

TOWN OF NAPLES
Monday, March 12, 2007
BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

Public Hearing on American Legion Post #155 Liquor License

Pat McGowan called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00PM. All members of the Board in attendance except for Rick Paraschak and Christine Powers. Mr. Goodine said there are no known infractions and a representative was available to answer questions. Mr. Watson made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 7:01PM. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Public Hearing on Lake Region Caterers Liquor License

Pat McGowan called the Public Hearing to order at 7:01PM. Mr. Goodine said there are no known infractions and a representative was available to answer questions. Mr. Watson made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 7:02PM. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Selectboard Meeting Agenda

Pat McGowan called the Board of Selectperson meeting to order at 7:02PM. Also present were Karen Thompson, Dana Watson and Town Manager, Derik Goodine. Rick Paraschak and Christine Powers were not present.

Liquor License Approvals

Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the liquor license for both American Legion and Lake Region Caters. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Review and approve the minutes of September 11, 2006, September 25, 2006; October 9, 2006, October 23, 2006, November 6, 2006, and November 20, 2006; December 4, 2006; and December 18, 2006; January 8, 2007, and January 22, 2007.

Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2007. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. There were no corrections or further discussion. Mr. Watson abstained, as he did not see them. Vote 2-1-0.

Public Participation – None

New Business

General Assistance and PROP- Mr. Goodine explained Cathy would be out on maternity leave, and he was going to hire someone from PROP, a part time person to handle General Assistance and PROP in her absence. Mr. Goodine said this would cost \$25 - \$30 an hour. Mr. McGowan said he would rather hire someone who is trained to handle this so the money was not an issue. Mr. Goodine said he would schedule them on Wednesdays. Mr. Watson asked how much money was in Unanticipated Expenses. Mr. Goodine said he did not know off the top of his head. Mr. Watson made a motion to have Mr. Goodine hire someone from PROP and use funds out of Unanticipated Expenses. Vote 3-0.

Cable Franchise Fees – Mr. Goodine said the Franchise Fees are 5%, last year, they were scheduled to go down to 3%, but they did not because of the capital outlay cost payback, so

basically they are saying we could drop them down to 3% from the 5%. Mr. Watson asked if the customers would be billed the same as last year? Mr. Goodine said that is the theory, and studies have shown that no matter what the Town locks in the franchise fee at that the ultimate cost to the subscribers will be the same, and the cable company pockets the difference if it is set less than 5%. Mr. Watson made a motion to keep the Cable Franchise Fees set at 5%. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 3-0.

FY 2007/2008 Budget discussion – Mr. McGowan said the Budget Meetings start tomorrow night. Mr. Goodine said he based the employee raise rate on the Social Security CPI amount because it could be measured. He could use the Northeast CPI rate, which has been coming in higher. Last year, the rate was 4.1, and this year it is 3.3. Mr. McGowan said he would be in Boston and would not make the first Budget meeting. The Board was in agreement with the 3.3 rates that Mr. Goodine would be using.

6. Old Business

Legion Land/ Recreation Facility – Mr. Goodine is working on the article, and the survey is also being worked on. Mr. Goodine handed out a financial spreadsheet, so the Board could see the payback schedule. Mr. Goodine worked on scenarios for 10, 15, 20 year payment payback schedules of 5%. He thought the 20-year would be the best option at a cost of \$14,000 per year. Mr. McGowan asked where they were in the process. Mr. Goodine said as soon as the article is done, then he would be ready for the Board to sign the Warrant, hopefully at the next Selectboard's Meeting. Mr. McGowan asked if there would be a penalty for early payoff. Mr. Goodine said no. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the Warrant Article at the 20-year loan at 5%. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Employee Health Insurance – Per Mr. Watson's recommendation Mr. Goodine look into comparables for neighboring town health insurance percentages. Buxton was 50/50, New Gloucester 70/30; Harpswell, 70/30; Bridgton, 55/45; Paris, 89/11; North Berwick, 75/25; Raymond, 85/15; Casco, 80/20; Naples, 33/63; North Yarmouth, 100% employer; Fryeburg, 100% employer; Levant, 75/25; Harrison; 50/50; Buckfield, 50/50; West Paris, 80/20; Otisfield, 61/39; Pownal, 45/55; Sebago, 50/50. Mr. Goodine suggested looking at 50% now. He said the problem is there is 3 different levels; employee & spouse, employee & children & employee and family. The old Anthem plan was changed, and this year the Town saved money. The current monthly cost was \$6,312, and it went down to \$5439. Mr. Goodine said Cathy had run some scenarios, and she looked at a 12-month cost for Harvard Pilgrim, which came in at \$77,144 per year at 50%. This year without any new employee benefit, the cost would be \$75,753 under the Anthem Plan. Mr. Watson asked if this had to be done tonight. Mr. Goodine said no, but wanted the Board to keep in mind that he felt they would eventually lose good employees, if they did not reach a decision soon. The Board tabled the item.

Bulky Waste System – Mr. Goodine said this system would be based on the same system Raymond is using. Like Raymond, Mr. Goodine said Naples would issue 1,000 pounds of tickets to each property owner. Once your tickets ran out, then you would have to pay at the scale. This would eliminate day passes too. You would pick tickets up at the Town Hall, and there would be a form for you to issue or transfer your tickets to someone else. Mr. McGowan asked when this would go into effect. Mr. Goodine said July, hopefully. Mr. Watson said this had been proven to save money in Raymond, so he was all for it. Mr.

Goodine said Naples would still need to find someone to run a Hazardous Waste program. Mr. Watson made a motion to accept the 1,000-pound ticket system, then pay as you go per pound. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Causeway Sheriff – Mr. Goodine said Kevin Joyce was working on a proposal for 4th of July coverage. Mr. Goodine said he sent Bridgton a memo to see if they are interested in offering Naples a price. The biggest question Mr. Goodine had was: does the Town only need Thursday – Sunday coverage? Mr. Watson did not agree, he said for a few weeks full coverage is needed on the Causeway. Mr. McGowan suggested waiting till they heard back from Kevin Joyce.

Dispatch- Mr. Goodine said the Town of Raymond will be coming onto Naples Dispatch starting April 6. They will be overnight dispatch from 6:00 pm – 6:00 am. This will be roughly \$6,700 in revenue. The prorated amount is in the \$45,000 dollar range after October. This will be interesting on how it will be budgeted and what type of impact this will have on us. He anticipates other expenses too. He said Raymond has a redundant center, which means if one fails there, will be a backup one in Raymond. Mr. Goodine said he thinks Raymond hopes they can show that their center is more modern, and thus sell the towns on moving there one day. Mr. McGowan said he does not recall approving this, he feels the town would lose money. Mr. Goodine said that is not true, the Dispatch budget is going up regardless of Raymond. He stated there are costs that have been unbudgeted for a while now that have nothing to do with Raymond. Mr. Goodine stated that we need to grow to survive. Mr. McGowan asked if this would be a contractual agreement. Mr. Goodine said yes, a one-year contract. Mr. Watson said he makes a motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Manager and the Dispatch Board to bring in Raymond to the Naples Center. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Tabled Items

Lakehouse Road Discontinuance – Mr. Goodine is waiting to talk to Mr. Murphy.

Manager's Report – Mr. McGowan said they had covered everything on the report.

Consent Items

Quit Claim Deed – Mr. Goodine said he had one deed that needed to be discharged. Mr. Watson made a motion to discharge the deed. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Town of Sebago Thank You Letter – Mr. Goodine received a letter from Sebago and read it into record. The letter pertained to Mutual Aid Public Safety, and thanked the Town Fire Department and the Fire Chief for recently assisting in a time of need.

Correspondence - None

Other Business as Appropriate- None

Executive Sessions

Possible Legal Action - Mr. Watson made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1.405 6E at 7:59 pm. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 pm. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. No Action.

Manager Review - Tabled

Payroll and Payables were signed.

Mr. Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Derik Goodine
Naples Town Manager