

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

6 May 2008

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, Lynn Sweet and Stephanie Gray.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Jean Chartrand-Ewen, Betsy Andrews Parker (Executive Director Northern Stafford County Health and Safety Council) and Duncan Chaplin (NSCHSC Director for Strafford) attended.

Betsy Andrews Parker and Duncan Chaplin attended to discuss annual renewal of membership in the NSCHSC. Benefits of membership were noted, including community health profile and associated programs, assistance in emergency management (incl. pandemic) training, preparations and resources (including participation in grants) available. Board was made aware of approximately \$1,000. available for emergency management. Police Chief/Emergency Management Director will be advised, as funds could be used to help defray the costs of necessary signage and cones, and other costs associated with handling emergencies. Ms. Andrews Parker furthermore requested that Mr. Chaplin be re-appointed to continue representing Strafford, and stressed what a great voice and advocate he was for the Town. The Board was in unanimous agreement to renew the membership and re-appoint Mr. Chaplin. The Memorandum of Understanding renewal form was signed.

After review and consideration, a motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the minutes taken at the April 15th meeting of the Board.

A revised contract, including a proposed change order for an upgrade to the geothermal unit to be used in the new Town Office and a request for first payment on the construction, were reviewed. Board will clarify that the amount of the change order (\$4,000.) should be deducted from the contingency allowed as part of the original contract. It was noted that the upgrade should make the building eligible for increased payback from PSNH.

After review and discussion Community/Paramedic Intercept Service MOU (ambulance billing agreement) requested by Frisbie Memorial Hospital was signed. Under this agreement Strafford will no longer received/bill the whole amount for ambulance services when Frisbie is called. Frisbie will receive ½ and Strafford Fire/Rescue will receive ½. Concern was noted over potential for loss of revenue to the existing Fire/Rescue Ambulance/Equipment Fund, and the Ambulance Services Fund (created in 2008).

Request for release of bond for road construction associated with Shaw Colonial Estates was discussed. This is the second time a release of the road bond has been requested.

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Request was denied in September due to damage to pavement and need for repairs. Board will discuss this request after Mr. Leighton has inspected roads.

After discussion regarding the movie to be shown during the outdoor movie night, to be sponsored by the Fire and Rescue Squad, Board members were in agreement to suggest that a movie like "ET" would be appropriate.

Correspondence was read.

At this time a motion was made by Mr. Leighton to enter into nonpublic session pursuant To RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sweet. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Leighton – Aye, Mrs. Sweet – Aye, and Mrs. Gray – Aye. The Board entered into nonpublic session at 7:15 P.M. At this time a motion was made by Mr. Leighton to come out of nonpublic session, and seconded by Mrs. Sweet. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Leighton – Aye, Mrs. Sweet – Aye, and Mrs. Gray – Aye. The Board came out of nonpublic session at 7:30 P.M. No votes were taken.

Mr. Leighton made a motion not to release the minutes of the nonpublic session. His motion was seconded by Mr. Sweet. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Leighton -Aye, Mrs. Sweet – Aye, and Mrs. Gray – Aye.

It was noted that Northeast Security would be contacted regarding security at the new office, based on the recommendation from the Police Chief.

Work session was scheduled for Thursday, May 8th at 8:00 A.M.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.