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Selectmen:
John Spear
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Board of Selectmen/Assessor's Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Called to Order: 8:00p.m.

Present: Selectmen: John Spear, Penelope Alley and Jeffrey Northgraves
Assessor's Agent: Bert Taylor
Ambulance Director: Rich Norman
Administrative Assistant: Barbara Black

I. Recognize Guests:

None

II. Recognize Departments:

Assessors' Agent: Bert Taylor

a) Mr. Taylor updated the Selectmen on the Personal Property Tax Forms that was mailed to businesses in South Thomaston on January 06, 2009. To date, only one business has responded. There have been several questions of clarification/information asked by business owners. The deadline for all businesses to file their declarations is March 30, 2009.

b) The Selectmen were also informed of a Mid-Coast Assessors Association meeting in Rockland on January 14 that the Assessor's Agent will attend to discuss with mid-coast realtors the trends in the housing market in the general mid-coast region. This meeting will be followed in February with the Property Tax Division of the Maine Revenue Service.

c) Mr. Taylor gave an update on the progress of the LD1 planning worksheet for the 2009 budget. He stated that he had worked with the State Planning Office via phone on January 13, 2009 to verify rates and procedures. He and Barbara verified and filled in some of the necessary figures to calculate the LD1 limit. Although she is far ahead in her budget process, there are still two figures needed in order to finalize the LD1 cap for the 2009 municipal budget.

d) Mr. Taylor also brought to the attention of the Selectmen a need to revisit the current neighborhood delineations that were defined during the 2005 town wide revaluation. He will provide more information and a possible proposal for some re-alignment to the Selectmen after a more thorough review.

Ambulance Director: Richard Norman

Mr. Norman informed the Board he was greatly disappointed after reading the minutes of October 18th, 2008, in which Chief Calderwood stated the Ambulance Service was not working on the NIMS requirements. Mr. Norman stated he had been in contact with Mr. Calderwood on several occasions regarding the NIMS requirements and worked with him to have the town in compliance by the deadline.

Code Enforcement Officer: Lawrence Terrio

a) Recycler's License- Roger Young

Tabled – Mr. Young and the Code Enforcement Officer were not present



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III. New Business:

a) Appointment: Board of Appeals– Kent Woodward
Jeffrey Northgraves made a motion to appoint Kent Woodward to the Planning Board of Appeals for a term of three years, until (2011). Penelope Alley seconded the motion.

Board approved: 3-0.

b) Mid-Coast Executive Board Nomination(s):

Jeffrey Northgraves made a motion to nominate John Spear for a two year term. Penelope Alley seconded the motion.

Board approved: 2-0 John Spear abstained.

c) Budget Workshop:

The Board set a date of January 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. for a 2009 Budget Workshop.

IV. Old Business:

a) Discussion of Investments of Randall Hopkins Funds:

Selectmen Jeffrey Northgraves informed the Board he has contacted Curtis Investments and is waiting for a reply.

b) Power Outages on Spruce Head Island:

Barbara Black contacted Dave Foss the Central Maine Power Regional Manager regarding the power outages/safety issues on Spruce Head Island. Central Maine Power will look over the problem area and contact the town office.

c) Disbanded Fire Association Funds & Plaque:

Barbara Black will seek more information regarding the funds.

d) Emergency Management: Draft for NIMS Policy for New Hires:

The Board reviewed the draft. Barbara Black will amend the Personnel Policy for review at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

e) Draft Personnel Policy Amendments:

Tabled- until the NIMS Policy is added to the Personnel Policy.

V. Other Business:

Review Correspondence

a) Trekkers

The letter from Trekkers requests permission to hold a bike ride through parts of the Town on June 13th, 2009. The Board appreciated the letter so the Public Safety Departments can be notified. Barbara Black will respond on behalf of the Board and notify the Fire and Ambulance Departments of the date.

VI. Administration:

a) Authorized Treasurer's Warrants:

b) Approved Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for December 09th, 2008:

c) Reviewed Check Reconciliation for December, 2008:

d) Reviewed Preliminary Proposed 2009 Budget:



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VII. Adjournment:

9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Black
Administrative Assistant