

Selectmen's Meeting – May 17, 2006

Present were Selectmen Deborah J. Davis, Francis W. Faulkner, Jr. and Bruce L. Tatro. Also present was Town Administrator Elizabeth A. Fox.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

Annual Assessment Practices 2005-2008. Selectmen advised they had received several queries regarding the town's current assessment activities (data collection relative to sales, building permits, UCs and quarterly inspection). The program, implemented in 2005, aimed at complying with state certification requirements was reviewed. Selectmen requested information on the activity be posted on the town's web site and a press release be drafted.

Cheshire County Jail Planning. Selectmen discussed the recent Sentinel article reporting that Yale Forest was under consideration as a jail location and community reaction to date.

Route 32 Sidewalk/Shared Shoulder Project. Selectmen were advised that bids had been opened for the project and staff was awaiting an award recommendation from HTA (project engineers).

Interoperability & the Fire Department. Notice received of an award of additional radios for the department was provided Selectmen.

Homestead Woolen Mill Dam. An initial meeting with the dam owner and state officials to begin discussion of the dam removal process has been scheduled for next Thursday.

Woodland Heights & C.L. Lane. Construction progress and issues that have arisen recently related to gravels to be used and construction specifications for improvements to C.L. Lane were reviewed with Selectmen.

Joint Meeting with Planning Board. Selectmen were advised that the joint meeting had been scheduled for May 22nd at the Town Hall.

Local Health Network & Pandemic Planning. Selectmen voted to enter into the necessary MOU to participate in regional planning designating the EMD and Health Officer as town contacts for this project and authorizing the Health Officer or EMD to execute the MOU on behalf of the town.

Assistant Solid Waste Manager. Selectmen met with Solid Waste Manager David Krisch reviewing proposed position descriptions and advertisements. Follow up discussion will be on the agenda of the board's next regular business meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule. Selectmen decided to cancel their meeting scheduled for May 24th and schedule their next business meeting for May 31.

Enforcement. Selectmen relayed concerns about camping trailers being occupied on Old Homestead Highway and south of the Wastewater Treatment Plant on the Ashuelot River.

Personnel. Selectmen requested DPW Director Dunham have a recommendation to hire for the grounds and facilities maintenance supervisor's position for their consideration at the board's next business meeting 5/31. Selectmen also queried whether resignation anticipated from one of the DPW employees anticipated 6/30/06 had been confirmed in writing.

Carpenter Home. Selectmen were advised of repair work required to a floor structure in one of the room's at the home.

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of May 3, 2006. Selectmen reviewed and approved the minutes of their meeting of May 3, 2006 as written.

Correspondence, Permits & Other Matters. Selectmen reviewed and executed the following:

- Timber Tax Warrant, \$10,815.67.
- Lien Release, Tax Map 81 Lot 7-313.
- Event Permit #2006-12.
- Notice of Intent to Cut, Tax Map 4 Lot 9, Map 11 Lot 5 & 15, Map 6 Lot 3 & 4 and Map 66 Lot 7.
- Land Use Change Tax Warrants, Tax Map 14 Lots 4-29, 4-30, 4-32, 4-44, 4-35 & 4-36

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator