

MEREDITH TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2009

The regular meeting of the Meredith Town Board was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at the Meredith Town Hall. The following were in attendance:

Supervisor: Keitha Capouya

Council Members: Ronald Bailey
Daniel Birnbaum
Roger Hamilton
Paul Menke

Highway Superintendent: William Jester

Clerk: Sandra Schmidt
Deputy: Yvonne Osterhout
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The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

REGULAR TOWN BUSINESS:

The Highway Superintendent presented his report for the month of January 2009.

1. The Town should receive money from FEMA for the ice storm in 2008.
2. Road grit can still be purchased at last year's price, and we need more.

A motion to accept the report was made by Ronald Bailey, seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes for December 09, 2008 as corrected, was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes for January 06, 2009, as corrected, was made by Ronald Bailey, seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes for January 13, 2009, was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes for January 15, 2009, was made by Paul Menke, seconded by Ronald Bailey and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes for January 21, 2009, as corrected, was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

The Deputy Clerk presented the Town Clerk's report for the month of January 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Ronald Bailey, seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

The Supervisor presented her financial report for the month of January 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

A motion to table the 2008 Annual Report of the Town Clerk until March's meeting, to allow more time for the Supervisor and the new Town Clerk to review. The motion was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Justices' 2008 Annual Reports submitted by William Field and Nejla Camponeschi. A motion to accept the Justices' Reports was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.

VOUCHERS:

The warrant for the General Fund vouchers #15 - #38 totaling \$ 6,020.49 was reviewed and corrected. A motion for payment of the General vouchers was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

The warrant for the Highway Fund vouchers #18 - #39 totaling \$ 37,054.04 was reviewed and corrected. A motion for payment of the Highway vouchers was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum at 8:05 to go into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates to fill the vacant Planning Board positions, seconded by Ronald Bailey and approved unanimously. The Supervisor read the Public Officers Law Section 105 (f) that permits executive session to conduct the interviewing of candidates to fill the Planning Board positions.

Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 8:53.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from the Meredith Dairyfest requesting a waiver of the requirement for the presence of a doctor, since the entire emergency squad will be there, as well as a waiver of the \$250.00 permit application fee. A motion granting both waivers was made by Paul Menke and seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.
2. Letters received from Time Warner concerned a rate increase and possible program changes. Roxbury Arts Group wrote about their new grant schedules.
3. A letter of resignation from the Planning Board was received from Jeanne Sands. Ronald Bailey suggested a letter of appreciation for her service on the Planning Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Building & Grounds Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss installation of a surge protector at the Town Hall, since lightning strikes on the cell tower will put the building at increased risk.
2. Keitha advised the Board that Scotty Gladstone will be coming to speak about the Stream Corridor Management program during the March 10th meeting.
3. The revised watershed rules and regulations letter was tabled until the March 10th meeting.
4. The final 2008 budget adjustments for 2008, as follow, were accepted, and the following resolution was made:

General Budget adjustment

1355.1 over \$.08
1355.4 (\$.08) to correct

1670.4 over \$ 88.98
3510.4 over \$ 80.00
1910.1 over \$746.14
1920.2 over \$130.00
3620.1 over \$420.00
7310.1(\$1465.12) to correct

Highway Budget adjustment

9060.8 over \$3526.25
9010.8 (\$3526.25) to correct

RESOLUTION # 22 - 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Ronald Bailey to accept the final 2008 budget adjustments, seconded by Roger Hamilton and passed by the following vote:

K. Capouya – aye
R. Bailey – aye
D. Birnbaum – aye
R. Hamilton – aye
P. Menke – aye

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 23 – 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Ronald Bailey to appoint William Turick to finish out the remaining two years of Jeanne Sands term on the Planning Board. It was seconded by Roger Hamilton and passed by the following vote:

K. Capouya – nay
R. Bailey – aye
D. Birnbaum – nay
R. Hamilton – aye
P. Menke – aye

RESOLUTION # 24 – 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Ronald Bailey to appoint Christine Alexander to serve out the remaining six years of Nancy Turick’s term on the Planning Board. It was seconded by Roger Hamilton and passed by the following vote:

K. Capouya – aye
R. Bailey – aye
D. Birnbaum – aye
R. Hamilton – aye
P. Menke – aye

A motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Roger Hamilton, to adjourn the regular meeting to Executive Session at 9:30 pm, for the purpose of discussing union negotiations and other ongoing legal matters.

Daniel Birnbaum was designated to take minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Schmidt
Town Clerk

At 9:52 pm Daniel Birnbaum made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

Ronald Bailey made a motion at 9:58 to adjourn the regular meeting seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Birnbaum
Deputy Supervisor