



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF March 23, 2009

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, Bob Beeman, Todd Yando and Dave Yacovone (arrived at 7:10PM).

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent and Carol Bradley, Finance Director.

Guests: Min Cote, Chris Ransom, Marjorie Ward.

Meeting was called to order at 6:15PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting room by Shaun Bryer, Chair.

I. AGENDA CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. None

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. None

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fields & Parks Seasonal Employee-** 5 year employee Christine Wheeler will be returning for another season. Past practice has been to increase her pay 3% in the beginning of the season rather than when other employees get an increase. Brian Kellogg suggested that we start the employee at their current last year's rate and wait for CPIU Northeast rates to come out. We would then increase her pay July 1st when all other employees pay is adjusted according to the CPIU Northeast rates.

Motion made by Bob Beeman seconded by Brian Kellogg to start Christine Wheeler at \$10.15 per hour and adjust pay according to CPIU/COLA July 1, 2009. Motion approved. (4/0).

2. **Police Department Union Contract/Life Insurance-** when the contract was signed there was a separate clause that the Town would provide \$50,000 in life insurance for the officers. At the time we had not changed health insurance companies, and the Town provided insurance through Unum. When we changed from Cigna to New England Electrical Workers the life insurance was part of the NEEW insurance. The value of the policy for all employees is \$40,000. The police officers were provided another \$10,000 from the Town to equal \$50,000. According to the contract the Town is to provide a separate \$50,000 in life insurance. The last quote that the Finance Director, Carol Bradley received was \$1200-\$1300 per year for the Police Department. A new Union Contract is due to be negotiated in April 2010.

Motion made by Shaun Bryer to authorize Carol Bradley, Finance Director and Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to purchase life insurance for the police department on the Town's behalf provided we receive a reasonable quote. Motion approved. (4/0)

3. **Coin Drop Request-** Johnson State College Outing Club is requesting to use the center of the Village for a coin drop. The Town has a no coin drop policy. Richard Keith, Chief of Police is not in favor: dangerous and could cause substantial traffic delays. The State does not allow coin drops on state highways. Dan or Erica will contact JSC.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Town Appointments- DRB-** There were two candidates that expressed interest. The DRB made a recommendation to appoint Chris Wiltshire for a 4 year term to the DRB with Brian Erwin as an alternate.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to appoint Chris Wiltshire to a 4-year term on the DRB. Motion approved (4/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Brian Kellogg to appoint Brian Erwin as a DRB alternate. Motion approved (4/0)

Town Appointments- Emergency Management- Dan Lindley, Town Administrator is volunteering to act as the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator. He feels that he has substantial experience in this area, and can coordinate with Richard, and the first responders to provide a collaborative emergency management plan.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to appoint Dan Lindley as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion approved. (4/0)

V. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter session as Board of Liquor Control at 7:10 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to approve liquor license application Renewals for Copley Country Club and Rock Art Brewery. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Bob Beeman to exit the Board of Liquor Control and enter regular session at 7:11 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

VI. TA REPORT

1. Bridge Street Bridge Update –

i. We received 3 bids from contractors as follows:

1. Eckman Engineering & Frank Whitcomb Construction for a 24ft steel plate girder with concrete decking for \$1.85 million.
2. CCS for a 23ft US Truss Bridge for \$1,469,730 with proposed abutment work.
3. TBuck for a 24ft US Truss Bridge for \$988,920 using existing abutment work.

We would like to schedule interviews with contractors for early next week.

2. Zoning Bylaws- We had a joint meeting with the Planning Commission. We need to schedule the hearing.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Dave Yacovone- Oxbow needs clean up, garbage is overflowing already. Could we use a community dinner to discuss parts of the Zoning by-laws? Also should we have LCP or Heidi facilitate the joint meeting with the Selectboard's on county collaborative.

Brian Kellogg- Was approached by a resident about spinning tires and loud exhaust on Union and Court Street. We do have a noise ordinance; Richard will meet with resident and get information.

Shaun Bryer- Street by Green dragon, accident with people pulling out from street and other people trying to use the right turn lane. Is there something we can do?

Bob Beeman – None

Todd Yando – Asked Bob Melfy what the word on the loader is? It is not fixed but they do know it is nothing major.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of March 9, 2009
2. Approve & Sign Warrants-

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (5/0)

Community Comments- Chris Ransom

1. Something smaller for trash at the Oxbow could deter from overloading of barrels
2. Need to get pedestrian signs out
3. Kids blowing donuts at the Oxbow
4. Possible dog park at the Oxbow

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to adjourn meeting at 7:50PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 23rd day of March 2009.

Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

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