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The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Chairman Harold Wood. Members present: Wayne Welch, Paul Brown, Jonathan Wood and Norman Weldy. Also present Town Manager Bates.

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

Ethics Training by Members of the Ethics Committee

Ethics Committee Members Sandra Lee Ellis, Co-Chair; Patrick J. Larney, Co-Chair and Gretchen Gott were present for a training session regarding the Code of Ethics.

Gretchen Gott stated the Committee was giving training sessions to all Boards. She reviewed the Statement of Intent, and there was a discussion on various sections of the code with examples. There was an explanation and discussion on the duties to recuse and disclose. It was identified that a couple of areas may need to be reviewed and clarified. Under Conflicts of Interest, it may need to state that the intent is never to take away the right of the public servant to represent their interests. Under Item #9 on page 9, maybe there should be more specifics regarding how the public servant would benefit from the situation through their position. Under Gifts and Favors, the Committee established \$25.00 for a non-monetary gift for 2003. There was a question about door prizes at the banquet. Gretchen Gott stated the Committee will review this. She explained the amendment process for the code that it has to go back to the voters.

Selectman J. Wood pointed out that the appointment of Committee members is up this year, and he recommended they publicize for the sign-up of Town Officers.

Gretchen Gott reviewed the process for the election of members and the process for complaints.

Selectman J. Wood suggested a couple of case studies to work through for next year's training.

The Board thanked the members for the training.

Gretchen Gott asked if training could be scheduled for department heads and other employees.

Town Manager Bates announced that he was invited to participate in the panel discussion to be held at the New Hampshire Municipal Association regarding ethics from the Town Manager's perspective.

Discussion on Proposed Fire Sprinklers for the Water Treatment Plant

Town Manager Bates explained in review of the plans for the water treatment plant, Richard Mailhot, Code Enforcement Officer, made a determination under Town zoning

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the facility needs to have fire sprinklers. He referred to the memo from Dennis McCarthy recommending the Board vote to not require the sprinkling of the facility based upon the following reasons:

- 1) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) does not require sprinklers in a building of this size.
- 2) The facility is only manned on a part-time basis.
- 3) Some of the chemicals used are reactive with water and could create more of a problem if water was used for fire suppression.
- 4) The facility has no occupancy load.
- 5) The facility is quite small with egress to the outside of less than 30 feet in every instance.
- 6) The facility will have a sophisticated alarm system to monitor all system functions off site.

Town Manager Bates explained it would increase the cost and potentially cause damage to chemicals in the treatment process and referenced a letter from Fire Chief Kevin Pratt. He stated the Board of Selectmen need to decide whether they want it or not, but they need to make a formal decision at a business meeting.

Chief Kevin Pratt was present and explained this is a utility building, and it is common for this type of building not to be sprinkled.

Selectman J. Wood asked the urgency of this decision.

Town Manager Bates commented they need to move forward on the construction. He will bring it back at the next business meeting.

Other Business

Chairman Harold Wood announced that Congressman Jeb Bradley will hold a meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Torrent Hall to present Washington updates.

Adjourn

Motion by Selectman Welch to adjourn. Selectman Weldy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Sharpe
Executive Secretary