

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2009**

Present were: Rosendel Gerry, Chairman, Richard M. McLaughlin, E. Earle Brown, H. Bob Plausse and Cathy Hardy.

1. Citizen's/Selectmen's Forum:

Greg Boetsch asked the Selectmen if they had reconsidered their decision regarding the cost of living increase for the Town employees. Boetsch told the Board that 71,000 people lost their jobs on Monday and there is surely more to come so he doesn't think that the Selectmen should be considering giving any raises at this time. Boetsch stated that many communities near by have even cut hours to save money.

Hardy told Boetsch that she understands his concerns and she opted for time off instead of the 3% pay increase but she was overruled.

Plausse reminded voters that the school budget is voted on in May and by referendum in June at the annual Town Meeting. Further he stated that his goal was level funding or under. McLaughlin and Brown agreed with Plausse's stated goal.

Jeanne Hollingsworth told the Board that she agrees with Boetsch that the Town should not be giving cost of living at this time. She told the Board that she put together a comparison list of what some of the smaller towns are doing. Hollingsworth then told the Board that she would like to make a recommendation that the Budget Committee try to cut the budget by 10% for the upcoming year.

Hardy told Hollingsworth that she appreciated the hand out and thinks the Budget Committee should perhaps have a new charge.

2. Public Hearing – Cable Television Franchise Agreement:

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Hardy to open the Public Hearing. **Vote 5-0.**

Mary Ann Mercier, Chairman of the Cable Television Franchise Advisory Committee, was present to get any public input from the audience.

Hardy suggested the Committee look into different packages that the company may offer to their customers.

Plausse suggested that Committee look into perhaps the Town receiving some perks from the company and asked if they would look into why channel 97 comes in so poorly.

McLaughlin asked if the Committee could look into the rules when it comes to new hookups for people who are located away from the main road.

Barbara Hatch stated that whenever she has to contact the cable company the people are very nice and helpful. Hatch asked if the Committee could look into getting the Portland news stations instead of just Bangor.

Sandy Delano suggested the Committee considered contacting a satellite company to see if they would offer some kind of deal for the Town.

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Brown to close to Public Hearing. **Vote 5-0.**

3. Public Hearing – Special Amusement Permit Application – Youngtown Inn:

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Hardy to open the Public Hearing. **Vote 5-0.**

There was no public input.

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Brown to close the Public Hearing. **Vote 5-0.**

Motion by Plausse, second by McLaughlin, to approve the Special Amusement Permit for the Youngtown Inn. **Vote 5-0.**

4. Administrator’s Report:

Kinney let everyone know that if they haven’t registered their dogs yet they are now late and will soon be placed on the warrant.

Kinney reminded everyone that the Circuit Breaker program was still available if they haven’t applied yet.

Kinney stated that winter is still here and reminded people not to push snow in the road.

5. Meetings & Announcements:

Kinney read the meeting announcements.

6. Upcoming Community Events:

Hardy let everyone know that the Owls Head Transportation Museum will be holding their annual Winter Festival this weekend the 14th and 15th starting at 9:30AM both days.

7. Meeting Minutes – Selectmen Approval:

Motion by Plausse, second by Brown to approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2009 as written. **Vote 5-0.**

Motion by Plausse, second by McLaughlin to approve the meeting minutes of February 3, 2009 as written. **Vote 5-0.**

8. Planned Tree Trimming – Kris Spiegel Central Maine Power Company:

Kris Spiegel and Wes Davis from Central Maine Power were on hand to explain the work that will be taking place. Davis let everyone know that there will be a coupon coming to them with their CMP bill that would allow them to be placed on a contact list so the contractor will contact them before any trimming is done on their property. Davis stated that they may also sign up on the CMP web site.

ABC Professional Tree Care is contracted to do the tree work. Clearances are to be 15 feet over the wires, 8 feet to the sides and ground cut beneath if possible.

Hardy asked if there is a large tree that is not under the wires but the branches are would the whole tree need to be taken down.

Davis told her that the tree would have to be assessed to see if it was a high risk tree or not.

Sandy Delano asked if there is a dispute over the tree to be taken down how is the situation handled.

Davis told him that it would depend on if the tree was in the right of way or if it was on the actual property of the owner. In the road right-of-way CMP would consult with the property owner as well as the Tree Warden to come to some compromise. If the tree is on private property the property owner has final say.

Gerry stated that Town and CMP have worked well together in the past and he hopes it will be the same this time.

The Board thanked Spiegel and Davis for coming.

9. Boards, Committees & Commissions:

Resignation:

Motion McLaughlin, second by Hardy to accept H. Bob Plausse's resignation with regret from the Wage and Personnel Policy Board. **Vote 4-0-1, Plausse abstained.**

Vacancies:

Kinney read all the vacancies on town boards, committees and commissions.

10. Request to Address the Board – Tracy Colby:

Colby told the Board that she was placed on the agenda for two issues but it should have been just one. Colby told the Board that she has concerns with the intersection of Moody Mountain Road and Hope Road. Colby stated then when traveling towards Lincolnville Center on the Hope Road and you attempt to turn onto Moody Mountain Road there is still an obstructed view. Colby stated that she had to inch way up the incline to see if there was any traffic coming from the other direction and she wonders if the State intends on doing anything about it.

Kinney told Colby that he doesn't know if they are planning on doing anything except the final paving and cleanup.

Colby asked if all the Selectmen could please take a look at her concern and perhaps speak to the MDOT about the issue.

The Selectmen agreed.

11. LD 208 – An Act to require a Municipality that abuts a Body of Water to Contribute to the Cost of Upkeep of Municipally Owned Dams on That Body of Water:

Kinney told the Board that this is a new bill that is currently in front of the legislature and if passed it could have a significant impact on Lincolnville's budget. Megunticook Lake and Norton's Pond are impounded by two dams owned by the Town of Camden. Currently the Town's share the cost of maintenance which is paid 2/3 by Camden and 1/3 by Lincolnville. If the bill is to pass each town would be charged per linear foot of lakefront land they have. Kinney asked what if any action they which to take.

The Board asked that Kinney contact the Town's Legislator and ask that he attend the meeting and come back to the Board with more information.

12. Authority to Post Roads for Seasonal Weight Limits:

Motion by Plausse, second by Brown to authorize the Road Commissioner to post the roads as needed and authorize the Town Administrator to use the Board's signature stamps. **Vote 5-0.**

13. Extension of Employment Agreement for Town Administrator:

Motion by Plausse, second by McLaughlin to sign the extension of Employment Agreement for the Town Administrator. **Vote 5-0.**

14. Treasurer's Warrant(s) – Selectmen Approve & Sign:

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Hardy to approve and sign the Treasurer's warrant. **Vote 5-0.**

15. Adjourn:

Motion by Hardy, second by Plausse to adjourn the meeting at 7:16PM. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Leonard
Administrative Assistant