

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2011

I. Call to order:

The Allenstown Board of Selectmen Meeting for 1/24/2011 was called to order by Chairman Tardiff at 6:00PM.

II. Roll Call:

Members present on the Board:

Chairman Jason Tardiff
Selectman Roger LaFleur (absent*)
Selectman Jeff Gryval

Town Administrator Paul Apple

Audience: Please see attached sign-in sheet.

*Administrator Apple said he did hear from Selectman LaFleur and he has been delayed at work.

III. Citizens' Comments

Chairman Tardiff called for citizens' comments. No comments from the citizens present were forthcoming.

IV. Catamount Hill Co-Op Update

The board heard from representatives from the Co-Op regarding the water issue that the residents of the Catamount Hill Co-Op have been experiencing. Administrator Apple thanked the members from the Co-Op's board of directors and operations management for attending this evening's meeting. He said he realized the water situation was governed the NH DES, and not the board, but he appreciated their willingness to provide the town with an update of the issues and proposed solution. Matt Oliver said all shut-offs had to be dug out in the mobile home park to find the issue. All homes except three are now back on-line and the issue should be resolved after digging the problem line up over the next few days. He said the weather shouldn't be a factor in progressing tomorrow and it should commence by 10am. Several citizens began voicing their concerns at this point. Selectman Gryval reminded the

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citizens present that they needed to allow the representatives to finish their presentation first and then the Chairman would open up the floor for public comments.

The Co-Op representatives indicated that the water system was ‘inherited’ from the prior owners. They stated no one expected this to happen and they are looking forward to an alternative. They also indicated that a boil order is in effect for the residents until they can pinpoint the problem. Notices have been posted for all residents and phone calls/inquiries have been fielded with the latest information. Administrator Apple confirmed with the representatives that the next Co-Op meeting is scheduled for the first of February and its notice is posted for all residents’ information.

Chairman Tardiff opened the floor for public comments. One citizen stated he is trying to conserve water. Matt Oliver added that the boil water order is just a precaution but the water delivered is tested for safety. The board thanked the Co-Op representatives and citizens for coming in for the update. One citizen asked the board, upon leaving, how to address concerns outside of the Co-Op. The board suggested calling Administrator Apple and gave her the contact information.

V. Northern Pass Project

Administrator Apple introduced Elizabeth Larocca, Community Relations Director for PSNH, to the board and she was given the floor to present information on the Northern Pass Project. Ms.Larocca thanked the board for the opportunity to present the project and introduced colleagues to Laurel Brown, Martin Murray and Don Chaffee who were present this evening. Ms. Brown provided the board with written materials showing the benefits of the project and the timelines involved.

Ms. Brown gave the board an overview of the Northern Pass Project which works to increase energy derived from renewable and carbon-based sources. She said this is a transition project which would deliver 1200 megawatts of low-carbon, renewable energy into New Hampshire and New England. She cited both economic benefits, with competitive pricing provided by Northern Quebec Hydroelectric, and energy conservation benefits with a significant CO2 reduction. The project is a \$1.1 billion project which would provide approximately 1200 jobs over a three year construction cycle including areas for local employment. She said this would also benefit the town and state in property tax relief.

Don Chaffee explained the three main components to the project including a line from Canada to Franklin which would then continue down into Deerfield’s final point of delivery. He said this project is paid for by the consumers at a competitive delivery rate. He also expounded upon the “Direct Current Technology” that is proposed to be utilized. He presented the board with proposed mapping for the desired routes this project will take noting this is subject to petition approvals and approval from Hydro-Quebec. Mr. Chaffee said the estimate is that each mile provided by the town would add approximately 2.5 million dollars of capital to the town’s tax base. He also explained the different approvals that would be obtained and remain fluid during the project to allow clear delineation of all local, state, and federal regulations with construction projected to commence in 2013.

Selectman Gryval asked if there were any hazards posed to the residents and wildlife by the transmission lines. Each representative cited town examples where the lines are currently utilized and audited frequently to determine what, if any impact, it might have on these issues. They said these can

be built next to lines that are in existence but will be located higher than the other lines (possibly up to 135 feet depending on terrain) and deliver higher voltage. Selectman Gryval asked where the power would ultimately be used. Martin Murray said the power would go into one New England power pool and distributed according to need and economics. He said everyone would get power from this one source which would decrease the New England market region price, encompassing 6 states. Chairman Tardiff asked what the average cost saving would be to the utility end-user. Mr. Murray said this was dependent on resources currently utilized and the market. He said over time, other resources would provide costly whereas this project would provide a lower-tiered cost option. He said this source of energy wouldn't have the associated costs of carbon and petroleum processing fees that current providers possess.

Administrator Apple asked Elizabeth Larocca when the residents would be contacted about this project. She said the landowners involved would be contacted later this week. She said they wanted to notify town officials prior to notification to educate them on the details in order to field residents' inquiries effectively. Martin Murray answered a question from a citizen present about PSNH's purchasing practices and their intent to own and operate the lines installed. He said PSNH customers would still be serviced by PSNH and wouldn't impact them negatively. He also deferred to the board about current taxable assets information. Chairman Tardiff asked if there were any additional questions. No other questions were forthcoming. He thanked the representatives for their presentation.

VI. Annual Highway Safety Program

Police Chief Mulholland presented the board with information on the Annual Highway Safety Program. The board reviewed the information provided and Chairman Tardiff asked what was needed. Chief Mulholland said he was asking for the board to approve the plan. A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to accept the Annual Highway Safety Program, "as written" by Chief Mulholland and members of the Safety Committee. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

VII. Mutual Aid Agreements

Administrator Apple presented the board with information on the Mutual Aid Agreements for review. Chief Mulholland expounded upon the information presented and reiterated the need for mutual aid. He said this would come before the board for signature when all information is secured.

VIII. Call Firefighter Lieutenant

Deputy Fire Chief Martin came before the board to recommend Ed Higgins be promoted to Call Firefighter Lieutenant. Selectman Gryval noted that Mr. Higgins did a good job with his subsequent interview. Chairman Tardiff asked if this would cause a problem within the Highway Department when an emergency rises. He said prior discussion about this subject raised some concern about dual-employment and how they would be dispatched in the case of an emergency. Deputy Chief Martin said this wasn't an issue and those concerns have been addressed adequately. A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to promote Ed Higgins to the position of Call Firefighter Lieutenant at the rate of \$13.64/hour effective 2/01/11. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

IX. Fire Chief Search Process

Selectman Gryval asked what the cost was the last time the town went through this process, how long did it take, and is there a copy of the results for review? Administrator Apple said he doesn't know how much it costs. He said that MRI conducted this search a few years ago but the files aren't in the drawer of the town office and can't be located. Chief Mulholland explained the process as he knew it from four years ago and said at one point the Administrative Assistant retained these copies. Chairman Tardiff asked how many people applied the last time. Chief Mulholland said eight with only four that were qualified to make it through to be interviewed. Administrator Apple furthered that he would look upstairs for the file. Selectman Gryval said personnel records shouldn't be upstairs where everyone has access to them and if there are any up there, the situation needs to be immediately addressed. Chairman Tardiff and Administrator Apple agreed and said he will continue his search including the filing cabinets downstairs. Chairman Tardiff asked about securing the rooms in the building which house files. Administrator Apple said most are secured at this point.

X. Goals and Objectives

The board decided to wait for Selectman LaFleur before hearing about Goals and Objectives.

XI. Electronic Bank Transfer

Administrator Apple asked the board to authorize the electronic bank transfer provided to Glacial Energy Management to address an issue. A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to authorize the electronic bank transfer to Glacial Energy Management on an ongoing basis. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

XII. Non-Public Hearing

A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91A:3, II (a) at 7:22PM. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

XIII. Public Session Reconvened

A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to enter into public session at 7:38PM. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

A motion was made by Chairman Tardiff to seal the non-public session minutes from the prior session that ended at 7:38PM. Selectman Gryval seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

XIV. Non-Public Hearing #2

A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to enter into non-public session #2 pursuant to RSA 91A:3, II (a) at 7:39PM. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

XV. Public Session Reconvened

A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to enter into public session at 7:57PM. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to seal the non-public session #2 minutes from the prior session that ended at 7:57PM. Selectman Gryval seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

XVI. Suncook River Meeting

Administrator Apple discussed with the board that the Allenstown and Pembroke delegations to the Legislature have been invited to attend a meeting on the Suncook River situation which is being held on 1/31/11. The board discussed whether it would be prudent to invite representatives of the NH DES, but concluded the meeting should be with the representatives only.

XVII. Economic Zone Warrant Article

Administrator Apple reported that Selectman LaFleur believes that Warrant Article 14 should be specifically reviewed and approved by the board. The board discussed prior presentations by Selectman LaFleur regarding this issue. Selectman Gryval said it serves as an offering/incentive to businesses that are looking to come into the town. He said the cost is really time involvement and not tax dollars. The board discussed who would educate the residents regarding this issue and the Planning Board’s responsibilities.

A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to place article 14 on the warrant ‘as written’. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

A motion was made by Selectman Gryval that the Board of Selectmen recommend article 14 ‘as written’. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

XVIII. Warrant

A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to finalize the warrant, as presented by Administrator Apple. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion. Chairman Tardiff expressed concerns about Article #1.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

XIX. Default Budget

Administrator Apple presented the Default Budget to the board; DRA form MS-DT.

The board took a brief recess at this point that went from 8:14PM to 8:17PM.

A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to accept the Default Budget for the Town of Allentown for fiscal year 2011 in the amount of \$5,499,853.00. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

Administrator Apple also reviewed the revised MS-7 with the board.

XX. Minutes

Administrator Apple said he didn’t receive any new minutes this day but was notified that there was a date of 8/9/10 that hadn’t been approved by the board as of yet. He said he would research this further and get back to the board with those minutes if they needed approval next week.

XXI. Town Report

Administrator Apple presented the board with pictures to review and approve for the Town Report. Selectman Gryval opined that he didn’t want the town seal on the cover. Chairman Tardiff asked if there were better pictures of the Town Hall. Selectman Gryval said he liked the idea of the Meetinghouse and Town Hall somehow put together to which Administrator Apple suggested possibly overlapping the two.

XXII. Adjournment

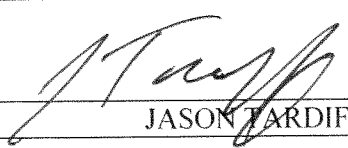
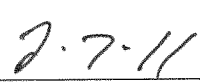

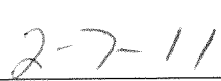
A motion was made by Selectman Gryval to adjourn the 1/24/11 Board of Selectmen Meeting at 8:25PM. Chairman Tardiff seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Tardiff – Yes
Selectman LaFleur – (absent)
Selectman Gryval – Yes
Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

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Original Approval:	
 JASON TARDIFF	 DATE
ROGER A LaFLEUR	DATE
 JEFF GRYVAL	 DATE

Amendment Approvals:		
Amendment Description:	Approval:	Date:
	JASON TARDIFF	DATE
	ROGER A LaFLEUR	DATE
	JEFF GRYVAL	DATE

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Attendance List

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NAME

<u>MARY Leavey</u>	<u>Jon Richardson</u>
<u>Denise Pinneo</u>	<u>JAMES O'BRIEN</u>
<u>TRILIA GERBET</u>	<u>ESTELLE O'BRIEN</u>
<u>Donna Gyra</u>	<u>Matthew L. Oliver</u>
<u>Chief Mulholland</u>	<u>Janice Oliver</u>
<u>RMA</u>	<u>Steve Farrell</u>
<u>Steve Horton</u>	<u>Matt Spolar</u>
<u>Carl Caporale</u>	<u>CARL SCHAEFER PIR</u>
<u>Debtikus</u>	<u>Dan O'Brien</u>
<u>James Barber</u>	<u>DON CHASE</u>
<u>Elizabeth Grosspeter</u>	<u>Martin Murray, PSNH</u>