

Selectmen's Meeting – February 9, 2010

Present were Selectmen Deborah J. Davis (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Nancy L. Carlson and Bruce L. Tatro. Also present was Town Administrator Elizabeth Fox.

Vice-chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Financial Matters. Selectmen reviewed and approved accounts payable and payroll manifests.

Litigation. The town has been served with 2 suits – Gocht & MNTS Land LLC. They have both been forwarded to town counsel.

Impending Tax Deed. Selectmen reviewed a list of parcels with overdue taxes which will be eligible for tax deeding (if not satisfied prior to 3/31/2010).

Secord Auction Barn. Selectmen reviewed an anonymous complaint regarding activity at the property which has been shared with Chief Skantze.

Temporary PSNH service interruption. Selectmen were advised of a planned service interruption by PSNH – February 24th. As it is prior to regular hours of operation at Town Hall, impacts are expected to be minimal.

Monadnock Regional School District. Selectmen met with School Board members Bruce Barlow, Eric Stanley, Winston Wright and Gene White. Also present was Barbara Kahn, Joe Smith and Betty Tatro. Barlow reviewed the outcomes of the school deliberative session expressing appreciation of support received for the high school warrant article. Plans to promote articles are being developed. Board members are hopefully, with budget matters now moving to the voters, to be able to return their focus to education issues. Discussion by school officials regarding construction of a multi-purpose facility at Mt. Caesar have begun. Partnering with the town – as occurred in Gilsum – should be investigated. Limited activity to date by the Northern School Study group was discussed. Selectman Davis arrived. Selectman Tatro express his wish that budget issues were considered as intensely and deliberately as the Northern School Study. The budget process of the district and work of the budget committee was discussed. School board member Bob Smith arrived. Benefits of full representation for the town and the impact that absent members have on the weighted vote were discussed. Hopes of board members to focus more on education and taking a longer term view of budget issues were discussed as well.

Request to authorize use of Town Frequency by Monadnock High School/Middle School personnel. EMD Bohannon reviewed with members proposed correspondence which would authorize school officials to use one of the town's communication frequencies for training drills and/or emergencies. Granting permission is expected to provide an addition means of communications between school personnel and town officials when training or responding to emergencies. Use of the town's frequency would

not be authorized for communication related to routine or general school matters. Selectmen deferred action requested confirmation of the number of radios and additional information regarding the school personnel who would be authorized to use the town's frequency.

2010 Mack Tanker. Chief Skantze presented a change order for the truck body (now under construction) #T1089-01 proposing modification to compartments and its lighting package. The change order does not impose any additional costs. Selectmen voted to approve the change order authorizing Chairman Davis to execute it on behalf of the town.

Secords Auction Barn. Chief Skantze reviewed with board members safety changes at the property following inspection last summer. The owner had been responsive addressing the concerns identified as a result of that inspection. Skantze advised he would follow up on the complaint's wood stove concern.

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa, Fire Department. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 7:55 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa. Present were Selectmen, Skantze and Fox. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 8:30 p.m. voting by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

Other Fire Department Matters. Selectman Carlson expressed concern about the ZBA's recent approval of an 8 unit apartment building on West Street and water supply for fire suppression. The limitations of the private water company (relative to fire suppression supply) were discussed. Investigating the system in a task force format was discussed.

Town Report 2009. Selectmen reviewed and edited the board's report for inclusion in the annual report. The dedication was reviewed as well.

Recommended Budget 2010. Following the deliberative session, Selectmen reviewed the questions resulting voting to recommend passage of Articles 2, 3, 4 & 5.

Abatement Application 2008, Sheehan. Selectmen reviewed communication from Ms. Sheehan dated 1/25 authorizing staff to propose an alternative.

Wellness Grant. The Wellness Committee is working on putting together programs for employees. Plans are to schedule Fitness 101, Nutrition 101, Enhancing Your Resiliency & Balancing Work and Home. There is also interest in stress reduction workshops. These workshops will be schedule over the course of the year – one every other month or so. Selectmen suggested scheduling a few of the workshops at 2 times – such as at the Recycling Center at 9 and Town Hall at 10:30 to maximize opportunities for employee participation. Tatro advised if a larger room was required for a workshop he could see if the Friendship Hall was available.

Authorization to Submit Grant Application – ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. Staff updated members regarding the application

which seeks funding to improve the Carpenter Home's building envelope by insulating, re-roofing, re-siding, replacing certain doors and windows (particularly the sliders on the porch), sealing up the sub-floor area to prevent infiltration of air and possible (but not probable given the looming application deadline - inclusion of the wood pellet boiler to augment our new oil fired heat plant) Cost of improvements, based on estimated collected by FWF, total approximately \$150,000 without the wood pellet boiler. If awarded the project is subject to ARRA Buy American and Davis Bacon Wage compliance reporting. Selectmen voted to authorize submission of the application designating Fox to sign the final application on behalf of the Town.

Nominations. Members were provided with a listing of the positions with expiring terms – Town Meeting 2010.

Consent Agenda. Selectmen reviewed and approved the following consent agenda items:

- Notice of Lien, Tax Map 87 Lot 2-5081, Tax Map 19 Lot 51 and Tax Map 24 Lot 49.
- Junkyard License – April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011, Buffum Auto Parts.
- United Way Giving – letter to employees.
- Raffle Permit #2010-03, Monadnock Humane Society.
- Thank you for tax purposes – Chamberlains (CH mini-van)
- Thank you to Boy Scouts – leading the “Pledge of Allegiance” at Deliberative Session.

Consideration of Minutes of January 26th & February 2. Selectmen reviewed and approved the minutes of their meetings of 1/26/2010 and 2/2/2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator