

Selectmen's Meeting – January 31, 2007

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

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings. Selectmen approved as written the minutes of their meetings of January 3, 2007 and January 24, 2007.

Town Treasurer. Roger Conway met with Selectmen expressing displeasure that he did not receive a year end bonus as he had work hard to gain income for the town through his investment efforts. He advised that he felt that the town would probably need to consider hiring a finance director to do the work that he has done on behalf of the town since 1984. He advised that Citizens Bank had declined to re-negotiate the town's banking services agreement before expiration of his term and that he felt any new agreement between the bank and town would not be as favorable to the town.

Application for Automotive Recycling Dealer Registration. The board authorized Selectman Davis to execute on their behalf the renewal application submitted by Franklin Buffum with a Certificate Approval date of March 31, 2007.

Town Meeting 2007 Deliberative Session. Selectmen reviewed with Town Moderator Gus Lerandau the warrant articles and format for the upcoming meeting February 6th. Warrant articles were assigned to board members.

Legislative Matters. Selectmen discussed legislative activity with Representative Gus Lerandau.

Jason's Dream Team League. Selectmen met with Dennis Fish and Tom Little reviewing a proposal to start a league in memory of Jason Fish – Attachment #1. Mr. Fish was querying whether the field closer to Cutler School no longer used for baseball might be available for use by this league. The field would be used during the months of May and June one or maybe two times a week. Mr. Little advised that he thought the field would be suitable and that the issue with balls flying over the fence on to the neighbor's property would not re-occur. A plate and bases would need to be re-installed at the field. Mr. Fish advised he would be seeking sponsors for the league and if approved for use at Brown Field would like to place a sign recognizing league sponsors. Selectmen indicated that they were initially supportive of the idea requesting that feedback from the neighbor and DPW be sought. Follow up discussion by Selectmen of the proposal will be schedule for February 7th or 14th.

Proclamation. Selectmen voted unanimously in support of a proclamation recognizing Town Treasurer Roger Conway – Attachment #2.

Town Report 2006. Selectmen reviewed a draft board report. Follow up will be scheduled for February 7th.

Road Standards and Town Subdivision Regulations. Selectmen discussed bring to closure the effort to update the town's standards requesting that DPW Director Dunham provide Selectmen with a draft proposal updating those regulations by February 28th.

TE Rail Trail Improvement Project – Swanzey/Keene. Selectmen were updated on a meeting between Keene and Swanzey staff regarding the project. Keene has agreed to update the project cost estimates before proceeding with consideration of who and how to best manage the project.

Correspondence, permits and other matters. Selectmen approved the following:

- Current Use Applications, Tax Map 74 Lot 4, Tax Map 79 Lot 6-2, 6-3 and 6-4.
- Timber Tax Warrants - \$ 8,421.30 and \$ 50.55.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator