

**SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**  
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 – 6:00 PM  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

6:00pm - Environmental Protection Agency – Proposed Remedy Change for the South Municipal Water Supply Well Superfund Site Public Information Meeting

**ELECTION OF SELECT BOARD CHAIR**

**APPOINTMENTS**

7:15pm – Representative Andy Peterson – Legislative Update

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. RGGI Grant Application for Alternative Energy Showcase at the Armory

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Board and Committee Liaison Selection
2. Review of 2010 Board and Committee Appointments and Vacancies
3. Review and Approval of Minutes of January 19, February 2, February 23, April 28, and May 6, 2010

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Correspondence:*

1. Expenditure and Revenue status reports as of March 31, 2010
2. Pamela Brenner to Sandra Ortin and Caroline Sevier re: Timber Tax Assessment, 4/20/10
3. Fran Chapman to ConVal School Board re: District Food Service Program 4/27/10
4. Comcast to Select Board re: channel lineup changes and price listing updates, 4/29/10
5. Tom Weeks to Scott Mackenzie re: notice of violation, 5/5/10

*Minutes:*

1. Conservation Commission, 3/25/10

*Building Permits:*

1. 354 Summer Street – Joanne Carr – 12x14 foot deck addition
2. 6 School Street – Bruce & Susan Hunter Revocable Trust – repair fire damage
3. 27 Treadwell Lane – Michael Magnifico – remodel existing deck and deck addition
4. Morison Road – Peterboroug Retirement Community Patricia B. Wright – Cottage #17 – finish portion of basement and bookcases on first floor
5. 213 Concord Street – AMS One, LLC – remodel existing Dunkin Donuts
6. 458 Old Street Road – Old Street Road Realty, LLC – convert existing physical therapy space into 2 exam rooms and 1 treatment room
7. 313 Old Greenfield Road – Matthew and Hillary Holian – Convert garage to family room
8. 261 Old Greenfield Road – Robin and Leslie Kenney – bathroom remodel
9. 49 High Street – Monadnock Country Club – replace existing Verizon Wireless panels on tower
10. 20 Old Sharon Road – Egar Morris III – Repair fire damage

**ADJOURN**



**MINUTES**  
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**Present:** Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Thomas

**Also Present:** Pamela Brenner, Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay

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**6:00pm – Public Information Meeting – Environmental Protection Agency Regarding Proposed Remedy Change for the South Municipal Water supply Well Superfund Site**

**Kevin Heine**, Remedial Project Manager began the presentation by stating that this public meeting is to inform all interested parties of the proposed change to the ongoing action at the New Hampshire Ball Bearings Superfund site. The public hearing on the proposed remedy change will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and will have a stenographer present who will record all questions and enter them into the record. He also announced that written comments will be taken either by mail or email beginning tomorrow, and added that the EPA takes all comments very seriously, and will review them before making a final decision. The amendment to the record of decision will announce the final remedy to the site, probably in the Fall of 2010. All documents that the EPA has used to prepare this plan are available for viewing at the Town Library and at the record center in Boston. Some documents are also available online at [www.epa.gov/epa/southmuni](http://www.epa.gov/epa/southmuni). The proposed plan that has been handed out tonight includes an overview of the site history, the activities, and the current site conditions. The reason for this proposal is that in 2008 the EPA determined that the existing remedy is not protective nor is it functioning as intended. The 2009 Focused Feasibility Study presents new remedial alternatives for some mass reduction and containment plume management. **Mr. Heine** then gave a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the contamination, its point source, its concentration and its extent.

**Chair Miller** asked what has been done to clean up the contamination up to this point. **Chris Rawnsley** of NHBB said that they have been extracting water from the ground, treating it and pumping the clean water out into the wetlands. Since then the science has moved on, and they have learned that they could treat it in a way that can prevent the contaminant from moving off site and actually destroy it. The five year review process found that the current process wasn't working efficiently enough. **Ms. Thomas** said that it was her understanding that the contaminants are at the bedrock level, and as the water is pumped up it takes the contaminants up with it. **Mr. Rawnsley** said that was correct. **Ms. Thomas** said that she thought it was working; **Mr. Heine** said that for the first 16 months it did work, but after six months of pump tests at the South Well, the contaminants were being pulled. **Mr. Byk** asked who is the fiscally responsible party; **Mr. Rawnsley** said that NHBB is the potentially responsible party.

**Eva Davis** of the EPA began her presentation of the proposed thermal remediation therapy; how it works, where it has been used, and how it may be applied at the South Well, the potential risks, and monitoring and mitigation of those risks. She explained that by adding heat to the subsurface they can mobilize the volatile compounds and treat them above ground. Thermal technologies have been proven to be able to recover contaminants from the subsurface, and to do so quickly. Also, the fact that these contaminants are under buildings does not prevent this method from working. The challenge of this type of remediation is that a large amount of energy is needed for a relatively short time. Drilling is required to install wells for energy input and contamination extraction, and the vapors must be controlled. The most commonly used thermal technologies are steam injection and extraction, which is best suited for large, deep sites, not one with these characteristics. The other is Thermal Conductive Heating which relies on very high temperatures; that may be used here. Electrical Resistance Heating is the most widely used method. This process involves installing electrodes in the subsurface. Then current is applied to the electrodes, which is carried by water in soil pores. Dissipated energy heats the soils, and a vacuum extracts the vaporized contaminants, and the vapors are treated above ground.

**Ms. Thomas** asked if this will work; **Ms. Davis** said that a total of 100 sites have been remediated with thermal remediation. This process has been very successful heating the soils, raising the soil to the boiling point of water. **Chair Miller** asked if the other sites were also contaminated with VOCs. **Ms. Davis** said that they were, and that VOCs are one of the easiest to clean-up. She showed a slide that demonstrated the process, and said that these technologies were first developed in the 1990's, and were not commercially available when the first remediation plan for the NHBB site was drafted. **Ms. Davis** then reviewed the sites in the northeast that have been treated with thermal technologies.

**Chair Miller** asked what would be the consequences if the vapors escaped during the process. **Ms. Davis** said that the

risk would be for the workers in the area. If that were to happen, they would increase the vacuum and slow down the input of energy into the subsurface. If it were something to do with the above ground treatment system, they would it down until the problem was shown to be corrected. There followed a number of technical questions from those present about the nature of the process and the possible outcomes.

### **Representative Andy Peterson – Legislative Update**

**Representative Peterson** began by saying that the state is in the midst of a significant problem in Concord. **Rep. Peterson** distributed a chart that compares the House and Senate versions of the budget. He said that he voted against the House version, and intends to vote against the Senate version as well. Mr. Byk said that he has tried to figure out the Republican position, if there is such a generic position, however it seems that the Republicans oppose generally the Democrat proposals, saying that there should have been cuts a long time ago, however there have been no specific recommendations. He asked how the Republicans would solve the crisis. **Rep. Peterson** said that he is an independent-minded Republican, and has little patience for the extreme hard line, talking-points approach to public policy. Representative Neil Kirk of Ware recommended cuts to the biennial budget last year, and many of those have been reconsidered by the majority party as time passed. In the fiscal process you have to project revenues and spending. There is a gap, and that gap is anticipated to increase due to low tax receipts. The reason the budget balanced last year was because of stimulus money, which was used to balance the budget and not to stimulate the economy. He said that he believes that there are many things that can be done to more efficiently run the State government, including reviewing commissions and their budgets, keeping a close eye on the Department of Health and Human Services expenses. He said that he is concerned about the cuts made to the Judiciary system. At this time there is a \$6 million cut to the Meals and Rooms sharing with municipalities. The House Finance Committee created a package that made about \$37 million in cuts to the budget, and borrowed about \$65million to balance the budget, and presented it to the House. He said that he voted against the bill, and it was ultimately killed in the Senate. The Senate sent back bill HB 1128, and it is widely believed that the bill will be killed in the House, and there will be no plan in place. At that point, the leaders of the House and Senate will go to the Governor and ask him to call a special session.

**Rep. Peterson** continued, saying that we are starting to see the seams pop on basic state services that people have always expected. We are a rich state, and to say that we have to turn our backs on people who have no reasonable opportunity to provide for themselves is morally deficient and wrong. We are threatened with doing so because we have not dealt with the hole in education funding. He said that he has suggested a low rate statewide property tax with a reasonable exemption for a primary residence. With that plan, the State would not have to rob communities, and there would be a reasonable base to budget from. There was a further discussion of the proposed Homestead Act, and **Rep. Peterson** directed interested persons to his website. The Board thanked **Rep. Peterson** for his presentation.

### **Election of Select Board Chair**

**Chair Miller** said that she has enjoyed representing the Town as the Select Board Chair. Both **Ms. Thomas** and **Mr. Byk** said that she had done a great job as the Board's ambassador for the last two years.

#### **Motion:**

**Chair Miller** made a motion that **Mr. Byk** be named as Select Board Chair for the upcoming year; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

#### **Vote:**

**Chair Miller, Ms. Thomas** and **Mr. Byk** voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

### **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Grant Application**

**Mr. Bartlett** explained that RGGI grants are managed by the Public Utilities Commission. This round of grants was advertised in the beginning of May. The driving force behind the grant is the reduction in greenhouse gasses, either by way of fuel management, or by generation of electricity. The proposal being considered is to look at the Armory property and not only retrofit the facility, but also incorporate wind, solar and biomass technology and open it as a green energy showcase and display center. MEDC has enthusiastically agreed to partner in this project by operating the showcase and incorporating an incubator space, as well as administer a revolving fund that would be the largest component of the ongoing program. A number of local companies, including particularly Froling Energy, are considering becoming part of this enterprise, should the application be successful.

The entire grant proposal is clearly in excess of \$1million, and fits into Category II of the RGGI program. **Mr. Bartlett** added that this application fits well with all the GHG-reducing initiatives that the Town has already engaged in, particularly the wood pellet boilers in the Library and the Police Station, the energy efficiency technology engineered into the future wastewater treatment plant, and the wood pellet boiler retrofit scheduled for late summer at the Town House.

**Mr. Bartlett** concluded by saying that staff and partners in the project are in the early stages of putting the application together, and part of that process is getting the Select Board's approval to apply.

**Motion:**

**Chair Miller** made a motion to authorize **Rodney Bartlett** to apply for the 2010 Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative grant; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

**Vote:**

**Chair Miller, Ms. Thomas** and **Mr. Byk** voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

The Board agreed to move the Board and Committee Liaison Selection and Review of Vacancies items to the Select Board Retreat agenda.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:**

**Ms. Thomas** made a motion to accept the minutes of January 19, February 2, February 23, April 28 and May 6, 2010; **Mr. Byk** seconded.

**Vote:**

**Ms. Thomas, Mr. Byk** and **Chair Miller** voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

**Chair Miller** told the Board that she had received a call from Willard Williams, owner of the Toadstool Bookshop, asking if she would support the "Buy Local" campaign; she distributed copies of a letter of support she had written. **Ms. Thomas** suggested that she add that "Local businesses are at the heart of our sense of community."

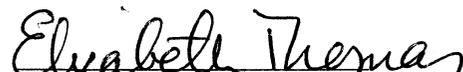
As there was no further business, **Mr. Byk** made a motion to adjourn; **Ms. Thomas** seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole MacStay, Assistant to the Town Administrator

PETERBOROUGH  
SELECT BOARD:

  
Barbara A. Miler, Chair

  
Joe Byk

  
Elizabeth M. Thomas

