

## Selectmen's Meeting

September 29, 2004

Present: John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present. Vinal out for medical treatment.

The proposed Middle School project was presented by Josiah Pierce, Chairman of the School Board and Sylvia Pease, School Superintendent. Sylvia Pease reviewed the proposed design concept of the building on blue prints with space provided for Guidance Councilors, Principal, Nurse's office and the School Administration Offices. Site was approved last Spring by the State Board. Mr. Pierce and Ms. Pease attended a subcommittee meeting last Thursday and will be going before the State Board in October to have them approve the concept design. The Shoppers Guide has an ad showing the proposed design for review by the community prior to a straw vote meeting on Wednesday, October 6th to see what kind of community support there will be for the project. Anticipated savings projected from no longer renting the portables at South Hiram school and the State paying \$165,000 for the Administrative Office portion of the building will offset the costs.

The feasibility of a bus loop connector between the three schools for ease of pick up and drop off of students was also proposed. The Superintendent stated that it was decided not to pursue a connector road between the three schools because it involved relocation of septic, oil tanks, and poles at the South Hiram school costing \$300,000 in addition to the cost of the road construction.

Telephone call was made to John Cleveland to discuss contractor invoices for the Fire Barn. Mr. Cleveland requested that Diane Harrington make direct payments to the supplier, Brill Lumber, and to pay the carpenter, Mr. Finnan, labor directly to him.

John Cleveland to set up meeting between Mr. and Mrs. Eddy of Heli Modified and the Selectmen to review the lease option for Heli Modified which expires at the end of the year. John will try to set up meeting on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. John Barton came before the Selectmen to clarify his intention to hold a guitar workshop as a "community service" program in hopes acquiring approval for rental of Pike Hall. The Town's position regarding rental of Pike Hall with regard to American with Disabilities Act was explained to Mr. Barton. Mr. Barton will be sponsoring the workshop with Bill Johnson who is applying for his non-profit status. It was suggested that Mr. Barton present non-profit compliance paperwork to the Town. Peggi asked Diane to investigate the legal position of the Town with MMA if we were to allow Mr. Barton to hold his workshop as a "community service" with no fee to the attendees. Mr. Barton requested that if Pike Hall is not an option, he would like to seek permission for use of the lower level which is ADA compliant.

Diane presented letter for the Selectmen's signature to Mr. David Brandt stating that there is no pending or threatened litigation against the Town. Letter requested by Mr. Mowry the auditor.

Letter requesting Selectmen approval for a road sign to be put up on corner of South Hiram road and Route 25 to direct traffic to the Teen Camp. Selectmen approval needed for DOT to act on the camp's request. Motion made and seconded to approve request for sign.

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Diane presented for signature several quick claim deeds for; Calvin Lewis; Gary and Dorothy Estes and also Lloyd Sargent.

In response to a call to the Town Office regarding the presentation of the Boston Post Cane at the Apple Festival to the oldest resident of Cornish, Peggy Aspinall clarified that the term "resident" applied to year round status as opposed to being a taxpayer and residing here for the Summer months. In question was whether Evelyn Webster should have the title as she was older than Gladys Davis by one year.

As requests for use of the Town's tables and chairs continues to increase Diane asked if it would be reasonable to require a deposit on the table and chair loans. Some individuals are slow in returning the borrowed items and she has had to phone some individuals repeatedly to retrieve the tables and chairs. Motion made and seconded to require a \$25.00 deposit on tables and chairs borrowed from the Town.

The Animal Control Officer position needs to be filled. Request made to join with Porter, Parsonsfield, and Hiram in collective search for a replacement. Motion made and seconded by the Selectmen to advertise with the adjoining towns for a replacement.

Letter of complaint from Mr. Lehoux requesting tree trimming on Thompson Street because they are obstructing view. Diane will contact DOT to evaluate the complaint and ask that DOT report back to the Town Offices with their findings.

Motion made and accepted by Selectmen to run a notice in the Shopping Guide explaining the effects of the Palesky Initiative on our Town in dollars and cents to show impact on town services.

Reviewed the status of items to be addressed from prior meeting.


- 1) SMRPC letter requires a Public Hearing to discuss the Adoption of the York County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Notice to appear in Shopping Guide on 10/6/04 informing residents of a Public Meeting to review and vote to adopt the plan at the next Selectman's meeting on October 13, 2004.
- 2) Letter to Adelpia requesting a re-count of house density has been drafted but needs to be amended to specifically request that Hessian Hill Road be reviewed.
- 3) Diane's request to correct the billing discrepancies of the accounts used for the CMP bills will be tabled until next Selectman's meeting when Vinal will be present to provide an update on his review of the bills with Scott Pingree.
- 4) Diane sent letter out using the Tinkham property as the comp in response to Mr. Phillip's request for a more accurate assessment of his residence in the Saco Woods development.
- 5) In response to Mr. Barton's appeal for use of the Pike Hall, Diane was asked by the Selectmen to contact MMA and qualify the Town's legal position in regards to Mr. Barton's use of Pike Hall and report her findings at the next meeting.


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The minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed. The accounts payable and payroll were signed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

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Vinal Pendexter

  
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John Palmer

  
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Margaret Aspinall