



Selectmen's Meeting Summary May 4, 2011

Selectman Ken Ross-Raymond, Chair	Present
Selectwoman Karen Sheldon	Present
Selectman Pete Ballou	Present
Administrative Assistant Margaret Warren	Present
Office Assistant Kathie Downes	Present

Visitors: Sign in sheet attached with original summary on file.

Chairman Ross-Raymond called meeting to order at 6:00 PM. First order of business is non-public session RSA 91-A:3,II (b) - discussion of candidates for part-time police chief position. **Roll Call vote taken and all voted to go into non-public session at 6:05 PM.**

Returned to public session at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Ross-Raymond announced the meeting is being recorded by Board and Kathleen Doyle.

Chairman Ross-Raymond stated that LGC will move ahead reposting of position for part-time police chief. He also announced that the Board made motion not to seal this non-public session summary.

Also reminded general public that the BOS Meeting is open to public and we have a standard operating policy regarding public input – SOP 08-001. He gave a quick overview of this policy. (Copy attached to original meeting summary.)

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Review and Approve Minutes of last meeting
 - April 20, 2011 – **Selectwoman Sheldon motioned to accept the meeting summary as written, Selectman Ballou seconded. All voted in favor.**
- Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers – **Select board motioned to accept.**

Jim Mason-Barn Store: Requesting renewal of state license to sell pistols under Chapter 159 NH revised statute annotated. Board reviewed and signed.

Departments:

- **Cemetery Trustee Position:** BOS received letter of interest from Lisa Stern to fill the vacant Cemetery Trustee position until March 13, 2012. Trustees support Ms. Stern in this endeavor. **Selectman Ballou motioned to appoint Lisa Stern as Cemetery Trustee to next town meeting, Selectwoman Sheldon seconded. All voted in favor.** Oath administered by Chairman Ross-Raymond.

- **Highway Update:** Road Agent MacDuffie:
 - Grading dirt roads – just couple left to complete.
 - AA Warrant stated that Beck and Belluci will be doing bridge joint and final paving at Pingree Bridge next week. She also asked about the stone to be moved to Salisbury school for Liberty Tree plaque. Selectman Ross-Raymond and RA MacDuffie will work on this endeavor.
 - Selectmen thanked Mr. MacDuffie for donating time and delivery of dirt for ball field.

Salisbury MVSD Board Members: Mark Hutchins and David Longnecker

Selectman Ross-Raymond explained that the Board asked the Salisbury School Board members to come for general discussion regarding school district issues as they relate to Salisbury. 2/3rd of Town's operating budget goes to the school. Mark Hutchins stated that the MVSB has twelve monthly meetings that are open to the public as well separate committee meetings. Once a year they typically hold a special meeting for Selectmen from the five towns in the district. Coming to these meetings would help citizens to keep up with what is going on in the district. Both Hutchins and Longnecker also stated they are more than happy to come to quarterly meetings with the BOS.

General discussion followed about the MVSD issues. Curriculum, busing, teaching and methods of teaching and learn and the need and want for quality education by all. International baccalaureate – which is an inquiry based program that MVSD is considering implementing K-12.

The importance of knowing that the three unions in the school district came to the School Board with suggestions on how to reduce budget without layoffs. School administration and school board have a good working rapport.

To get more information there is a MVSD website that can be accessed and the town website has the link.

Some questions from those attending were:

- Has the district considered contracting out the busing – as it might save money? *For many years did contract with Concord – costs kept going up – in long run it is more economical to do own busing.*
- What about eliminating the dual busing. *If the district were to switch back to one bus run for all students – there would be costs associated with having to increase the number of buses – it is more economical way it is being done at this time.*
- Where do buses fill up for fuel? *Go to Concord and get state rate.*
- Where is the process at to become IB school? *Applications for IB school is being implemented – need to be accepted for this. Cost will be covered by federal monies.*
- What is IB school? *Approach to teaching – inquiry based learning – way to engage all children at all grade levels.*

Board thanked both Mark and David for coming and next quarterly meeting was sent for September 21 at 7 PM.

Senator Andy Sanborn: Senator Sanborn came into meeting to give a quarterly update as he indicated he would. He gave a general overview of his involvement with the budget process in the Senate.

- Discussing the Governor's budget, House budget and Senate budget process.
- Talked about not putting the burden of funds needed onto the property owners.
- The need to reduce the size of state government.
- Looking at reforming business and government relationships.
- Looking for real cuts without hurting the needy.
- Talked about the idea of privatizing state prison, selling Cannon Mtn, looking at retirement system and educational funding.
- Modernize state government – how money is processed and paperwork that could be eliminated to save dollars.
- Constitutional amendment being worked on – to bring decisions back to locals – this is something that would be voted on by public at November election.

General comments/questions from public in attendance:

- Why do you think privatizing prison would be more economical? *State Prison in Concord is very old – takes lots of \$ to keep it running. Physical cost to house the prisons, keep the facilities in running order, etc. The cost for state employees is up – salary plus benefits.*
- Why not move prisoners to band new prison in Berlin? *Can't – it is a federal prison – not a state prison.*
- But do have a more modern prison in the north that is not used.
- Why sell Cannon Mtn – wouldn't we do better if it was rented? *It is costing money – there is need for physical improvements – and what is the role of government – are we in business of being in business.*
- General observation – it looks like the House got the message and now Senate is putting things back in budget – where is that headed. *Senate is conservative – at end of day amount spent will be no different than House budget – question is where the money is going. Most important is the have good roads, public safety, helping with mental health, disabled and those in need.*
- What about state mandates – funded vs. not funded. *Not how our state is suppose to work - If it is a state mandate – it has to be funded.*
- Right to work law? *People should have right to work without having to pay into unions. Evergreen law – contracts with union will never expire – Senate repealed this law.*
- What happens to state employees if prison is privatized? *Some jobs will be lost. But large portion of positions lost are vacant and no one actually loses job.*
- Heard DOT may be privatized. *That bill has gone to interim study.*
- Why is DOT spending money on round about in Boscawen – more important places for money – like Route 127? *Not sure how much is state vs. federal funds.*

Senator Sanborn wrapped up session by saying he is our advocate – if you have questions, concerns or want a bill presented contact him. His office number is 271-3073 and cell phone is 682-1165. Selectmen thanked Senator Sanborn for addressing the group and look forward to next quarterly update.

Old Business:

- Selectman Ross-Raymond thanked Kathleen Doyle and Anne Breen for all their hard work on the ball field. – it really looks great.
- Pingree Bridge Update:
 - Beck and Bellucci and subcontractors will return this week to complete the work on the Pingree Bridge project.
 - End of this week stone walls on Hodges and Zampino properties will be constructed.
 - Next week plantings at all four corners, Hodges fencing and possibly bridge joint and final paving.
 - Week of May 16-20 - anything not completed will be and final inspection with NHDOT will be scheduled.
 - Road Agent MacDuffie will get the sand swept off the bridge.
 - Change order will be forthcoming – no increase to the construction contract amount as a result of this order. The project will be completed under budget.
- Bidding/Quote SOP Updated: Final review. **Selectwoman Sheldon made motion to approve and sign revised SOP 93-005; Selectman Ballou seconded. All voted in favor.**
- MS5 – prescribed form for the year ending 2010 for DRA signed by Selectmen and will be sent to DRA.
- AA Warren followed up with Fire Chief re: Scott Air Packs – should be delivered May 13th.
- Building Inspector reported that work will begin to repair the house at the Lovlien property May 15th.
- Selectwoman Sheldon asked if Jerry Lorden had responded to BOS inquiry for exit interview. Kathie noted she had called and spoken with Mrs. Lorden and followed up with email – but has not heard back from Mr. Lorden.

New Business:

- Selectman Ross-Raymond reported that Webster's Chief of Police asked if Salisbury would reimburse Webster \$300 (half of cost for graduation) for joint DARE graduation which will be held at Salisbury Elementary School. AA Warren confirmed money is in budget and all that is needed is an invoice from Webster. **Selectman Ballou made motion to reimburse Webster upon receipt of invoice, Selectwoman Sheldon seconded. All voted in favor.**
- Selectman Ross-Raymond reported that Roy Downes who maintains the town grounds has asked for help with the cleaning up of the sand from the paved part at safety building. Perhaps fire department / explorers can hose the sand off the pavement.
- Selectwoman Sheldon publicly thanked Roy Downes for the cleaning up of the town grounds at Town Hall and Historical buildings. There was a substantial amount of dirt/sand/rocks that had to be removed from the grass area this year. Selectman Ballou noted this is an area that they might want to look at when doing the CIP – to possibly pave the driveway there and at Academy Hall.

Public Comments:

- **Kathleen Doyle:** What is the cost for advertising for chief? *Cost is approximately \$700 for advertising in NH Sunday News and Concord Monitor twice. It will be an open posting until filled.*
- **Gayle Landry:** As an elected official for the town, she feels the accusatory comments at a previous meeting were uncalled for and unjust. She has found Margaret Warren helpful, respectful and profession in every way and can always be counted on

- **Rick Chandler:** Does money come from Police Dept budget. *Yes.*
- **Sandy Miller:** What is the graduation with Webster? *It is the DARE Program.*

Other: All business that shall legally come before the Board
Non-Public Session: (as necessary)

Selectwoman Sheldon made motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM; Selectman Ballou seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathie Downes
Municipal Office Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the May 18, 2011 Meeting.

Selectmen, Town of Salisbury