

## **SELECT BOARD MINUTES October 22, 2009**

Present: Ted Murray, Tom Ulrich and Dave DeHerdt

Town Administrator Maryellen Cranston

More than 50 residents

Meeting called to order 7:05 p.m.

**Warrants** – Warrant #8 was signed October 12. (Vendor - \$100,391.85 and Payroll - \$19,978.42)

**October 20 Election** – Discussion occurred regarding irregularities at the October 20 election. They are:

- 1) The candidate's names were not listed in alphabetical order.
- 2) A ballot was removed from the polling area.
- 3) A marked ballot was handed out at the check in desk.

Maryellen explained that that marked ballot was treated as a spoiled ballot and not counted in the final total.

The select board has no control over the remaining issues. The aggrieved party can seek remedies in superior court. The select board can ask the election official to report back as to what actions will be taken to correct the remaining issues.

**Reorganization** – Motion was made, and seconded, to nominate Ted Murray as chair of the select board. Vote was majority. (yes; Tom and Dave.) Motion was made, and seconded, to assign the following liaison positions:

Fire – Tom

Police – Ted

Town Hall – Ted

Highway – Dave

Commissions/Boards – Tom

FRCOG – Dave

Vote was unanimous.

Discussion occurred on select board meeting procedures. The Board will change their meeting night to Wednesday. They may ask for public input before a vote, but it will be limited to 5 minutes. Comments will need to be directed towards the issue being voted.

Discussion occurred on proper notification and procedures for conducting a hearing. Dave will draft a potential policy, which will be discussed further when Tom returns from his trip.

**Department Reports** – Sgt. Nunez requested approval to pay for the following out of the police donation account: \$392.25 for 600 Halloween Bags and \$823.50 for bulletproof vests. Motion was moved, and seconded, to approve the expenses as presented. Vote was unanimous.

**Walk for Peace** – Ann Scelba presented a request to the Board to conduct a Silent Walk for Peace on Veteran’s Day. Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Walk for Peace. Vote was unanimous.

**More Department Reports** – Retired Fire Chief, Doug Field, reported to the Board that we received the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. This is a 50/50 match grant. The town will need to appropriate \$3977.56. We will receive \$1988.78 back from the state.

The Board agreed to put this on the next special town meeting warrant. The Board agreed to hold the next special town meeting on December 9 at 7 pm.

As Emergency Manager, Doug reported that there were a number of items that need to be corrected on the emergency action plan for the dam. Doug will check with Tighe & Bond to see if they will charge additional money to make the corrections.

Discussion occurred regarding the amount of time liaisons should spend with department heads. Twice a month was generally agreed upon as an appropriate number of times to at least check in to see if there were any issues.

**Request for Town Counsel** – Motion was made, and seconded, to authorize the sewer commissioners to use town counsel to find out about the fuel contract. Vote was unanimous.

**Request for Waiver of Fee** – The request for the waiver of the plumbing fee for work to be done on the Community Hall was denied. The Board was concerned about the potential for setting precedent for other non-profit organizations in town.

**CEDS Project Listing** – The FRCOG is looking for potential economic projects in Franklin County that could qualify for grant funding. The Board will consider the handicap access in various buildings in town as a possible project.

**Sex Offender Protocol** – Sgt. Nunez reported to the Board that Mohawk understands that they need to complete a form to request sex offender information.

**Minutes** – Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the minutes of September 28. Vote was majority (yes; Tom and Dave) with 1 abstention (Ted). The minutes of September 29 and October 5 will be tabled until the first meeting after Tom returns from his trip.

**Meeting Schedule** – The Board will meet on October 28 and November 4. They will assess on November 4 if they need to meet the following week due to the Veteran’s Day holiday.

**Public Forum** – Resident, Steve Pollen, said that the Board should implement some of the conditions discussed at the last meeting regardless of John returns or not. He said that departments need more oversight and the select board let the town down. Dave said that Ted should be allowed the time to assess the situation. Ted agreed that he will make himself available to not only the police officers, but to all the citizens.

Ted reported that he had handed the town clerk his resignations from the finance committee and zoning board of appeals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Administrator