

## **Selectmen's Meeting – January 17, 2007**

Present were Selectmen Deborah J. Davis, Bruce L. Tatro and Nancy L. Carlson. Also present was Town Administrator Elizabeth Fox.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

**Canyon Spring Estates Subdivision.** Selectmen discussed the pending subdivision application and discussions regarding ownership of the cluster subdivision common land and cisterns to improve fire protection. Selectmen recommended that ownership of the common land and cisterns be retained by the homeowner's association.

**Legislative Delegation.** Selectmen met with Representatives Johnson, Loll and Lerandean discussing the start of the legislative session and some of the issues expected to be considered by lawmakers in Concord this year. School funding is sure to be discussed. Local infrastructure improvements needed were discussed including Swanzey Lake and Flat Roof Mill Road. When the 2007 road re-surfacing program is published Representative Lerandean advised he would update the town. Opportunities to improve our regions economy were discussed. Representative Johnson advised that she was looking to improve opportunities for Swanzey residents to access health and human service programs. Alternative funding sources to reduce the state's reliance on the property tax were also discussed.

**Carpenter Home.** Selectmen reviewed and approved a position description proposed for a part time cook – Attachment #1.

**EM Survey.** Selectmen reviewed the proposed survey and did not recommend any changes.

**Temple Mountain State Reservation.** Selectmen executed a letter expressing support for establishment of the state reservation.

**Regional Prosecutor Program.** Selectmen met with Chief Busick who reviewed with members the options and alternatives considered over the past 10 days to continue the programs operations. Personnel resources to not appear available to support the program through the process of seeking a new prosecutor without severely draining town resources and reducing the department's ability to serve Swanzey. Selectmen approved discontinuance of the regional program effective 2/28/2007. How to proceed forward, whether the county can assist or whether smaller partnerships should be formed was discussed. Adjustments to the budget providing for close out of the regional program and continuation of prosecution efforts will be developed for the board's consideration next week.

**Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIe.** Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 8:10 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 8:30 p.m. voting by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

**Correspondence, permits & other matters.** Selectmen executed the following:

- State paperwork nominating Robert DeRocher as Town Health Officer.
- Report of Wood Cut – Tax Map 38 Lot 22 & 23.
- Correspondence to Symonds.

**Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** Selectmen approved as written the minutes of their meeting of January 10, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox  
Town Administrator