

## TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Selectmen's Meeting

December 14, 2009

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Members present: Frank A. Byron, Chairman  
Andrew M. Santom, Vice Chairman  
M. Patricia Jewett  
George A. Lambert  
Steven D. Perry

Also present for public session: Linda Langille, Office Manager

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

### CONSENT ITEMS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Consent Items:** Abatements, elderly exemptions, Veterans Credit and transfer of funds.

**Any Other business:** Life Insurance, 2010 Holiday Schedule, accounting update and posting of Town-owned land.

### HEARING

The Board of Selectmen held a hearing per RSA31:95-b on expenditure of Unanticipated Funds to build a bandstand at Darrah Park. There is \$3,282.98 in excess funds collected for the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The funds are available for use for a bandstand at Darrah Park. The Recreation Commission had no objections to the proposal. Members of the 275<sup>th</sup> Committee were present. Also present was Tony Schaffer, Chairman Recreation Commission.

Diane Jerry, Gail Barringer, Claudette Durocher, Jean White, Pamme Boutselis, Ann Corker, Pastor Steve Quinlan, and Elizabeth Miller, all members of the Committee came forward individually to express their support of a bandstand or something useful for the Town to use. Also, Richard Riley also came forward to say he is in agreement with a bandstand. The members felt that the money should be used now and not twenty-five years from now. Chairman Byron recused himself being an abutter to Darrah Pond and Vice Chairman Andy Santom acted as Chairman.

Mr. Lambert **MOTIONED** that we move forward with this to take a consensus vote of the Board because we have an abutter here and then we will figure out what we will do when we decide we are going to do something. Mr. Perry seconded. Mrs. Jewett asked that the Recreation Chairman to speak. Mr. Tony Schaffer came forward to say he did send a letter to the Selectmen and that the Recreation is in favor of the proposal and a committee would be appointed to work on it.

## TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Selectmen's Meeting

December 14, 2009

Mr. Lambert asked what the legal mechanism is that enables the money to be spent at some point in the near term within the rights of the Board and within the responsibilities of our departments to make sure it is properly executed. This was discussed. It was said that it is unexpected income for 2009 and if it is not spent, it would go into the General Fund. Mr. Perry **AMENDED MOTION** to appropriate \$3,282.98 which is currently being held from the Funds of the 275<sup>th</sup> Committee for the formation of a committee to expend the money on a bandstand, or whatever is deemed appropriate. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0. Main motion: Motion carried 5-0-0. Mr. Byron returned to the Board as Chairman.

### DEFAULT BUDGET

Department heads present were Police Chief Joseph O'Brion and Richard Riley, Zoning Board Chairman.

**Zoning** - Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4191.30-625 postage from \$300 to \$50. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mr. Santom **AMENDED MOTION** to \$250 from line to line 344 secretarial services. Mr. Perry seconded. Messrs. Santom and Perry voted yes. Motion failed 2-3-0. Main motion: Mr. Byron and Mrs. Jewett voted yes. Motion failed 2-3-0.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4191.30-810 from \$75 to \$50. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Messrs. Santom and Perry voted no. Motion carried 3-2-0.

**Police** - Mr. Santom **MOTIONED** to set line 4210.30-760 to \$58,000 cruiser. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mrs. Jewett and Mr. Santom voted yes. Motion failed 2-3-0.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4210.10-143 from \$4,604 to \$1,565. No second.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend 4210.10-620 office supplies from \$2,800 to \$2,500. Mr. Perry seconded. Messrs. Byron and Perry voted yes. Motion failed 2-3-0.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4210.20-143 from \$3,552 to \$3,129. Mr. Perry seconded. Messrs. Perry and Byron voted yes. Mr. Lambert abstained. Motion failed 2-2-1.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend 4210.20-144 from \$3,552 to \$2816. It was seconded. Mr. Byron voted yes. Motion failed 1-4-0.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** 4210.30-144 from \$6,110 to \$2,263. No second.

Mrs. Jewett **MOTIONED** 4210.30-144 \$4,000. No second.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** 4210.30-635 vehicle fuel from \$27,000 to \$25,000. No second.

## TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Selectmen's Meeting

December 14, 2009

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4210.80-331 from \$5,000 to \$1.00. Mr. Santom seconded. Messrs. Byron and Santom voted yes. Motion failed 2-3-0.

Life Insurance for Sergeant, Patrolman, secretary/dispatcher, total cost \$3,234 yearly. Mr. Lambert **MOTIONED** for all 4210.20-215, 4210.30-215 and 4210.50-215, for a total of \$3,234. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves submission to the Budget Committee line life insurance in the amounts of \$3,234 for line items 4210.20-215, 4210.30-215 and 4210.50-215. Mr. Lambert seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**Fire** - Chief Thomas Schofield forwarded line items for review. Mr. Lambert **MOTIONED** to modify line 4220.20-430 to \$4,000. Mr. Perry seconded. Mrs. Jewett abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Mr. Lambert **MOTIONED** to amend line 4220.20-431 to \$1,000. It was seconded. Mrs. Jewett abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Mr. Santom **MOTIONED** to set line 4220.50-632 to \$1,600. Mr. Perry seconded. Messrs. Perry and Santom voted yes. Motion failed 2-3-0.

**Town Meeting** - Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4130.30-550 from \$1,800 to \$600. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Talk went on as to providing a car for the Town Hall such as Town Clerk to utilize. The plan is to not turn in the police vehicle and thus use money in the mileage and tolls lines from Treasurer, Town Clerk, etc. Mr. Perry felt that it is not feasible to use an old car and to consider leasing a car.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4140.10-810 mileage and tolls from \$1,500 to \$100. No second.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4140.20-620 from \$200 to \$100. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mr. Lambert abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Mr. Santom **MOTIONED** to set line 4140.20-840 from \$100 to \$0. Mr. Perry seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Budget Committee the amendment of line 4150.10-812 from \$18,000 to \$18,500. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0. A memo will be sent to the Budget Committee.

## TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Selectmen's Meeting

December 14, 2009

Mr. Perry **MOTIONED** to change line item 4153.10-320 town attorney retainer from \$48,000 to \$45,000. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mrs. Jewett **MOTIONED** line 4153.20-324 litigation to lower it to \$25,000. Mr. Santom seconded. Mr. Perry **MOTIONED TO AMEND** to \$28,000. Mr. Lambert seconded. Messrs. Perry and Lambert voted yes. Motion failed 2-3-0. Main motion: Mrs. Jewett and Mr. Santom voted yes. Main motion failed 2-3-0. Mrs. Jewett **MOTIONED** \$26,000 for litigation. Mr. Byron seconded. Mr. Lambert **MOTIONED TO AMEND** to \$29,000. No second. Mr. Santom **AMENDED MOTION** to \$21,000. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mrs. Jewett and Mr. Santom voted yes. Motion failed 2-3-0. Main motion: Mrs. Jewett and Mr. Byron voted yes. Motion failed 2-3-0.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4155.20-220 from \$71,600 to 70,911. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mr. Lambert abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend line 4191.10-328 from \$1,100 to \$750. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mr. Perry voted no. Mr. Lambert abstained. Motion carried 3-1-1.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to modify 4191.10-329 from \$200 to \$50. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mr. Perry voted no. Mr. Lambert abstained. Motion carried 3-1-1.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend 4191.10-625 from \$300 to \$150. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mr. Perry voted no. Mr. Lambert abstained. Motion carried 3-1-1.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to reduce line 4191.10-631 from \$150 to \$75. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mr. Perry **AMENDED MOTION** to \$0. Mr. Santom seconded. Mr. Byron voted no. Motion carried 4-1-0.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** 4550.20-210 and 211 from \$1,655 to \$0 for 210 & 211 from \$109 to \$0. Mr. Lambert seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Santom **MOTIONED** 4520.20-651 from \$20,575 to \$11,605. Mr. Perry seconded. Mrs. Jewett voted no. Motion carried 4-1-0.

Mr. Santom **MOTIONED** to set line 4520.60-630 from \$7,250 to \$5,350. Mr. Perry seconded. Mrs. Jewett voted no. Motion carried 4-1-0.

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to amend 4520.60-638 from \$1,000 to \$0. Mr. Lambert seconded. Messrs. Lambert and Byron voted yes. Mrs. Jewett abstained. Motion failed 2-2-1.

## TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Selectmen's Meeting

December 14, 2009

### WARRANT ARTICLES

The Selectmen reviewed the draft articles. Mr. Byron said that the extra wording he had added according to Town Counsel is legal.

**Elderly Exemptions** - A petition article that was approved in 2004 was found not to be legal according to DRA (Department of Revenue Administration). Mr. Santom **MOTIONED** to go with the article written by Linda Langille. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Mr. Perry abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.

**Hydrant Article** - Mr. Santom pointed out that this warrant article had previously been removed per a vote of the Board. It was said that it is a different article. Mr. Santom **MOTIONED** to remove the hydrant warrant article. No second. Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen bring this forward as a warrant article to the voters. Mr. Lambert seconded. Mr. Santom voted no. Motion carried 4-1-0.

### MINUTES

Mr. Lambert **MOTIONED** to approve the December 7, 2009, minutes. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Motion carried 3-0-2.

### COMMITTEE/DISTRICT REPORTS

**Donations** - Mrs. Jewett talked about the items collected were mailed to the soldiers. New England Small Tubes of Litchfield paid the cost of shipping to 7 soldiers overseas. Mrs. Jewett said that Mrs. Parent's class helped with writing letters and pictures that were included in the boxes. Also, the guidance counselor, Mr. Parsons, helped in obtaining the names of the soldiers.

**Planning Board** - There will be a meeting tomorrow night. The Board is working on an inclusionary ordinance and a conservation open space ordinance to go before the voters. Mr. Byron said the Selectmen will need copies of the ordinances for the warrant.

**Community Council** - There will be a meeting on Tuesday.

**School Board** - There will be a meeting on Wednesday at Campbell High.

**Recreation** - There will be a meeting tomorrow evening at Town Hall.

**Budget Committee** - The Budget Committee has been meeting on Tuesday and Thursday at Campbell High.

## TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Selectmen's Meeting

December 14, 2009

### COMMUNITY BULLETINS

Mrs. Jewett read a letter out loud from Maureen Harris and Michelle Nintean regarding Liter Free N.H. Day. The Town received 800 daffodils for its efforts in the cleanup program.

### PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

### CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen approves the abatements, elderly exemptions, Veterans Credits and transfer of funds. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**2010 Holiday Schedule** - Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the 2010 Holiday Schedule and request the Selectmen's office distributes it to Town employees. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**Hunting Signs** - Mr. Santom will call Kevin Lynch about posting signs for next year.

**Accounting** - The accountants have completed the General Fund posting. They did run into some problems which is the reason for the delay. Regarding the 2008 audit, the Trustees' files have not been released as yet to the auditors.

**2009 Bills** - The final date for submittal of bills for 2009 is Thursday, January 14, 2010. Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to set a drop dead date for getting all bills into the Selectmen's Office by January 14, 2010. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

### NONPUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Byron **MOTIONED** to go into nonpublic session per RSA91-A:3II(a) personnel. Mrs. Jewett seconded. Roll call: F. Byron, yes; A. Santom, yes; M.P. Jewett, yes; G. Lambert, yes; S. Perry, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

A **MOTION** was made to come out of nonpublic session. It was seconded. Roll call: F. Byron, yes; A. Santom, yes; M.P. Jewett, yes; G. Lambert, yes; S. Perry, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

A **MOTION** was made to keep the minutes nonpublic. It was seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**TOWN OF LITCHFIELD**

**Selectmen's Meeting**

**December 14, 2009**

There being no further, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0-0.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank A. Byron, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew M. Santom, V.Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
M. Patricia Jewett

\_\_\_\_\_  
George A. Lambert

\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven D. Perry

Lorraine Dogopoulos  
Selectmen's Secretary