

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller

Donald Parkhurst, Paul Sullivan, Steve Jones, Bob Lambert, Gordon Kemp, Jennifer Duffy

Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Nancie Vaihinger, Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Senator Andy Sanborn

Sen. Sanborn thanked the Board for having him, and said that he would come to a meeting at least once a quarter, if not more often. He said that he is working on two issues important to Peterborough; SB 326 which has to do with flood control and the 1953 Merrimack River Compact, where the state has been required to compensate communities for the value of the land lost when dams were built. He said that after working hard a resolution was found and became RSA 122:4. This law ensures that the state will pay the communities, but there continues to be a conflict as to whether or not New Hampshire should pay the communities first and then go to Massachusetts for reimbursement. He said that his concern is that DRA has only put in an appropriation for about 30% of the money due to the towns. The upcoming budget will be difficult with a lot of pressure coming from healthcare and so forth, however as concerns the compact he is concerned that if a way isn't found to encourage Governor Hassan to include 100% in the budget then we will lose ground. There was a discussion about the relationship between New Hampshire and Massachusetts and the details of the compact.

Sen. Sanborn said that the second issue is the status of the State Aid Grants (SAG). Some years ago the state decided it would be wise to invest in large water, sewer and landfill closure projects. In 2008 the State stopped paying its 30% share of the bonds, downshifting that responsibility to the communities. Today there are 35 communities that represent 100 projects and 60% of the state's population who are now bearing the brunt of the state's downshifting. He said that he has proposed legislation to require that the State pays the 2014 and 2015 portion of their obligation, and asked the Board to reach out to local representatives and ask them to sign the legislation. He said that he feels comfortable that this can pass the Senate, but even if it passes the house he is concerned that it will not be in the governor's budget. The Select Board thanked Sen. Sanborn for speaking with them.

Appointment of Officer Xenakis

Ms. Brenner said that **Officer Xenakis** was unable to attend this meeting, but will introduce himself to the Board at their next meeting.

Motion:

Mr. Byk made a motion to appoint Officer George Xenakis as a part-time Peterborough Police Officer; **Chair Miller** seconded.

Vote:

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

Review and Approval of the minutes of January 3, 2013

Mr. Byk noted one correction.

Motion:

Mr. Byk made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; **Chair Miller** seconded.

Vote:

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

Planning & Community Development Director Job Description

Chair Miller said that the Board met with a team and amended the job description. **Ms. Brenner** said that staff has composed a job posting which she would like the Board to review before publishing it.

Public Hearing – Acceptance of Unanticipated Monies

Chair Miller opened the Public Hearing at 5:36pm. **Ms. Brenner** explained that the Board is required by RSA 31:95-b to hold a public hearing to accept gifts and grants. Grants have been received towards providing a match to the NEA Our Town grant which will pay for a community arts needs assessment. Town has also received a grant from the Arthur and Delores Daniels Foundation for the renovation of the Community Center kitchen; a public hearing to accept those funds will be held at a later date. **Mr. Bartlett** explained how the grants for the NEA match were obtained. There were no comments from the public. **Chair Miller** recognized Mr. Bartlett for initiating a successful \$70,000 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for the Community Center kitchen which was just announced, and will be accepted at a later date.

The Board recessed at 5:39pm.

Joint Select Board and Budget Committee Meeting

At 6:00pm **Gordon Kemp** opened the joint meeting. **Ms. Brenner** asked the Board and Budget Committee if the meeting scheduled for January 22nd could be postponed to the 29th; the Board agreed.

Cemetery

	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Inc. or Dec.
Net Operating	\$45,197	\$43,087	-4.7%
Net Capital	\$0	\$0	0%
To be raised through taxation	\$45,197	\$43,087	-4.7%

Mr. Lambert said that the administrative budget has not increased at all. **Mr. Bartlett** said that no major equipment purchases planned.

Parks

	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Inc. or Dec.
Net Operating	\$68,434	\$68,221	-0.3%
Net Capital	\$0	\$0	0%
To be raised through taxation	\$68,434	\$68,221	-0.3%

Mr. Bartlett said that the parks budget is essentially flat; there are no planned expenditures for equipment, but there are some additional funds for general supplies and retirement.

Buildings and Grounds

	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Inc. or Dec.
Net Operating	\$284,424	\$255,691	-10.1%
Net Capital	\$0	\$0	0%
To be raised through taxation	\$288,514	\$255,691	-11.4%

Mr. Bartlett said that this budget is down due to a decision not to fund the painting of the copula, which has been put off until 2015.

Landfill

Mr. Bartlett said that these funds are used to monitor the closed landfills. He said that they are currently working to get miniature cows to graze on the field above the closed EMS landfill, which helps to reduce maintenance costs.

Mr. Byk said that at the last meeting there was discussion about the North Dam and improvements to Wilder Park, and **Mr. Kemp** was concerned that if the dam needs to be worked on then the equipment would have to go through the fencing. **Mr. Bartlett** said that he will work with the fence installer to ensure all the fencing will be relatively easy to remove. He added that the dam would not be repaired with the traditional concrete work since the town is not looking to make it water tight, but rather do repairs that ensure that the dam is structurally sound. This type of work is less intensive. He added that repair crews may not even need to get through the park to do that work.

Pay as you Throw

Mr. Bartlett said that there are no changes to the program; **Ms. Brenner** said that there is about \$35,000 in the special revenue fund.

Recycling

	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Inc. or Dec.
Net Operating	\$192,550	\$196,040	1.8%
Net Capital	\$0	\$0	0%
To be raised through taxation	\$192,550	\$196,040	1.8%

Mr. Bartlett said that revenues are up 2.3%, and expenditures are up 2.17%. He said that gutters and heat tape were installed on the roof of the main building, and the minimart has been stabilized.

As there was no further business, **Mr. Byk** made a motion to adjourn the meeting; **Chair Miller** seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

PETERBOROUGH
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Barbara A. Miller, Chair

Joe Byk

Elizabeth M. Thomas

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

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