

## Minutes of July 11, 2011

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of June 27<sup>th</sup> were approved as prepared.

Mr. Tim Newman appeared before the Board to update them on the status of Wired West. He advised that Wired West had received a grant for \$50,000.00 and thanked the Board for their support. He also advised the Board that new revised documents would be forthcoming regarding the appointments of Lighting Plant Manager, Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Cooperative for the Chair's signature and return.

Teena Parton appeared before the Board to report that the some community residents have set up a committee to repair the directional ladder signs in Town. The committee consists of Mrs. Parton, Owen Hoberman, Joyce Sachs, Neil Blackwell, & Bridget Hughes. Ms. Parton states that at this time they will not ask the Town for any money and will pursue private funding through fundraisers.

The Board discussed and reviewed the bids for the energy grant that was opened on July 1 at 3:15 PM; two bids were received one from Northeast Commercial Services for \$49,100.00 and one from Kurtz, Inc. in the amount of \$80,474.00. A motion was made, seconded so voted to accept the bid from Northeast Commercial Services in the amount of \$49,100.00.

At 6:45 PM a motion was made, seconded and so voted to open the Special Permit Hearing for Ormsbee Gas Company, Inc. It was noted that the hearing was advertised, the required Town Department were notified as well as the abutters by certified mail and that no abutters had responded or were present tonight. Present for this hearing was Mr. John E. Ormsbee representing the Ormsbee Gas Co, Inc. Mr. Ormsbee advised the Board that the project was for the building of an open garage, approximately 40' X 108", containing 7 bays, without doors, to store company vehicles to keep them out of the weather. Being that there was no objection a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Special Permit under Sections 3.4.1.1.3 and 3.4.3. A roll count vote was called: Lawrence H. Davis, III – yes, Nathaniel H. Yohalem – yes and Tara B. White – yes. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to close this hearing.

The Chair updated the Board and those present of the status of the FY12 school budget. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Eagle Loft to discuss the capital needs of the District. It was noted that the School Committee is now looking for 1.4 or 1.5 million dollar bond for technology upgrades. The Chair also advises that the Board will meet with Sheffield's Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss the SBRSD FY12 Operating and Transportation Budget. It was also noted that a School Committee meeting has been scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> with all five town selectmen boards in attendance to discuss the FY12 Budget. As of right now New Marlborough is being assessed on a monthly basis's with using last year assessment of 1/12 per month. The Board reviewed and discussed scheduling a Special Town Meeting. It was noted that unless the School Committee again recertifies another budget a town meeting and election must be scheduled in order to meet the 45 day time limit. Therefore a motion was made, seconded and so voted to call for a Special Town Meeting on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> to be followed by a Special Town Election on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Board reviewed and discussed the letters of interest for the following positions: Full-Time Highway Driver/Laborer; Full-Time (32 Hour) Police Officer and Part-time Rescue Squad Clerk. Mr. Nicholas Trierweiler, current seasonal worker, submitted a letter of interest along with a letter of recommendation from Highway Superintendent Peter Marks. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to hire full-time Nicholas Trierweiler for the position of Driver/Labor for the Highway Department. Mr. Graham Frank, current Part-time Police Officer, submitted a letter of interest for the full-time (32 hours) police officer position along with a recommendation by Police Chief Scott Farrell. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to hire Graham Frank as a Full-Time Police Officer. Maureen Guidi submitted a letter of interest for the position of Rescue Squad Clerk, along with a recommendation by Fire Chief Peter Scala. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the appointment of Maureen Guidi for the clerical position for the New Marlborough Rescue Squad.

The Board review discussed names submitted for the Cultural Council by the Cultural Council: Susan Bilodeau, Tom Weeks, & Alan Lombard. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the appointment of Ms. Bilodeau, Mr. Weeks & Mr. Lombard, each for a three year term, to the New Marlborough Cultural Council.

The Board discussed strong versus weak chief with Peter Scala, Fire Chief, and Scott Farrell, Police Chief.

It was noted that the Board will begin to do the annual appointments at their next meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Owen Hoberman appeared before the Board to request permission from the Board to post no parking signs for Elihu Burritt Day around the Green. The Board voted to approve the posting of No Parking Signage by the Cultural Council for the one day event with the signage being taken down at the end of the celebration.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput  
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