

## SELECTMEN MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2011

The selectmen's meeting was held in the town of Harrisville, NH this week.

The guest speaker was Mr. Donald R. Jutton, President of Municipal Resources, Inc.

The subject matter was Municipal Partnerships, An approach to Local Government.

Selectmen and guests from Nelson, Harrisville, Dublin and Marlborough, NH Were in attendance.

The overall observation were:

- 1) The citizens expect their problems to be addressed.
- 2) Federal regulations need to be met.
- 3) Revenue sources are drying up.
- 4) Facilities and equipment are a problem for most towns.
- 5) Personnel problems. Territories are something that many people have worked hard to maintain and put into place for the betterment of the job and the town.
- 6) You need to be looking at: What can be done? What should be done? What is being done?
- 7) What has been done? In NH there are no examples to look at as no towns have made the commitment to join in a partnership. A couple of towns have done so in Massachusetts.
- 8) There are many ways to share the expenses but it takes a long time to get everyone on the same page for it to work.
- 9) Some of the smaller services can come together faster than the larger more costly services.
- 10) So some of the smaller services are administrative such as: Assessing, Code enforcement, Health Officer, Planning & Zoning, Finance Management, Human resources, Information Technology, Public Safety, Contracted Services, Materials Purchasing and Vehicle Maintenance.
- 11) Some of the larger areas will take longer to work out such as Shared Equipment and the administration of Police Services, Fire Services, Road Agents, Vehical Maintenance, Shared Mechanics, Shared Equipment: graders, sweepers trucks etc., shared facilities: salt barn, Garages, gravel/sand pit etc.

Where to start?:

- 1) Identify logical partners
- 2) Identify Current needs.
- 3) Identify a full range of opportunities (budget analysis).
- 4) Sort out the facts (Have a conceptual plan).
- 5) Engage the community.
- 6) You'll need a unified vision and leadership.

The towns agreed to put a warrant article in this years (2011) town report for \$5000, and not to exceed this amount, to hire Mr Jutton to start a plan for the four towns. This is a preliminary work-up to help the towns along and to see if they wish to continue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

The selectmen came back and finished signing papers and checking on mail etc.

This second part of their meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm by Michael Blaudschun and seconded by Margaret Schillemat.

**January 12, 2011**



**Michael Blaudschun, Chairperson**



**Margaret Schillemat**



**Warren Hammack**