



Town of Jericho

Selectboard - Bob Penniman, John Shullenberger, Tim Nulty

Town Administrator - David Spitz

TOWN OF JERICHO - SELECTBOARD MEETING

May 3, 2007 – 7:00 PM

(A complete digital recording of this meeting is available at Town Hall.)

Present: Bob Penniman, Tim Nulty
Guests: David Spitz, Kim Mercer, John Abbott, Tom Moreau

1. **Public comment and approval of 4/19/07 minutes** – There were no community members present for comment.

Mr. Penniman explained that a change in schedules has allowed John Abbott to interview for the Mobbs Park Committee. Mr. Abbott began by explaining that he had moved to Jericho three years ago. He is an avid mountain biker who would like to see multiple uses in Mobbs Park. He wants to establish a workable plan for all the different uses. Mr. Abbott is a member of the Fellowship of the Wheel who believes in user education, responsible trail development, and careful stewardship. Mr. Nulty asked the applicant how he felt about restricting access to the park to limit use. Mr. Abbott replied that the park is an available resource and it's impossible to keep it secret. The power, he said, lies in the educational piece: communication at trail heads and get the word out regarding responsible trail use.

On a MOTION by Mr. Nulty, seconded by Mr. Penniman and approved unanimously, the minutes of April 19, 2007 were approved with one change: regarding the antique roads, add a reference to Bert Moffatt's work on this project.

2. **Presentation by Tom Moreau, CSWD** – Tom Moreau was present to give an update on the landfill and other CSWD issues. He reported that Bert Lindholm is the new Chair of the Board. He said that the courts recently ruled on the landfill issue—CSWD would be required to pay \$4 million, less than anticipated. Also, the US Supreme Court granted "flow control" which means that if the municipality has a facility, it can order the waste to go there. The CSWD annual budget went up 5.4% primarily due to one-time costs such as legal expenses and the anticipated hiring of a marketer and enforcer to improve recyclables. On a MOTION by Mr. Nulty, seconded by Mr. Penniman and approved unanimously, the Selectboard voted to approve the CSWD annual budget.
3. **Follow-up on Town Meeting items:**
 - A) **10% threshold for voted articles** – Mr. Penniman explained that he would put non-town related business on the Town Meeting agenda, but he feels the percentage of signatures needs to be raised to 10%. The Board discussed the issue. On a MOTION by Mr. Nulty, seconded by Mr. Penniman and approved unanimously, the Board raised the threshold for including articles that are not related to Town business to require a petition with 10% of the registered voters signatures, at



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which point the Selectboard would waive their discretionary powers and automatically add the item to the articles on the agenda at Town Meeting.

B) Delinquent tax policy – Mr. Nulty made a MOTION to support John Stewart's memo regarding a new policy on taxes; Mr. Penniman seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. Mr. Spitz explained that right now, if someone misses the deadline for payment by one day, they immediately must pay an 8% penalty. John Stewart proposes that the penalty be changed to 1% on the first day late, 2% on the next day, and so on. The Board asked Mr. Spitz to do more research, especially on the terms of the penalty. Mr. Nulty stated that perhaps there should be a penalty on all three installments. **On a MOTION by Mr. Nulty, seconded by Mr. Penniman and approved unanimously, the Selectboard voted to table the issue until they have more information.**

4. **Town Administrator Report – Mr. Spitz presented the new contract with the auditors Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, PC. On a MOTION by Mr. Nulty, seconded by Mr. Penniman and approved unanimously, the Selectboard voted to accept the proposed contract, not to exceed \$8,200.**

Mr. Spitz reported a complaint regarding burning. Mr. Penniman stated that he was very comfortable with the current burn permit policy.

Jericho Center store is having a 200-year anniversary on June 23rd and would like to use the green. They will have free barbeque, a clown, and probably porta-toilets. **On a MOTION by Mr. Nulty, seconded by Mr. Penniman and approved unanimously, the Selectboard voted to grant the use of the Jericho Center green for the festivities.**

On a MOTION by Mr. Nulty, seconded by Mr. Penniman and approved unanimously, the Selectboard voted to approve the renewal of the Old Yankee Restaurant's liquor license. A member of the Selectboard will stop in and sign the document.

5. **Any other business – there was none.**
6. **Possible executive session – Mobbs Park Committee appointments – On a MOTION by Mr. Nulty, seconded by Mr. Penniman and approved unanimously, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session. (8:15 pm)**
7. **Adjourn at 8:35 pm**