

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 31, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Frank Allen, Nancy Johnson, Ann Fisher, Doug Foglio, Alicia Fisk, Ginny Day, Steven Ross, Louis Vitali and Chris Ciolfi.

Selectman Girard called for the election of a Chairman Pro Tempore. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale that Selectman Girard be the Chairman Pro Tempore. Vote 3-0-0 with Selectman Girard abstaining. Selectman Girard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Nancy Johnson explained that the food maximums have gone up because of the stimulus package and reviewed the new amounts. Explained that it is only the food that has changed and will be effective April 1st to October 1st when all the new maximums come out.

6:15 – Doug stated that the Land Trust is very open minded on the tower but have not had the opportunity to study any proposal from the tower company. First need to know if the proposal is going to conflict with what the land trust wants to do with the land. Questioned how they plan to bring power in and if it will affect the use of the land or what it might disturb as well as how they are going to put a road in there and will it cause erosion, destroy the beauty of the property or prevent use for hiking trails. Need a map showing the topography and survey then a map with an overlay showing how they plan to bring the power in and showing how the road comes in. Selectman Girard reported that there are no deed restrictions on the property. Chris Ciolfi stated that they understand that the town still owns the property which is why nothing has been given to the Land Trust. With regard to the road can the section of McLucas Road and Mountain Road that they will be using is drivable all the way to the other tower, will only need a small switchback to the land they are interested in. Only need about ¼ acre of the entire 100 acre lot. None of the concerns expressed by the Land Trust are insurmountable. Would like to work with the town but if they are not interested have identified two private landowners. The need has been identified and they need to proceed whether through the town or private landowners. Selectman Girard requested that Mariner come back with plans as everyone seems to be interested. Mariner will come back on May 12th and in the meantime Tom will work with then on the town's behalf.

6:30 – Patti Berry, CEO reported that the problem with map 9 Lot 6-3 starting May 2006. There are currently four uses on 4.5 acre lot. Since May 2006 some violations have been resolved but found out yesterday that there are two living units which is what brings it up to four uses and the lot size only supports two uses. See attached.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

1. Patti stated that she sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting a meeting with the staff and the Selectmen but has not heard back. Selectman Girard stated that it has to go to the Personnel Director first and if not resolved then it comes to the Board of Selectmen. Agreed that they should respond so will put on next weeks agenda.
2. Brigit stated that all recyclables can not go into the cardboard compacter that it is single stream recycling. Announced the composter sale and expressed concern that people are throwing CFL's in the household trash because they don't want to pay the small fee.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she is still busy with the budget
2. Reported that the warrant is starting to take shape
3. Reported that Point & Pay has a new version taking effect tomorrow.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Girard reported that the Selectmen are working diligently on the budget and meeting every Thursday evening. Nancy Johnson questioned if these meetings are opening to the public and Selectman Girard acknowledged that they are.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to proceed with legal action for the code violation as recommended by Patti Berry, CEO. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the new food maximums. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the partial payment agreement as presented. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to appoint Doug Foglio, Susan Rocray, Kerry DeAngelis, Leo Binette, Stephen Eveld and Dianne Holden to the Economic Development Committee. Vote 4-0-0. Selectman Girard stated that they will hold their first meeting on April 16th at 3:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectman Grover suggested that they proceed with the pawn brokers ordinance with the wording the attorney has suggested. Selectman Girard stated that they still need to set the fees and still waiting to hear from the Sheriff's Dept. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to hold the Public Hearing on April 21st. Vote 4-0-0. Will bring back next week to finalize the ordinance.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the minutes of 3/24/09 as written. Vote 3-0-1 with Selectman Girard abstaining.
3. Selectman Girard read the reminders and announced that nomination papers are available.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Pawn Brokers Ordinance
2. Discuss Patti's letter
3. Discussion of prominent display of vision statement

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 3/24/09
3. Waiver Form – Partial Payment

APPROVED:

Date: _____
