

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS
MINUTES
Monday, February 27, 2006 – 7:00 pm
Municipal Offices Building**

Sydney's Liquor License Public Hearing:

Mr. Paraschak called the public hearing to order.

There are no known violations and no comments either for or against.

Mr. Watson made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Mr. Place seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lake Region Caterers Liquor License Public Hearing:

Mr. Paraschak called the public hearing to order.

There are also no known complaints or any comments either for or against.

Mr. Watson made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Mr. Place seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Regular Meeting:

Mr. Paraschak called the meeting to order.

Also present were Patrick McGowan, Tim Place, Christine Powers, Dana Watson and Town Manger Derik Goodine.

Liquor License Action:

Mr. Place made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Sydney's. Ms. Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Place made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Lake Region Caterers. Ms. Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Place made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2005. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of three in favor, one abstention (Powers).

Ms. Powers made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2006. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Place made a motion to approve the minutes of January 31, 2006. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation:

Mr. Larry Anton was present as a representative of PROP to present a plaque to the Town to honor the past 40 years that the Town has worked together with PROP to help the citizens of Naples.

New Business:

Bluesfest:

Mr. Goodine informed the Board that the Bluesfest would take place in June. Mr. Kevin Kimball, who belongs to the Maine Blues Society, was present to give more information. He explained that they are a non-profit organization, which exists in almost every state and several countries. All are affiliated with the National Blues Foundation in Memphis, Tennessee. However, the organization is underrepresented in Maine. They feel they have the right people, place and time now to have the event. It will be a family-oriented event.

Mr. Paraschak asked if they were planning on having the event on Father's Day weekend because there is already another event that takes place that weekend. Mr. Watson, who is involved with the Wheels and Water Show, said it shouldn't be a problem.

Mr. Paraschak then asked if the event grows and grows each year, what resources, if any, would the town need to fund. Mr. Kimball stated if it grew to the size that it would need extra police coverage, the event would pay for that expense, but also stated that it might be good to have EMS standing by.

Mr. Kimball was then asked what the projected attendance was. He is expecting about 3,000 people throughout the whole weekend.

Mr. McGowan asked if they were proposing any outdoor entertainment. Right now that is planned only at Bray's Brewpub in the Beer Garden.

The discussion then moved to insurance concerns. That issue is still being looked into. The Board liked the idea and is looking forward to more information.

Dock at Trickey Pond:

Mr. Jim Hathaway, of the Sebago Lake Anglers, explained they are proposing a small dock at the Trickey Pond Boat Launch. Right now it is hard to get boats in and out. They are proposing a dock five feet by ten feet this year and next year adding on an additional ten feet. SLA will put the dock in, take it out and maintain it. They will also file for all the permits. Mr. Goodine feels the Board should approve the location. Mr. Place then made a motion to allow the Sebago Lake Anglers to place a ten-foot by five-foot dock at the Trickey Pond Boat Launch with signage stating “no swimming or diving”. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Mr. Place then amended the motion to a dock size of five feet by twenty feet. Mr. Watson seconded the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Posted Roads:

Mr. Goodine informed the Board that he has posted all the roads including Edes Falls Road and Songo School Road, which historically have not been posted. Mr. Paraschak said they have appointed Mr. Goodine to make those decisions and he agrees with the postings. Mr. Watson wanted to add that there are two large employers on those roads and people need their paychecks. Mr. Goodine is aware of that situation, but unless the roads were built to a stronger standard than the rest, he feels they need to be posted. Mr. Goodine is trying to be fair to everyone. The Board left it up to Mr. Goodine’s judgment.

Town Maintenance of a few formerly bid Summer Projects:

Mr. Goodine explained he is in the process of putting out the miscellaneous summer bids and was wondering about taking out some of the smaller projects and allowing the maintenance worker to do those and wondered what the Board’s thoughts were on it. Mr. Place clarified that the budget would not increase but would be offset from the normal contracted funds. After a brief discussion, Mr. Paraschak thought it was best to stay with the contracted services for now. That way they can avoid such things as paid benefits and upkeep of equipment. The rest of the Board agreed.

Dispatch Recorder:

Mr. Goodine explained they are currently using the Town of Gorham’s recorder. It cost \$284 to install it. He will be approaching the other communities for their share of the cost. Right now Mr. Goodine will be the troubleshooting person. Now they have to decide whether to use the current mode or upgrade it.

Old Business:

Tax Increment Financing Talk with Noreen Norton:

Mr. Goodine reminded the Board that Naples valuation is hurting us and Route 302 is getting ready to develop and it may be better to shelter those new valuations. Ms. Norton, from Eaton and Peabody, was present to give more detail of the TIF. She has been dealing with TIFs for a long time. More and more communities are doing them. The TIF needs to be structured to maximize the benefit to accomplish the local objective. The structure will depend on the type of program, type of projects, and geographic boundaries. Once the boundaries are determined, the current values are locked in, but any additional value will be captured in the TIF. The revenue can range between 1 – 100 % of the new value. Ms. Norton then said she would be available to advise the Board on which district program to choose and to establish its' boundaries. She would also package the application, bring it to Town Meeting, provide a presentation to the public and submit it to DEPD. She will calculate the tax shift and stressed how important it is to be accurate. Improvements can be within the district boundaries or outside of the boundaries. Improvements outside the boundaries need to support the development.

Mr. Paraschak asked if the TIF gets approved at Town Meeting, will the Board need Town approval to spend the money. Town approval would be needed but as long as it is a priority for the community, it usually goes through.

Ms. Powers asked if the funds could be used as matching funds and they can.

Mr. Norton then stated there are some limitations. Each TIF district cannot exceed 2% of the total geography and all TIFs cannot exceed 5% of the total geography. She has a handout that she will be getting to the Board.

Lakehouse Road Discontinuance:

Mr. Goodine had Fred Packard, Appraiser, do the appraisal and reviewed it. Since the land value would stay the same or increase and the property would not be negatively affected, no damages should be awarded.

Ms. Jane Crowley was present and expressed her desire for a swimming area. She has provided a place for people to swim for years. And it was her understanding that when the boat launch was put in there was supposed to be a swimming area, but one was never installed. She does not want to lose the existing blacktop that is the access to her swimming area.

Mr. Paraschak said the Town has an opportunity to straighten the road to make it safer and they do not want to lose that opportunity. But they want to make sure her side is heard.

Mr. Goodine explained during the relocation of the road, a new access was going to be built or the current access would have been retained.

Mr. Paraschak said there is room for compromise. The Board and Ms. Crowley decided to meet at the property on Saturday, March 4th at 9 am.

Salt Sand Shed Construction Bond:

Mr. Goodine informed the Board that at the next meeting they would be opening bids for the bond.

Bulky Waste Disposal System:

Mr. Goodine would like a subcommittee to be formed to investigate options for bulky waste disposal. Some of the options are a coupon system, transpass system or have four passes a year. One option the staff came up with is to allow taxpayers to bring in waste 2-3 times per year with no charge, which is a simpler and cheaper option. But any option that is chosen will need some capital investment.

Changeable Sign Ordinance:

Mr. Goodine explained that it has been customized and reviewed the changes. This will allow the sign to change no more than once per minute instead of the current once per twenty minutes. Mr. Goodine then asked if the Board would prefer it to be voted on by referendum or warrant article. If the Board would like it on the referendum, a public hearing will need to be held. Mr. Goodine will look into the timeline.

Mooring Ordinance Changes:

Mr. Goodine informed the Board the mooring registrations and fees are being worked on.

Marine Safety Boat Motor:

Mr. Dan Allen said the motor would not last another year. He currently maintains the Marine Safety Boat and he said it is constantly being fixed. He has volunteered to put together a request for proposals for a new motor.

Tabled Items:

Revaluation:

The Board agreed that the town should start putting money in the budget for it.

Town Office Hours:

Mr. Goodine had no new information on this, but will meet with the staff to get their opinions. After that staff meeting, the staff should meet with the Board.

Manager's Report:

Nothing was discussed.

Consent Items:

Tax Acquired Property:

Mr. Goodine said he would write letters to the property owners with a response deadline. He will then try to work with them to set up an arrangement to buy back their property. The Board would like to review the payment arrangements.

Dog Warrant:

The Dog Warrant was signed.

Big Truck Registrations:

Mr. Goodine explained currently residents who need to register big trucks pay their excise tax here and then have to go to another location to finish the transaction. Ms. Whynot has completed the training process and would like to start training the other clerks. Mr. Place made a motion to authorize the clerks to register big trucks. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the Board signed the needed paperwork.

Correspondence:

Mr. Goodine let the Board know that Ms. Bellanger sent a thank you for the flowers the town sent to the funeral.

Mr. Goodine informed the Board that Eaton & Peabody had to give an additional briefing in the Cohen vs. Schwartz case.

A check was received in the amount of \$10,692.42 for the franchise fee for the period of July 2005 through December 2005.

Other Business as Appropriate:

Ms. Powers informed the Board that she would be attending the Annual Maine Milfoil Summit. LEA and DEP will be there to discuss the current status.

Ms. Powers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405 § 6A at 9:14 pm. Mr. Place seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. McGowan made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:54 pm. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Watson then made a motion to take no action until the next meeting. Ms. Powers seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Place made a motion to set up a special meeting for an Executive Session on March 6th at 7:00 pm. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Powers made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 6F and 6.A.1.at 9:58 pm. Mr. McGowan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McGowan made a motion to return from the Executive Session at 10:07 pm. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Watson made a motion to take no action. Mr. Place seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Payroll and Payables were signed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Derik Goodine
Town Manager