

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 P.M. MONDAY APRIL 13th, 2009
YORK LIBRARY
MINUTES

Attendees: Michael L. Estes, David F. Marshall, Kinley Gregg, Edward W. Little, Catherine R. Goodwin, Robert G. Yandow, Town Manager and, Kathryn Danylik, Recorder, and Members of the Press & Public

Call to Order- Chairman Estes called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Minutes

-April 6th, 2009 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Moved by Ms. Goodwin and seconded by Ms. Gregg to approve the April 6th, 2009 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes, without objection so ordered.

B. Chairman's Report

Chairman Estes reported that the 2010 census will be starting here in April, they have to certify all the addresses that we have in York. Census workers will be in uniform and will be going around between April and July.

Chairman Estes reported that we did get a report from the state on the projects that they are looking into funding for; speed enforcement program for York Police, \$1.4 million for reconfiguration of lighting and lane changes at the end of Spur Road, a light at Beech Ridge and Scotland Bridge, and improvements and replacements of the Bridges on Rt. 103, Sewalls Bridge and Clarks Road Bridge.

C. Manager's Report

Mr. Yandow gave an update on debris cleanup being done by the Public Works Crews, by the end of the week they should be done with the Southeast part of town and will move to the northeast by Old Post Road and Ridge Road. We are anticipating that this will be a 4-6 week program.

Mr. Yandow reminded the public that the Annual Tire Drop Off Day is this Saturday form 9-4 at the Recycling Facility.

Mr. Yandow reported that in response to our discussion last week regarding the Reading Room fire works it has been determined that they are open to the public.

D. Awards

1. Department of Public Works Dump Body-Snow Plow Bid

The Public Works Department solicited bids from two different truck vendors for a new Dump Body and Snow Plow. The two bids were received by Tenco New England in the amount of \$59,774 and H.P Fairfield in the amount of \$62,100. Although the low bid submitted was from Tenco New England, the equipment does not meet the needs of the Town and did not meet the bid specifications in many areas. The equipment offered by Tenco is not as strong or durable and will not hold up as well as the H.P Fairfield equipment. Going with the low bid would force us to stock additional replacement parts and the extra cost would equal or surpass any initial savings.

Mr. Estes asked where does the low bidder fail? Tim DePerrio, Public Works Foreman stated that the weakness is in the plow itself, they use lighter steel and it is smaller. We have a good history with the heavier equipment.

Moved by Ms. Gregg and seconded by Mr. Little that the Public Works dump body-snow plow installation bid be awarded to Howard P. Fairfield in the amount of \$62,100.00. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

E. Citizens Forum - Open to audience for comments on items to be addressed on this agenda; or, to propose items for board consideration.

Public Comment: Charles Stacey
Jack MacDonald

F. Approval of Warrant #41-

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Gregg to approve warrant #41, without objection so ordered

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. New License Application

Trustees of the St. Aspinquid Lodge Charity Fund dba St. Aspinquid Masonic Lodge (Victualers)

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to open the public hearing on the new license application for Trustees of the St. Aspinquid Lodge Charity Fund dba St. Aspinquid Masonic Lodge (Victualers)

Public Comment: Charles Stacey

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to close the public hearing on the new license application for Trustees of the St. Aspinquid Lodge Charity Fund dba St. Aspinquid Masonic Lodge (Victualers)

- 2. May 2009 Budget Referendum
- 3. May 29th, 2009 Budget Referendum Warrant

4. May 29th, 2009 Special General Referendum Warrant

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Goodwin to open the public hearing on the May 2009 Budget Referendum, May 29th 2009 Budget Referendum Warrant and the May 29th, 2009 Special General Referendum Warrant

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Goodwin to close the public hearing on the May 2009 Budget Referendum, May 29th 2009 Budget Referendum Warrant and the May 29th, 2009 Special General Referendum Warrant

H. ENDORSEMENTS

License Applications

-Rachel Anastas dba Liquid Dreams (Victualers)

-Mary Lou Erickson dba Apple Blossom B&B (Bed and Breakfast)

-Irene K. Kocka dba The Rowan Tree (Victualers)

Moved by Ms. Gregg and seconded by Mr. Marshall to approve the license applications for -Rachel Anastas dba Liquid Dreams (Victualers), Mary Lou Erickson dba Apple Blossom B&B (Bed and Breakfast) and Irene K. Kocka dba The Rowan Tree (Victualers). Subject to taxes, fees and inspections being current and compliant with the usual noise stipulations, without objection so ordered.

I. Old Business

J. New Business

1. Approval of May 2009 FY2010 Budget and forward the May 29th, 2009 Budget Referendum Warrant

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to approve the May 2009 FY2010 Budget and forward to the May 29th 2009 Budget Referendum Warrant.

Mr. Yandow provided the Selectmen with a memo stating that there is an option available to reduce the potential increase in the tax rate for FY10. Each of the capital articles, as proposed, has a first year interest payment attached to it if we borrow in the first six months of the fiscal year. If we wait until after January 1, 2010 to issue bonds there would be no interest or principal payment due until FY 2011. That would reduce our interest obligation by approximately \$112,265 which would reduce the potential tax rate by .027 cents. If all things remained equal we would round down using overlay and reduce the tax rate by .03. The end result would be a .02 increase in the town portion of the tax rate. This is speculative and based on a 1% increase in assessed valuation. It could be more or it could be less.

If we want to reduce the tax rate for FY10 we will need to amend warrant articles # 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 49 and 50 as each of these includes language at the end of the article appropriating funds from taxation for first year interest costs. Articles 45 and 48 are lease-purchase and would be treated differently.

Motion and second withdrawn

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Goodwin to approve the May Budget with those aforementioned changes to bonding time frames and forward the budget referendum Warrant to May 29th or if possible May 30th. Vote 4-0-1 motion passes, Ms. Gregg abstained.

3. Approval of the May 29th, 2009 Special General Referendum Warrant

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Gregg to approve the May 29th 2009 General Referendum Warrant and forward to May 29th or 30th if possible. Vote 5-0 motion passes

4. School Budget Validation Article

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Gregg to approve the article for the school budget validation with the language Do you favor approving the York School budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest school budget meeting? M.R.S.A. 20-A Sec. 1486(3)(F). Vote 5-0 motion passes.

5. Discussion of Future Agenda Items for Municipal Buildings

The Board discussed different options for different needed Municipal Buildings in Town. It was determined that this needs to be public process and the more public input that is received the better chance there is to make progress on these needs. There Board discussed ways that the public can get their ideas out to the Board in other ways then just public hearings at Selectmen's meetings. The Board suggested possibly doing a survey to find out why people are voting the way that they are and what they would like to see for municipal buildings such as a Town Hall and a Police Station. A short survey with some direct questions and comments can allow for opinions of more people to be heard. Mr. Estes asked that the Board think about what they would like to see in a survey and to possibly come up with some questions for a survey. Survey can be a very useful tool in trying to obtain the overall public opinion.

6. Approval of Village Scoop and Ice Cream House Victualers Licenses

Moved by Ms. Gregg and seconded by Mr. Marshall to re-approve the Village Scoop and the Ice Cream House victualers licenses due to a change in ownership. Without objection so ordered

7. Special Event Permit: New England F.O.O.L.S 5 K Road Race

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Goodwin to approve the special event permit for the New England F.O.O.L.S for a silent 5K Road Race to be held on June 24th 2009 at 4:00 PM. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

8. Parade Permit: New England F.O.O.L.S Opening Ceremonies

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded Ms. Goodwin to approve the parade permit application for the New England F.O.O.L.S for their opening ceremonies parade to be held on June 25th, 2009 from 6:30 PM to 6:45 PM. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

9. Special Event Permit: York Parks and Recreation-5K Road Race

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Gregg to approve the special event permit application for the York Parks and Recreation who will be holding the 9th Annual Joshua's Book of Dreams Road Race on April 18th, beginning at 10:00 AM. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

10. Business Directional Signs: York Family Eye Care

Moved by Ms. Goodwin and seconded by Mr. Marshall to table this issue pending more information in Route 1 signs. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

K. Other Business

-Google places York 25 miles north of here

We will have GIS give Google a call to see if they can fix it

Adjourn

Moved by Ms. Gregg and seconded by Mr. Marshall to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathryn Danylik, Recorder