog Civil Forfeiture notices** – There are 87 owners that have not registered their dogs. Labonte advised that we have made phone calls to all the ones that we had phone numbers for, if they did not have a phone number, then we sent out reminder letters. Our next step is to send out the certified letter. Dick Call stated that about 4 years ago he had a dog and he passed away. Call did not give the Town Clerk a call to let her know that the dog passed away, but he did get a certified letter. In the letter it stated that the town tried to contact him. He stated that no one in the town ever checked with Larry about the dogs. Barry made a motion to give an altered list to Larry and within two weeks for Larry to report back to the board with his findings and in two weeks to send out the certified letters to the remaining names, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. Kauer asked if the vets faxed over when dogs have departed. They do not. Barry amended her motion to add an extra step of faxing over the list to the three local vets to get their feedback on the list, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

**2011 Budget Process** – Pini stated that we have talked about doing things a little differently this year. If the Selectmen offer more guidance at the beginning of the process that will help the department heads make the right decisions in forming their budget. Pini stated that she had a meeting with Goodrich before he left about the budget. The personnel committee had given the Selectmen a recommendation to allow for a 2% pool for the employees wages. Pini provided the Selectmen with a rough estimate of \$31,730. Goodrich's thought is that there needs to be some sort of increase, but in light of the economic times, he suggests that the department heads come in no more than 3% of the budget, which includes the 1% for the wages. There was much discussion on this issue. Barry made a motion that as the BOS they ask the department heads to craft their initial budgets with no more than 3% increase, 2% operating and 1% wage pool increase, they will take their budgets and go over them, this is over the 2010 budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

**Payroll Manifest-** Motion made by Barry to accept the Payroll Manifest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

**Accounts Payable Manifest** – Motion made by Barry to accept the Accounts Payable manifest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. All members were in favor.

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

**Ongoing Business** – Pini gave the Selectmen Budget and Revenue reports and everything looks to be right on track.

The Telecommunications committee will be meeting tomorrow at 3pm and they will get a report about the financials of Argent. They will also be a report on the Economic development survey that went out on the Internet Issue.

The Tractor Supply site has started working on their site.

Pini went on a walk at the Senior Housing site today and you can actually go in and see the apartments and where everything is in the apartments.

We did run an ad on looking for people to serve on boards and we have received one response back so far.

Pini stated that Cloutier, Starrett, Massey and herself will be meeting on Monday to go over the site at the West Rindge Commons to review parking. They will organize a dedication ceremony for the fence.

**Informational Items / Communication**

**Revenue Summary**

**Budget Summary**

**Adjournment** – Barry made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brummer. Meeting adjourned.