

Selectmen's Meeting – May 30, 2007

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

Chairman Tatro called the meeting, held in the Community Room of the Swanzey Police Station, to order at 6 p.m.

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

Informational Items. Various informational items including an email from Ed O'Brien regarding the Connecticut River Sportsman's Club, correspondence regarding Swanzey Lake, spotlight of Swanzey in OEP's Floodlines Newsletter, scheduling of a Vermont Yankee Drill, a hazard mitigation funding opportunity and the upcoming Planning Commission dinner were reviewed.

City of Keene Paramedic Intercept Service. Selectmen met with Chief Lamoureux discussing his correspondence dated May 22nd. Concern was expressed that no response was received from the City to the town's September 29th correspondence on this issue. That the contract with the City would serve as secondary response was affirmed by Lamoureux. He advised he would ask the City Attorney to follow up with Town Counsel and provide information to the Town regarding past frequency of calls to Swanzey.

Non-public Session, RSA 91-A:3IIb, Fire Department. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 6:45 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:46 p.m. voting by roll call to seal indefinitely the minutes of the session.

Non-public session, RSA 91-A:3IIb, Police Department. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 7:48 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:55 p.m. voting by roll call to seal the minutes of the session until initial terms of the conditional offer of employment authorized are satisfied.

SCS and Senior Housing. SCS representative Keith Thibault met with Selectmen reviewing a development proposal to place as many as 40 senior housing units on a rear portion of the Page property (Tax Map 19 Lot 66). Selectmen's support of the proposal, which could provide an opportunity to extend water and sewer in the business district along Route 12, was requested. After discussion of the proposed project, to the rear of the business district, providing an opportunity to extend water and sewer and the potential for it to be linked to the neighborhood by sidewalks, Selectmen voted to support the project's grant application authorizing staff to prepare and execute a letter of support on their behalf.

Recycling. Support of town policy calling for mandatory recycling at the town's recreational facilities was discussed. Some of the issues requiring adding for recycling to be successful were discussed. A plan to implement recycling at the town's recreational facilities will be developed for inclusion in the 2008 Budget.

MRSD Special Meeting. A plan being considered by the District to schedule a special district meeting deliberative session on June 30th and official ballot voting on July 31 to consider the Surry withdrawal matter was discussed. Selectmen expressed concern about a mid-summer election and voter turnout. Concerns about logistics of scheduling official ballot voting on July 31 (and how it impacts town operations as district officials are expecting town officials to operate the polls) were reviewed. Selectmen requested school board representatives be advised they opposed conducting official ballot voting on July 31 and recommended that official ballot voting be scheduled when school returns to session in the fall.

MRSD Swanzey School Board and Budget Committee members. Selectmen requested staff schedule the requested meeting June 27th at 6 p.m.

Fire Department Radios. In follow up to a question asked by fire captains several weeks ago regarding personal vehicles and department radios, Selectmen were advised that three of the digital radios acquired by the town had not yet been installed in vehicles and one of the old radios remained in S. Karasinski's personal vehicle.

Richardson Park. Selectmen adopted rules for the park's summer season – Attachment #1.

Greenhouse Exemption, Mill House Florist – Tax Map 18 Lot 280. Selectmen reviewed an application for an exemption, and supplemental information, submitted by Diane Matson. The statutory requirements that the greenhouse be used for culture, propagation and protection of agricultural products were reviewed. Uses outlined in correspondence dated May 23, 2007 which could be characterized as miscellaneous storage were reviewed. Selectmen determined that the use of the greenhouse did not comply with the provisions of RSA 72:12-d voting to deny the exemption application.

Condominium Assessments. Assessment corrections to Denman Thompson Highway units and a Swanzey Street unit were reviewed with Selectmen as well as methodology utilized for assessment of the Forest View Estates units.

MRSD Payment Schedule, July to December 2007. Selectmen approved the district payment schedule as outlined in Attachment #2.

Town Boat Launches. Selectmen reviewed correspondence dated May 21, 2007 from the Fish and Game Statewide Public Board Access Program declining to list the town's sites in the publication.

Approval of Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of May 16, 2007. Selectmen approved the minutes of their meeting of May 16th amending the date reflected on the top of the minutes to read May 16, 2007 (instead of May 16, 2006).

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

- Raffle Permits, #2007-08 & 09.
- Hearing Notice, RSA 41:14-a, Conservation Easement Johnson Farm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator