

TOWN OF NAPLES
Monday, October 8, 2007
BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

Mr. Dana Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Rick Paraschak, Bob Caron, Karen Thompson and Town Manager Derik Goodine.

Review and approve the minutes of March 12, 2007; April 9, 2007; April 30, 2007, Emergency Meeting; May 7, 2007; May 21, 2007; June 4, 2007; July 30, 2007; August 27, 2007; September 10, 2007; and September 24, 2007. Mr. Paraschak said more detail regarding Larry Balboni was needed in order to pass the minutes of September 24, 2007. Mr. Paraschak made a motion to pass over the minutes as the Board just received them this afternoon. Mr. Caron seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0.

Public Participation – Mr. Watson asked if anyone had objection jumping to Consent Item A – Appointment of MSAD #61 Director. Hearing none, Mr. Paraschak asked Mr. Skarbinski to introduce himself to the Board. Mr. Skarbinski stated he is a resident of Naples and currently works at Maine Medical Center in the IT Department. He previously worked as a teacher in Rhode Island. Mr. Skarbinski stated he lives in Madison Heights and has five children, four of which are in the school system. Mr. Skarbinski said because he still has children in school that he would like to see the system move in the right direction. He said he graduated from Boston University and served in the United States Marine Corp. Mr. Paraschak explained that part of the School Board's job was creating a budget, and this budget greatly affects the mil rate, so while he too cares about the education factors, that he was also concerned about the affect of taxes on the taxpayers. Mr. Skarbinski stated that he did not have an opinion on the budget matter until he could review some paperwork, but he would like to see a balance between taxes and the school system. Mr. Caron asked if Mr. Skarbinski had financial expertise as the Board could use assistance in that area. Mr. Skarbinski didn't really answer the questions, but said he knew a lot of programs were being cut at the schools, and he did not like that. Mr. Skarbinski said although preservation of programs is very important that he is totally against raising taxes. He stated before spending money you need to make ends meet, and that is how he views the School Board. Mr. Paraschak informed Mr. Skarbinski that there is training for this position, and he feels it is very important that elected officials take advantage of this training. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to appoint Mr. Skarbinski as the MSAD #61 Director. Mr. Caron seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

New Business

Muddy River Milfoil – Mr. Goodine said he had spoken with Ed Lapham on several occasions regarding the milfoil in Sebago Cove. Ed Lapham was present and stated he was before the Board tonight in hopes of obtaining funding or any type of help the Town could provide to help eliminate the milfoil in Muddy River. He stated while they have plenty of manpower, that funds are needed in order to continue to battle the problem. He said four years ago, he could swim off his dock but cannot today. He stated the September meeting turnout was great; and about 170 people attended and wanted to be involved. He said a boat was donated from Point Sebago, and they are starting to receive cash donations for the Muddy River. He does feel because LEA is working on Songo River and doing a great job, maybe the public views this as enough, and he would like to see more focus on Muddy River. Mr. Caron explained the Town does donate to LEA each year, and they distribute funds, as they feel appropriate. Mr. Goodine explained LEA was awarded a grant, which allowed

them to do the work on Songo River. Mr. Paraschak asked Mr. Goodine where the funds are distributed for the milfoil stickers and if a portion of that money could be allocated to the Muddy River project. Mr. Goodine stated there is a breakdown of this in the clerks office. He believes most of the money in Naples is put towards the manning of inspection stations at boat launches and the Songo Locks. Mr. Caron encouraged the group to speak to Peter Lowell to see if there are extra funds available. Mr. Paraschak asked if Mr. Goodine would follow up with Mrs. Powers as she has the most knowledge of any Board member regarding milfoil. Mr. Lapham said he would like to end up as an entity separate from LEA. Mr. Caron said he has dealt with this for 7 years, and this is the first time he has heard from Mr. Lapham or people that lived on Muddy River. He asked why Mr. Lapham is coming forward now, and the focus seems to be only on Muddy River not the whole problem of milfoil throughout the area. Mr. Lapham said he spoke to other residents, and they were told and thought the milfoil was a native plant. He added that he is requesting to be separate from LEA because he feels their problem is worse than the Songo River. Another member of the public audience said she was unaware of the problem until the last few years, and no one really stepped forward before Mr. Lapham, so the folks in Muddy River did not know it was there. Mr. Paraschak said the resources have been being distributed over the past 7 years to battle milfoil. The same lady asked if the Town could waive the registration of their boats, so they could put those funds toward fighting the milfoil. Mr. Lapham asked if the Town could provide them with storage for the materials they are collecting. Another member of the public audience asked if the Board would go look at the problem areas. Mr. Paraschak said they believe how bad this has become, and they have seen it first-hand. Mr. Caron encouraged them to approach Peter Lowell. Mr. Lapham asked Peter for funds and Peter said they would provide guidance and knowledge, but he did not offer funds. Mr. Lapham said he does not feel he will receive funding from LEA. Mr. Goodine said he attended most of the meetings for the Songo River, and that project started the same as this one – with volunteers only. A member of the public audience said they are looking into the weevil bug to eat the milfoil. Mr. Goodine said he would get the Noyce Grant Application from LEA and provide it to Mr. Lapham who could use the grant as a template, and they could try to get their own funding. Mr. Paraschak explained the money that the Town gives to LEA does not have restrictions on it, but they are allocated as Peter sees fit, but he did not have a problem with Mr. Lapham approaching Peter. Mr. Lapham said he would be asking LEA for milfoil markers to keep the boat props from spreading the milfoil. Mr. Goodine asked if Muddy River Milfoil group had a treasurer and if people called where do they send the checks. Mr. Lapham stated after next week an account would be set up for a Muddy River Milfoil Non-Profit Group.

Town Property Use/Rental – Mr. Goodine stated someone that wanted to open a business and rent town property approached him, and he was unsure of the policy for renting actual town property. He stated that this might just be a formality, or the Board might like to establish a policy. Mr. Watson said this has to be a Town sanctioned event such as the Library or Historical Society. Mr. Goodine explained the Town is entitled to 10% of profit made when renting a room at the Town Office if rented by a for profit person or group. He added that the town also leases part of the Town Office to the Post Office, and that is why he brought the issue forward. He is unsure how this business fits into the current situation. Mr. Watson asked what exactly this person wanted to rent. Mr. Goodine said a portion of the Town beach for canoe and kayak rentals. The Board discussed various possible uses of the Town Beach and other town owned parcels of land. The Board agreed a concession stand would benefit the beach and might be something that could be done at the beach. Something like a canoe and kayak rental would not be appropriate for the beach. Mr. Caron said it is his

understanding this is not allowed, and he was against it. Mr. Paraschak said there are a lot of unique situations, and one policy will not cover all of them. He said Mr. Goodine would have to approach the Board on a case-by-case basis. Mrs. Thompson agreed.

Old Business

Town Office Water Problems and filtration – Mr. Goodine said Mr. Paraschak would like to have another Uranium test done before a decision is reached. Mr. Caron asked what we would gain by running another test. Mr. Paraschak said in his discussion with Andy Madura flushing was an option since this is a minimum use well, and this may provide a different reading. Mr. Caron said there is minimum public water use here ,and it may be more feasible to remove public water usage period. Someone from Aqua Max who was in the audience said you could get a false reading from this, and this is somewhat cheating because the minerals do not have time to accumulate. Mr. Paraschak said that depends on the concentration of the minerals in the well. Mr. Goodine said the Board would need to look at the ramifications such as separating the Church off, not using the Town as an emergency shelter and having any Singer Center use bring in their own water. Mr. Caron said with the amount of the water used that he would rather use Poland Spring. Mr. Goodine said buying the filter system would need to go to Town Meeting because the money isn't in the budget. Mrs. Thompson said it would cost \$320 dollars a month to filter the water, and the cost for bottled water and sanitizer would be about that too, so it is really very close. Mr. Watson asked Mr. Goodine to conduct another test using the flushing method, then another test a few weeks later. The Board decided to revisit this after additional testing is done.

Singer Community Center Update – Mr. Neault was not present. Tabled.

School Consolidation Committee update - Mr. Caron said the last meeting was to find out why the State denied their consolidation plan. Since then the Superintendent set up a meeting with the DOE last Wednesday. He said nothing concrete had come from the meeting, and they are still working on a plan. Mr. Caron said this is a very difficult and long process. Mr. Goodine said he was confused over some discrepancies in the figures. Mr. Caron said those are his notes and are only for interpretation, he should have erased those. Mr. Caron said he was unsure of what the next meeting would bring, and he would keep the Board posted.

Cumberland County Assessing Feasibility Study – Mr. Goodine said he had a meeting on Wednesday at GPGOG about the study. Mr. Goodine thinks if there are benefits, then they would be value added services, and this may not be a bad idea, but he was going to find out. Mr. Goodine said one benefit would be a central clearinghouse that would post information on the web and that would save a lot of time for the office staff particularly Barbara.

Zoning Ordinance – no action

Tabled Items

Lakehouse Road Discontinuance – Nothing at this time.

Naples Visitor's Center to be discussed at October 22, 2007 Meeting

Bulky Waste Coupon System Discussion to be discussed at October 22, 2007 meeting.

Manager's Report – Nothing

Consent Items

Appointments - MSAD #61 Director – Please see above.

Ordinance Review Committee - Mr. Goodine said the ORC had recommended Larry Balboni for position. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to appoint Larry Balboni to the ORC. Mr. Paraschak seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0.

Transfer Station/Bulky Waste Committee Appointment – no action

Town of Naples Traffic Ordinance- Mr. Goodine said the Ordinance is ready for signatures. He did change “in front of or on” to “within”. Mr. Paraschak made a motion to approve the Naples Traffic Ordinance. Mr. Caron seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0-0.

Abatements – Mr. Goodine said he does have a large list of campers for abatements, and they all include notes of explanation for the abatement. Mr. Caron asked if anything stood out they should be aware of. Mr. Goodine said no. Mrs. Thompson made a motion accept the list of abatements. Mr. Caron seconded it. Vote 4-0-0.

Correspondence – None.

Other Business as Appropriate – Mr. Paraschak asked if there was any group that would help the American Legion with their generator. There were no solid suggestions.

Payroll and Payables were signed.

Executive Session – Rescue Waiver. Mr. Goodine said he put this on the agenda for initial discussion and was not provided with the information that the Board needed to make a decision.

Mrs. Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Mr. Paraschak seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Derik Goodine
Naples Town Manager