

## **Selectmen's Meeting – July 12, 2006**

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

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

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

**Carpenter Home.** Selectmen reviewed a proposal dated July 11, 2006 voting to retain Forest Designs to complete the septic system design work for the home described.

**NH Legislature.** Selectmen met with Bill Hutwelker who introduced himself as a candidate for the NH Legislature to represent the district that includes Swanzey. He reported that he had been meeting with the Selectmen of the 4 town's in the district to gauge their concerns. Where to construct a new jail for the county was discussed. Hutwelker mentioned several efforts he would implement to improve communications with local officials. The idea of regionalizing at the county level district court prosecution and challenges of education funding were also discussed.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment.** Mr. Hutwelker, chairman of the ZBA, discussed with Selectmen issues that he viewed as challenges to the town's Zoning Board. He encouraged Selectmen to organize a board meeting to discuss concerns and the future of the town.

**Upcoming Public Hearings.** Public hearings to receive testimony regarding acceptance of Arrowcrest Drive as a town maintained highway and traffic regulations for streets in the North Project area as well as a location in the west village were scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Street naming.** Selectmen discussed street names within the town deciding to establish a working committee to include representatives of public safety departments to develop recommendations for names of streets within the town.

**Old Home Day Parade.** Selectmen discussed walking or riding in the parade and deferred making a decision until the day of the event.

**Curb Cut Permit.** Selectmen executed correspondence submitting a curb cut permit to the State of NH DOT for modifications to the intersection of Route 10 and California Street required by the ZBA's approval of the condo development proposed off of Owen Drive. Completion of improvements, and their cost, is the responsibility of the developer.

**West Swanzey WWTP Discharge Permit.** Initiation by EPA of the permit renewal plant for the town's facility in West Swanzey was discussed with Fox advising that in late July or early August she would coordinate a meeting for Selectmen with Sewer Commissioner so the board could be familiar with standards being proposed in the permit by EPA and

some of the impacts on users. Renewal of Keene WWTP permit is also currently being considered by EPA and a public hearing has been set for the City for July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Richardson Park.** Selectmen were advised that water samples taken at the park taken Tuesday had bacteria counts higher than that permitted for swimming. Re-testing has been scheduled with results expected Saturday. In the interim, staff has implemented the state's recommendations posting the beach as not recommended for swimming. Lifeguards have also been removed from the beach as the water quality is not acceptable for swimming. That recommendation will remain in place until satisfactory test results are received. Selectmen requested mutual aid and the sheriff's department be notified of the recommendation.

**Confirmations.** The Selectmen approved the following appointments executing appointment papers:

- Capital Improvements Committee: Deb Davis, David Osgood, Victoria Barlow, Larry Crowder and Robert Beauregard.
- Trustee of Trust Funds – Jane Fortson.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Selectmen approved as written the minutes of their meeting of July 5, 2006.

**Upcoming Meetings.** Selectmen requested that DPW Director Lee Dunham provide them with an update at their next meeting (July 26<sup>th</sup>) of on department projects. They also requested information on the cemetery road project across from Town Hall.

**Vehicle Policy.** Selectmen requested copies of the town's vehicle use policy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Town Administrator