

Selectmen's Meeting – November 8, 2006

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 6:10 p.m.

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

Emergency Management. Selectmen met with EMD Bruce Bohannon and Deputy EMD Pam Fortner who reviewed their activities related to emergency management and encouraged board members to meet at the EM office in the future. They advised that more involvement from Selectmen will be necessary and that board members will need to be NIMS trained. Bohannon reviewed past accomplishments and anticipated activities in 2007 including 3 Vernon Drills and continued work on public health and pandemic planning. Efforts to improve radio interoperability over the past few years and current efforts to obtain funding for a repeater on Mt. Caesar to improve communications were reviewed. Generator improvements under consideration at the Police Station and MRHS were discussed. Time required to conduct planning activities and participated in required training was reviewed with Bohannon advising that he had utilized vacation time over the past year and could not continue to do so into the future. Daytime emergency management training needed paid time funded by the town. Use of the public health and pandemic planning grant to fund stipends for participating officials was discussed with Selectmen requesting a proposal be developed for board consideration.

Carpenter Home Room & Board Rates. Selectmen established the following rates effective 1/1/2007 for room and board \$ 2,050 (semi-private non-HCBC), \$ 2,720 (private room) and \$ 2,900 (large private room).

DPW Winter Maintenance. Selectmen approved the winter stipend schedule for DPW personnel.

Inventory Penalty, M. Swazey. Selectmen reviewed correspondence and the record related to this penalty voting to deny the abatement request received.

Minutes of Previous Meetings. Selectmen approved as written the minutes of their meeting of November 4th. Selectmen Davis and Carlson approved as written the minutes of their meeting of November 1 with Tatro abstaining.

TE Ashuelot Branch Rail Trail Grant. Selectmen discussed municipal management of the grant executing a letter to Keene querying whether they would take lead on this project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,
Elizabeth A. Fox, Town Administrator