

The meeting was called to order on February 2, 2004 at the Town Office at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Harold Wood. Members present: Wayne Welch, Norman Weldy, Paul Brown and Jonathan Wood. Also present: Town Manager Richard Bates.

**Motion by Selectman Welch to enter into non-public session under 91-A:3, II (d).
Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Selectman J. Wood – yes;
Selectman Welch – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.**

Town Manager Bates and Executive Secretary Ann Sharpe joined the Board of Selectmen in non-public session.

Motion by Selectman Weldy to exit non-public session and to seal the minutes indefinitely. Selectman Brown seconded. Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Selectman J. Wood – yes; Selectman Welch – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.

Chairman Harold Wood led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for departed citizens.

Public Forum:

There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion - Sand used to fill hole at Cammett Park

Lyman Hammond referred to the meeting of January 5, 2004, and he said that he learned something that Aggregate donated equipment to fill the hole, which cost a lot of money. He said they should be commended and thanked for this donation. He said that he had called the Town Manager with good intentions as a friend, taxpayer, and a concerned citizen. He also asked to discuss the issue again because he wanted to leave with a good feeling.

Town Manager Bates and the Board discussed the issue of the sand with Mr. Hammond with the final result that the town has benefited with a \$200,000 ball field, which has only cost the town \$14,000.

**Motion by Selectman J. Wood to send a letter of appreciation to Aggregate.
Selectman Brown seconded. Motion passed.**

New Business:

Discussion - CDBG Feasibility Application Englewood Park - E. Thomas Green

E. Thomas Green a representative from Hilltop Park was present to discuss and request that the Board consider supporting a feasibility study for the former Englewood Park on Harriman Hill Road, which is now owned in common. Lynn Booth was also present. Mr. Green thanked the Board and the residents for adjusting the budget at Deliberative Session to reflect this CDBG Feasibility Study Application Grant, and there would be no financial consequences to the town because of it. He explained it is a 55+ park with dedicated housing for low and moderate-income people. He explained they are seeking a feasibility study to establish whether they are eligible for infrastructure improvements to the park in the areas of water supply and septic.

Lynn Booth explained there is a standard procedure, and they get a grant writer to write a grant on contingency. She said \$2,000 of the \$12,000 will be used by the town for administration costs. She explained the process to the Board.

The Board reviewed a memo from Craig Wheeler, Planner, recommending there is little risk on the part of the Town and that the Board should consider supporting their request.

Motion by Selectman J. Wood that the Board endorse this plan with the condition they hire their own grant writer and pay for the notice in the newspaper and any other incidental so there is no liability to the town. Selectman Weldy seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business:

Tim Louis informed the Board about HB1185, relative to the adoption of amendments to articles proposed in the first session in official ballot proceedings, and it is important to get word to the Senate since their session will be held at 1:30 tomorrow.

Chairman Harold Wood commented with this bill the end result is that Deliberative Session will not matter.

The Board instructed the Town Manager to send a letter via e-mail tomorrow morning.

Outcome of Deliberative Session – Discussion

Town Manager Bates announced we are starting to work on the Voter's Guide, and we will put the Deliberative Session minutes on the web page.

The Board of Selectmen thanked the Town staff for setting things up and making it operate for Deliberative Session. They also thanked everyone that showed up at the polls.

Town Manager Bates also thanked the Cable TV crew for doing an outstanding job with good quality television.

Tim Louis thanked Kathleen Hoelzel from the townspeople.

The Board also thanked Kathleen Hoelzel, Moderator, for a job well done from the beginning to the end of a very long day.

Board of Selectmen Reports:

Selectman Welch did not have a report.

Selectman Brown reported the health insurance committee will have a report shortly, and the committee consists of Joyce Wood, Gerry Zimmel, David Salois, a representative from New Hampshire Municipal Association and myself. Tim Louis was not there. He asked Town Manager Bates to contact Bestway because the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee would like to meet with them.

Selectman Weldy reported Senator Jack Barnes mentioned it that this year will be tough, and we have opened the doors for competitive health insurance throughout the state.

Selectman J. Wood reported the Planning Board reviewed Royal Oaks, and they briefly discussed petitioned warrant articles concerning the Planning Board.

Town Manager's Report:

Fire Department: They reported there were three chimney fires due to the cold weather and the wood stoves. Also, a thank you letter was received from Superintendent Turbeville for the assistance provided by the department to the Middle School for the water line break and septic backup.

Recreation: They are working on the Volunteer Banquet.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: There were 1,712 voters at Primary Election.

Public Works: There have been a number of freeze ups. There have been significant changes at the transfer facility. There are no complaints.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. to meet with Craig Wheeler, Planner, to review the zoning map and zoning amendments. He will have the Planner prepare a Powerpoint presentation.

Selectman Welch asked about the status of Smith Pond Road.

Town Manager Bates stated that revisions were being completed to the plan, and it will be back before the Board.

Review/Adoption of Minutes:

Motion by Selectman Weldy to accept the minutes of December 1, 2003 as drafted.

Selectman Welch seconded. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Weldy to adjourn. Selectman Brown seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Sharpe
Executive Secretary