

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS
MINUTES
Monday, March 13, 2006 – 7:00 pm
Municipal Offices Building**

Mr. Paraschak called the meeting to order.

Also present were Patrick McGowan, Christine Powers, Dana Watson and Town Manager Derik Goodine.

Liquor License Approval:

Mr. Goodine explained from time to time he receives off premise catering licenses and it is at the Board's discretion to authorize Mr. Goodine to sign them or hold a public hearing for them. Mr. Paraschak feels that Mr. Goodine could sign them as long as people have an avenue to go to if they have problems or complaints. Mr. Goodine said people could go to him and he would then bring any issues to the Board's attention and at that time the Board could withdraw his authority and a public hearing would need to be held. He then stated that these types of applications usually come in at the last moment and there usually isn't time to publicize a public hearing. Ms. Powers made a motion to allow Mr. Goodine to be a signing agent for off-site permits. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation:

Mr. Tim Hamilton stated his concern with the water level in Long Lake. Mr. Watson stated they usually wait to shut the locks when the ice is out. Mr. Hamilton agreed but said there won't be any melt off this year. Mr. Goodine will try to get more information on when they will be shutting the locks.

New Business:

Habitat for Humanity:

Mr. Richard Lindgren, who is the development coordinator, was present to bring the Board up to date. They have completed one house and have been approved for a second house. Next they will be finding volunteers, doing fundraising and trying to find a family for the house. He reminded the Board that there was a good faith agreement between the Board and Habitat to find a local family for the house. They have done two advertisements, but have not come up with a family. They will be starting a third advertisement as soon as possible. He was thinking instead of having families fill out an

application that they should have an informational meeting at the Town Office. He then asked if the Board would allow them to offer the home to a family from another community if they cannot find a local family.

Ms. Powers stated she appreciates all they do and that they would prefer a Naples family to be placed in the home and feels a meeting at the town office is a good idea.

Mr. Paraschak asked if there is no local family that needs a home why must they build right now. Mr. Lindgren stated they are not rushing, but they do have a group of teenagers that come during the summer to help build. He also feels there are families out there; they just need to reach them. Mr. Paraschak then thanked him for trying to find a local family and for coming to update the Board.

Milfoil Update:

Ms. Powers said she recently attended the Maine Milfoil Summit. The positive news was that there have been no new infestations this past year. The negative news is that they want to use an herbicide in the Songo River project; however, DEP will not approve the use because the water eventually ends up in the drinking water supply. She applauded LEA for being the leading charge in the State and encouraged people to become a volunteer.

Old Business:

Town Office Hours:

Mr. Goodine held a staff meeting to discuss the options, but there was no real conclusion. The staff would like to meet with the Board to discuss it further. The Board suggested a workshop for next Monday night.

Lakehouse Road Discontinuance:

Mr. Goodine stated the Board met with the developer and Ms. Crowley and two options were discussed. One option is to build a new access road from the new road and the second option is to keep a portion of the pavement from the old road. The developer has not had a chance to discuss it with his architect as of yet. Mr. Paraschak then stated the Board is trying to keep everyone involved happy.

Bluesfest Update:

Mr. Hamilton asked why they were already selling tickets, if the event has not yet been approved. Mr. Paraschak stated the last time the event was discussed the Board gave the group the green light to go ahead even though it was not a formal approval. The Board will still need to make sure their concerns are addressed. Mr. Goodine then reviewed some of the festivities and the items that they are still working on, but confirmed that the group will be coming back to the Board to address any outstanding issues.

Tabled Items:

Revaluation:

Mr. Goodine stated he will be trying to get a good portion, if not all of funds needed for the revaluation in this year's budget. The revaluation is proposed to take place in 2007 and be effective in 2008.

Tax Increment Financing:

Mr. Goodine gave the Board the sheet from Ms. Norton and there are more on the counter for anyone interested. The next step is to have Ms. Norton do a study.

Salt Sand Shed Construction Bond:

Mr. Goodine informed the Board the bids are due March 21st and the Board will be awarding the bid at their meeting on March 27th. The funds for the additional paving will be voted on at town meeting. If the funds for the bond can be raised at town meeting, the bond will be paid off with no early payment penalty.

Manager's Report:

No items were discussed.

Consent Items:

Tax Acquired Property Update:

Mr. Goodine has the list, but still needs to work on the letters. He has talked to two people from the list already and has made arrangements with them.

Bids for Various Maintenance Items:

Mr. Goodine explained those bids are due this Friday and the Board will be awarding them at their next meeting as well. There was some discussion regarding the sweeping of the sidewalks before the State sweeps the road. Mr. Goodine thought that was included in the sweeping bid, but will check into it. Mr. Paraschak will check with the MDOT to see when the road will be swept.

Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing / Ordinance Change Public Hearings:

Mr. Goodine informed the Board that the public hearing for the changes would be at 6 pm, prior to their next meeting. Copies of the changes are now available. Immediately following that public hearing, the public hearings for the ordinance changes and proposed new ordinances will be held. Mr. Goodine then read a letter from the Ordinance Review

Committee Chairperson regarding the Selectboard's proposed change to the Addressing Ordinance regarding the replacement of road name signs for private roads. The Ordinance Review Committee feels the ordinance should be left as is.

Mr. McGowan asked what the timeline is to implement the Comprehensive Plan once it is final. Mr. Goodine said the first thing to work on is the growth management law and incorporate those items into the ordinances. The capital items can be completed when funds are available.

MDOT Project Priority Paperwork:

Mr. Goodine gave the Board the list and asked them to review it so it can be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. They need to respond by April 15th.

Correspondence:

Mr. Goodine received a letter from the Department of Conservation stating to help balance the state budget the percentage of funds received through the State Park Fee Sharing Program will be reduced from 15% to 7% and then to 8%. Mr. Paraschak feels they are renegeing on their agreement to help pay for the additional cost to Naples for their civil services, such as rescue.

Mr. Goodine said the tax payment reminder notices went out and the office has been inundated with calls from confused residents. Ms. Whynot, Town Clerk, suggested next year to try mailing out postcards instead.

Other Business as Appropriate:

Ms. Powers stated how pleased she is with the local representatives that have worked together to reduce the amount of school funds that will be lost through the state funding formula. Mr. McGowan said he attended the school budget meeting and was pleased with the attendance. Mr. Paraschak added his thanks to Mr. Gorham and Ms. Barter for their diligence in trying to keep the budget down.

Mr. Goodine informed the Board that TABOR is locked up in court right now because some of the votes are being challenged.

Mr. Goodine then discussed the Personal Property Tax Elimination. He wasn't worried about this at first but explained when you look at the big picture, it is cause for some worry. He then explained when the larger cities lose those funds, things will be reshuffled, which means it might take the state that much longer to get to their 55% of school funding.

Mr. Goodine then explained LD2 to the Board. This deals with valuations and having the value of a property locked in until a property sells. He then mentioned Portland is developing its own circuit breaker program and stated municipalities may adopt a tax

relief program locally. One of the problems with LD2 is that a town would need two sets of books. One set of values would be kept for local purposes and another set of values would be used in state formulas. Mr. Goodine will get more details on this when they are available.

Payroll and Payables were signed.

Mr. Watson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McGowan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Derik Goodine
Town Manager