

Selectmen's Meeting – January 24, 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.

Household Hazardous Waste Day Participation. Selectmen approved the town's participating in the 2007/2008 hazardous waste days sponsored at the Keene Recycling Center authorizing the Chair to execute on behalf of the town any necessary agreements to provide for participation.

Home Occupation, Christopher Ballas – 58 Westbrook Court, Tax Map 29 Lot 9. Selectmen met with Mr. Ballas who reviewed the use proposed as a home occupation outlined in his application received 1/9/2007 and supplemented by correspondence from Mr. Ballas dated January 16, 2007. The home occupation proposed is a machine shop to be housed in a free standing garage on the property. He advised that there was little noise associated with the machining process and that the business was proposed initially to fill a void in the area reconditioning engine blocks, cylinders etc. The business would also machine parts for companies and repair agricultural equipment. After discussion of the machine process versus auto repair Selectmen voted to approve the use as qualifying as a home occupation advising Mr. Ballas that the application will now proceed to the planning board.

120 C L Lane. Drainage concerns at 120 C L Lane were discussed with the Selectmen requesting that the DPW Director respond to the property owner.

Honey Hill Trail Head. Selectmen discussed concerns expressed by Conservation Commission Chair and the abutting landowner regarding parking and the trail head requesting DPW personnel investigate whether it is feasible to establish on town owned land (future cemetery site) a parking area for the trailhead.

Regional Prosecutor Program and Prosecution Services. Selectmen met with Chief Busick who updated members on the county's meeting held that morning regarding whether they would assume the program. How to proceed within the town's budget, given current unknowns, was discussed. Revisions to the budget reducing the resources requested for prosecution were proposed. Selectmen, after discussion, concurred with the amendments proposed.

Swanzy Cemeteries. Selectmen were advised that the cemeteries had closed "for the winter" that day.

NIMS Training. A flyer on upcoming training in Keene was distributed.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Selectmen approved as written the minutes of their meeting of January 17, 2007.

Town Meeting Warrant. Selectmen reviewed and approved the warrant for the annual meeting voting to recommend all articles presented. Selectmen approved a recommended operating budget of \$ 4,911,487 and default budget of \$ 4,903,856.

Town Report 2006. Selectmen discussed items for inclusion in their annual report to voters.

LCIP Protected Lands – Carpenter Parcel. Selectmen were provided with a copy of Conservation Commission Chairman Stephen Stepenuck’s annual monitoring report. Correspondence directed to the land owner whose junk is intruding on the town’s protected parcel by the Code Enforcement Officer earlier in January was discussed.

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 8:02 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 8:20 p.m. Selectmen voted by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator