



TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday February 12, 2007

6:00 P.M.

Town Offices

Members present: Selectman Jay Booth, Selectman Kevin O'Connor, Selectwoman Jacqueline Schnackertz, Selectman Rich Lemoine and Selectwoman Karyn Puleo.

Staff present: Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman and Admin Assistant Therese Gay.

The meeting was called to order, the Board was introduced and the agenda read.

1. 6:00 P.M. Recycling Committee – Recycling Update

The Recycling Committee was present at the Selectmen's meeting to present their results of the mandatory recycling by-laws the group put in place. The Committee set up an education/awareness campaign to increase recycling. The committee received a grant from the State and that money was used to hire an intern to help monitor recycling. The intern has been doing random inspections in neighborhoods to see that everyone is recycling and if not they will receive a post card as a reminder to recycle. The Board of Selectmen agreed to have cardboard containers on town property; the Recycling Committee is working with the Highway Department, Council on Aging and the Schools. Everyone was in agreement that more information is needed to make recycling easier. The Board thanked the Recycling Committee for attending and updating the Board and residents on the necessity of recycling.

2. Board of Health – Solid Waste Management Update

The Board of Health attended the meeting to discuss solid waste collection. There was some discussion on their policy of setting the trash bags limit to 4 and charging a \$5.00 fee for additional bags. A concern was expressed that some residents use smaller bags vs the larger trash bags and there should not be a penalty for additional smaller bags. Some of the seniors can not handle heavier bags or even bigger barrels. The Board of Health needs to be sensitive to senior's needs. The Board of Health spoke on the sticker program but they have not reassessed the program and could not give any figures on how well it is doing. Mrs. McGarry, a resident, spoke against the charge assessed on the additional bags; she does not want to beg to have the garbage removed; it should be done at no additional charge. Everyone is in agreement that more has to be done to help educate the residents, need open dialogue with the residents to keep them informed. The Board of Health is working on a comprehensive solid waste plan which will address some of the issues. The Selectmen thanked the Health Commissioners for attending this evening to help address the issues and to help inform the residents.

3. 6:45 P.M. Historical Commission – Old Town Hall Renovation

The Historical Commission is before the Board this evening to discuss the proposed renovation to the Old Town Hall. The Commissioners hope to return the old building to its former meeting house grandeur. The first step was to hire an architect to prepare a plan for the Commissioners to present to the Community Preservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen and to the towns people at town meeting. The Architect was present to explain the renovations to the Selectmen. The completed renovations will cost approximately 2.8 million dollars. The Commissioners feel this is an important first step towards creating a Town Center. The Architect put together a visual presentation showing all of the renovations inside and outside of the building. The Board thanked the Commission and the Architect for the presentation, they are in support of the project and the creation of a town center but they are concerned with the amount of money that is needed and discussed some options that may or may not work.

4. Citizen's Time

No one came forward this evening.

5. Other Business (if necessary)

A. One Day Special License Application – Voke's Superintendent's Dinner

The Board received an application for a one day special license for the Greater Lowell Technical High School's Annual Superintendent's Dinner.

A motion made by Selectman O'Connor to approve the one day special license request at presented and to waive the fee of \$50.00, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

6. Correspondence

A motion was made by Selectwoman Schnackertz to accept the correspondence, second by Selectman Booth. The Board voted unanimously to accept the correspondence.

7. Selectmen's Notes

There were no Selectmen's notes this evening.

8. Town Administrator's Notes

The Administrator had no notes this evening.

9. Executive Session (If Necessary)

A. Screening - Police Chief Candidates

The Selectmen will meet on Friday the 16th at 7AM to discuss the screening candidates.

10. Work Session (If Necessary)

A motion was made by Selectwoman Schnackertz to enter into a Work Session and to adjourn at the end of the session, second by Selectman Booth. The Board voted unanimously to enter into a Work Session at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Therese Gay

Minutes approved on: _____