

**GREENLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 11, 2010

Members Present: Chair Mo Sodini, Vice Chair Paul Sanderson, Bruce Dearborn, Jon Wendell and Charles Cummings (attending the Budget Committee meeting to represent the Selectmen)

Staff: Karen Anderson, Town Administrator

Agenda

Chair Sodini opened the Board of Selectmen public meeting at 7:05 P.M. He announced that a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

Appointment

1. Chip Hussey, Con. Commission, re: Warrant Articles

Chip Hussey and Jean Eno, Conservation Commission members, approached the Board to present several proposed warrant articles for Town Meeting. The first warrant article reads as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Dollars for the acquisition of conservation easements, open space land, and recreational land by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land and recreational land in the Town of Greenland, and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Budget Act [RSA Chapter 33] and to authorize the Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisitions of conservation easements, open space land, and recreational land and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and regulate such bonds and notes and determine the rates of interest thereon. No more than ten percent (10%) of the proceeds of this Article shall be expended on land developed for non-passive recreational uses. All authority under this Article shall expire at the conclusion of five (5) years from the date of passage hereof. Passage requires a 2/3 vote." Mr. Wendell felt this was a good idea. He thought the decision to bond that much money should be left up to the voting citizens. Mr. Dearborn felt they should not bond that much money right now, with the economy the way it is. Mr. Sodini stated they had a previous bond for 5 years and there was nothing in Town to buy. He felt they should not bond anything under One Million Dollars. He suggested setting up a smaller Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of future conservation land. Mr. Sanderson informed the Conservation Commission members the process of a bond warrant article. He was concerned of the need of such a bond, as there is no actual project/land under consideration.

The second warrant article was presented as follows: "Authorize up to \$15,000 for the Conservation Commission to use in matching potential grant fund opportunities and conducting natural and water resource research and education." During the discussion, the Board revised the verbiage to the following: "Raise \$7,500 and appropriate up to \$15,000 for the Conservation Commission to apply for and accept grant opportunities such as restoring natural habitats, research and education within the Town of Greenland. This fund will be non-lapsing

for up to three years." After the discussion, the Board agreed to sponsor the grant warrant article.

The third warrant article was actually suggested and will be drafted by the Selectmen, regarding putting \$20,000 in a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) for the Conservation Commission, with the Selectmen being the agents to expend from this fund. This will be used for the future purchase of conservation land.

The last warrant article was presented as follows: "Appoint up to seven (7) members to the Conservation Commission per NH RSA 36-A:3 (presently, the Town has a five (5) member Conservation Commission)".

After the discussion, the Board had no issues with these proposed warrant articles.

Administrative & Other Items

1. Accounts Payable Manifest #7

The Board reviewed the Special Detail accounts payable manifest #7, in the amount of \$174.63, for the purchase of tires. This manifest is a 2009 Police Department expense. After the review, the following motion was made:

Motion 1: Paul Sanderson moved to approve the special detail accounts payable manifest #7, in the amount of \$174.63. Jon Wendell seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Accounts Payable Manifest #34

The Board reviewed the accounts payable manifest #34, in the amount of \$40,327.81. This manifest is for 2009 expenses. After the review, the follow motion was made:

Motion 2: Jon Wendell moved to approve the accounts payable manifest #34, in the amount of \$40,327.81. Paul Sanderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Accounts Payable Manifest #1

The Board reviewed the accounts payable manifest #1, in the amount of \$421,379.42. After the review, the follow motion was made:

Motion 3: Jon Wendell moved to approve the accounts payable manifest #1, in the amount of \$421,379.42. Paul Sanderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Health insurance contributions

Mr. Sodini discussed the percent the Town employees contribute for the health insurance benefit. He noted a few concerns that the Budget Committee had. The Board felt the new policy is a lower cost to the Town, as well as the employees. The Board wished to leave the percentage of employee contributions as it currently is.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 21st. There were no suggested changes made to the minutes and the following motion was made:

Motion 4: Jon Wendell moved to approve the December 21st minutes as submitted. Paul Sanderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 28th. There were no suggested changes made to the minutes and the following motion was made:

Motion 5: Paul Sanderson moved to approve the December 28th minutes as presented. Jon Wendell seconded the motion. There was a vote of 3 for and 1 abstained (M. Sodini). MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the minutes of January 4th. There were no suggested changes made to the minutes and the following motion was made:

Motion 6: Jon Wendell moved to approve the January 4th minutes as submitted. Mo Sodini seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Having no other business to discuss, the following motion was made:

Motion 7: Paul Sanderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M. and Jon Wendell seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Attachments:

1. Agenda, dated 1/11/10

Approved by the Greenland Board of Selectmen on January 25, 2010.