

Selectmen's Meeting – February 2, 2009

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlson at 8:10 a.m.

NHMA Legislative Meeting. Selectman Tatro reported to board members on the organization meeting held last Friday to discuss revenue proposals. After discussion the group agreed to support increasing the gas tax. An additional meeting is likely to be scheduled to discuss other revenue options in a few weeks.

Uniform Policy – Carpenter Home. Selectmen approved an amended policy for personnel at the home – Attachment #1.

Policy: Use of Town Vehicles. Selectmen approved an amendment to the information section of the policy including the fire chief in the list of personnel permitted continuous assignment – Attachment #2.

Swanzy Rural Character. Selectmen authorized submission of a grant application seeking support from the NH Charitable Foundation to produce and disseminate the film project via DVDs.

Monadnock Regional School District. Selectmen discussed the upcoming deliberative session and whether the board should seek amendment to Article 7 which as proposed reduces the number of representatives from Swanzy on the School Board. Selectmen agreed that Swanzy should have 7 members, not 5 as proposed. Selectmen requested member Bruce Tatro seek to have Article 7 amended to increase Swanzy's representation to 7 and the board size to 15 at the deliberative session on February 7th.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Selectmen approved as written the public and non-public session minutes of their meeting of January 21, 2009.

Legislative Matters. Selectmen expressed support for SB 110 which would provide the town's voters the opportunity to consider the option of appointing a town clerk. Selectmen requested a letter expressing support for the legislation be prepared for their signature prior to Thursday's hearing before the Senate Public & Municipal Affairs Committee.

Cable Commission. Selectmen were advised that Robert Beauregard had served 2 terms on the commission comprised of representatives from Swanzy, Marlborough and Keene. Under the guidelines which establish the commission, he cannot serve another term consecutively. Notice seeking an individual to represent the town will be posted.

Gocht, 46 East Shore Road, Tax Map 45 Lot 12. Selectmen were advised that correspondence had been received from Ronald Gocht seeking a meeting with the board to discuss the pending issues with the existing septic system located in large part on the town's Richardson Park property. Staff will work to coordinate a meeting with Mr. Gocht and counsel as part of the board's agenda for a meeting later in February.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator