



**Northwood Board of Selectmen
Minutes of March 12, 2008**

Town Hall Northwood NH – March 12, 2008

Call to Order

Chairman Scott Bryer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Chairman Scott Bryer, Selectman Ken Curley, Selectman Alden Dill, and Town Administrator Paul Martel.

Citizen's Forum

Steve Preston presented the board with a handout noting recycling remembers of neighboring town's that he obtained from NHRAA. He requested permission to distribute the handout at town meeting. The board requested that the actual municipalities be noted on the breakdown prior to distributing.

Primex Presentation

David Witham and Shelley Waltz, from Primex, distributed a packet of information relative to what Primex has to offer for various types of insurances. Mr. Witham explained that Primex has been in existence since 1980. Currently there are about 400 members. Currently the Town of Northwood participates in Worker's Compensation since 1985 and recently added the property liability and health insurance programs. He noted that Primex also offers short and long term disability as well as unemployment compensation. Mr. Witham stated that he met with the board about 2 years ago and was present to provide an update on the town's performance.

Mr. Witham provided an overview of the materials in the packet. Overall the town's net cost for participating in the Primex system has been approximately \$151,000. Discussion ensued regarding the loss ratio for the town through 2002-2006.

General activity levels were mentioned, along with contributing factors, and loss ratios. Mr. Witham suggested that the town's safety committee or town administrator further review the activity level peaks and address loss ratios. He suggested another meeting to further discuss contributing factors in more detail.

Additional explanation was provided by Mr. Witham regarding the town's health program. Mr. Dill asked about a driver's education course. Mr. Witham encouraged the town to register for The Steven's Advanced Drivers Training Program, which is open to property liability members at no cost. He added that typically attendance is made up of fire personnel and law enforcement. He noted that he does not believe that anyone attends from Northwood.

Ms. Waltz spoke relative to the types of health insurance programs that Primex offers. She stated that the renewal time is now July. She noted that the increase was estimated at 9% and actually will be around 8%; however, final rates will not be available in April. A summary of the current HMO was provided and reviewed. She stated that the full premium cost increase will be \$11,266. figured with the 8% increase. Retirement information was also provided. Ms. Waltz added that for budgeting purposes a not to exceed number will be provided in November.



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Non-Public Session

6:30 ****Motion**** Mr. Curley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dill, to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c).

Roll Call Vote:

Selectman Curley-yes

Selectman Dill-yes

Selectman Bryer-yes

Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.

****Motion**** Mr. Curley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dill, to come out of non-public session under. Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.

****Motion**** Mr. Curley motioned to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Seconded by Mr. Dill. Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.

Town Administrator's Report

Appointments

Mr. Martel stated that he has received a request from John Lane to be reappointed to the Highway Advisory Committee for one year. ****Motion**** Mr. Curley motioned to appoint John Lane to the Highway Advisory Committee with a term to expire March 2009. Seconded by Mr. Bryer. Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.

Mr. Martel stated that Sue Robertson has requested to be appointed as a ballot clerk for a one year term. ****Motion**** Mr. Curley motioned to appoint Sue Robertson as a ballot clerk with a term to expire March 2009. Seconded by Mr. Dill. Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.

Mr. Martel stated that Marion Knox has requested to be re-appointed as a ballot clerk for a one year term, as well as three year terms for the facilities committee, and the highway advisory committee. ****Motion**** Mr. Curley motioned to appoint Marion Knox as a ballot clerk with a term to expire March 2009, and appoint Ms. Knox to the facilities and highway advisory committees, both with terms to expire in 2011. Seconded by Mr. Dill. Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.

Mr. Martel stated that Jim Wilson has requested to post the roads with a 6 ton limit. ****Motion**** Mr. Dill motioned to post the weight limits on the roads during the spring thaw. Seconded by Mr. Curley. Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.

Consent Calendar

Appointments

Cable Advisory Committee for Patricia Adams ~ 3 year term: 4/1/08 - 3/31/2011.

Emergency Management Committee for Steve Bailey ~ 3 year term: 4/1/08 - 3/31/2011.

Facilities Committee for Scott Vaughn ~ 3 year term: 4/1/08 - 3/31/2011. Oath of Office papers were signed by the board.

Recreation Committee for Scott Vaughn ~ 2 year term: 4/1/08 - 3/31/2010. Oath of Office papers were signed by the board.

Chief Officer of Northwood Fire/Rescue for George Ashford

Deputy Chief Officer of Northwood Fire/Rescue for Matthew Hotchkiss



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Northwood Fire/Rescue Member Application for Bryan Bruce

****Motion**** Mr. Curley motioned to appoint the above as read. Seconded by Mr. Dill. Mr. Bryer noted that the Northwood Fire/Rescue Member Application for Bryan Bruce would be pending a background check. **Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.**

Payroll Manifest #9

Payroll manifest in the amount of \$40,260.76. ****Motion**** Mr. Dill motioned to approve the payroll manifest. Seconded by Mr. Curley. **Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.** The payroll manifest was signed by the board.

The consent calendar was signed by the board.

Acceptance of Minutes

February 5, 2008: ****Motion**** Mr. Curley motioned to approve the minutes of February 5, 2008, as amended, as follows:

Page 1, Line 4: Chairman Bryer should be *Selectman Curley*

Page 4, Line 15: Add ...*not* be required.

Seconded by Mr. Dill. Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.

February 12, 2008: ****Motion**** Mr. Curley motioned to approve the minutes of February 12, 2008, as written. Seconded by Mr. Dill. **Motion passed unanimously; 3/0.**

The March 3, 2008 minutes were postponed.

Selectmen's Comments

Mr. Dill congratulated all candidates that won the elections. He also noted that there was a good turnout and thanked the public.

Mr. Curley congratulated Mr. Bryer on being re-elected to the board of selectmen. Mr. Bryer replied that he his happy to be in the position again and has enjoyed working with the current board members. He added that he is glad to have another opportunity to continue to help out the town and since he has worked to regain the stability within the town hall, he is glad to be able to continue to see that followed through.

Other

Town Meeting

A discussion was held regarding the upcoming town meeting. Mr. Bryer expressed concern with the expenditures of the snow line. In addition, he expressed concern with the fact that the school budget was reduced and this could occur at town meeting as well. He suggested proposing an increase to the budget to cover the snow lines. Mr. Curley stated that he agrees and added that the town's people are aware of all of the snow and may feel that the selectmen are not responding to reality. He added there is a need to increase the budget due to the significant amount of snow . Mr. Dill expressed concern with the fact that the paving budget is usually cut to offset the winter costs. He noted that paving costs have increased and the roads have significantly deteriorated this winter. He does not want to see money cut from the road reconstruction budget to offset the snow removal budget. The budget was further discussed.



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John Lane, as a member of the highway committee, stated that the budget should be increased to cover the exact amount that the plowing cost the town. He explained that a budget has been developed and now, due to the snow, the plowing line is short of funds and this line should be increased to a realistic figure including adding figures from November and December of 2007. Mr. Bryer stated that an analysis should be available showing what has been spent for November and December of 2007 as well as January through March for 2008 relative to the snow fall.

Mr. Bryer also requested an analysis for the new positions with figures of revenues for the transfer station. Mr. Bryer commented that he supports the proposed budget that will be presented. Further discussion ensued regarding additional information and materials necessary for Saturday's town meeting.

Mr. Dill noted that Police Chief D'Alessandro and Lieutenant Drolet will be at town meeting.

Citizen's Forum

Ms. Lane noted that there was a ZBA meeting at her house on March 4 regarding RSA 674:41, for private roads, Class V, and Class VI roads. She added that 17 people attended along with ZBA counsel Jed Callen. Mr. Dill stated that he feels that this is a very important issue for the ZBA that will affect the back land in the town. He explained that this relates to whether building permits will be granted on lots with no frontage, accessed by an easement only. Mr. Dill urged the board members to attend the next ZBA meeting.

7:30 p.m. **Motion Mr. Dill motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Curley. The motion passed; 3/0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Fellows-Weaver
Board Secretary