

Selectmen's Meeting – August 17, 2010

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

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

MNTS Land, LLC v. Town of Swanzey. Selectmen were advised that an appeal of the Superior Court decision has been filed at the Supreme Court by MNTS Land, LLC.

Swanzey Lake Clean Up. Selectmen were advised that a local dive club was organizing on Saturday, September 19th to dive Swanzey Lake picking up trash and other debris on the lake bottom. Pilgrim Pines Conference Center has granted permission to use their north end beach an area to stage and organize material removed from the lake. It is staff understanding that the dive club will also be seeking permission to use Richardson Park to stage and organize material on the southerly end of the lake. Selectmen voted to support the event authorizing use of the town's beach, waiving of any recycling center fees that might be assessed for debris removed from the bottom of the lake and if required following the event use of town personnel and equipment to haul material collected during the dive to the town's recycling center.

Covered Bridge Signs. Selectmen reviewed pricing and information provided by DPW Director Lee Dunham for signs proposed to advise motorists of the covered bridge ordinance adopted by Selectmen in May of 2010. Selectmen supported establishment of a generic sign that includes the warnings applicable to the Thompson, Cresson and Carlton Covered Bridges – covered bridge ahead, passenger cars only, nothing in tow, one lane bridge – augmented by separate signage pertaining to height that is tailored to each location. Signage for the 3 ton weight limit needs to be included as well. As the signs are regulatory, Selectmen requested the coloring follow MUTC standard (black and white). Selectmen also recommended inclusion of the weight and height signs on the same pole as the other postings. Selectmen discussed approaching the state to suggest re-alignment of the approach on the west side of the Cresson Bridge.

PSNH Smart Start Program. Selectmen approved proceed with participation in this program for the locations deemed eligible.

Lifefinder Films – Richardson Park. Fox relayed to Selectmen information received from Ted Reilly of Lifefinder Films related to their request to shoot a short film in Swanzey this fall (weekend of September 23-27) with Richardson Park serving as a location for much of the filming. Filming would occur during daylight hours and availability of bath facilities would be helpful. Power is not required for filming and there would be no nighttime activity at the park. Feedback has been received from Police Chief Busick and Recreation Committee Chair Judy Bohannon and they did not express any initial concerns. Fire Chief Skantze queried about steps being taken to ensure the safety of actors while in the water. A copy of the script has been requested. Based on information and feedback to date and provided appropriate insurance coverage can be demonstrated, Selectmen were supportive of moving forward to see if agreement can be reached to allow use of the town's facility for Lifefinder's project.

Board of Tax & Land Appeals – 2009 Update. Selectmen were advised that notices regarding the settlement process had been received for several appeals and that once the period for filing

had expired and all were received, the matter would be placed on the Selectmen's agenda to establish a process for addressing the BTLA requirement.

Field Pond Foundation Grant Application. Selectmen authorized participation as a co-applicant by the Town's Open Space Committee in this grant application seeking funding for the Monadnock Conservancy in support of acquisition costs for the Tippin' Rock Farm Project. Selectmen authorized execution on behalf of the town of paperwork necessary to make application by Open Space Chair Jeanne Thieme.

Tax Status – Page Homestead Sr. Housing, 185 Monadnock Highway. Selectmen reviewed information from town counsel concurring that when constructed and occupied that the development appears to qualify for tax status pursuant to RSA 72:23-K provided apartment occupants (head of household) are 62 or older. Negotiations will likely be required to ascertain the appropriate payment for the 2010 tax year as the project will not yet be occupied but will create demand for services during the 2010 tax year. Selectmen determined that for purposes of preparing the town's MS 1, the property should be classified as subject to a payment in lieu of taxes.

Tax Status – Monadnock Developmental Services, Tax Map 19 Lot 57. Selectmen reviewed information received regarding the organization and the property serving as a primary residence for an individual with developmental disabilities served by the agency determining that the property qualified as tax exempt pursuant to RSA 72:23V.

Rural Fire Water Resources Plan. Selectmen discussed the review and approval process for the plan recently completed by the North Country Resource Conservation and Development Area Inc. requesting feedback and approval by other participating town partners (Planning Board, DPW and Fire Department) prior to consideration by Selectmen.

CONSENT AGENDA. Selectmen reviewed and approved the following consent agenda items.

- Permits to Trap, G. Bussiere, Muster Field, Tacy Lot & Mt. Cresson – authorizing Chairman Carlson to sign on behalf of the board.
- Letter to E. Jacobs re: correspondence of 7/25/2010.
- Appointment Papers confirming David Krisch as a member of EDAC – term expires 9/24/2013.
- Event Permit #2010-22.

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of August 9, 2010. Selectmen reviewed and approved noting a correction was required on page 2 – section entitled RSA 674:41 I(d) changing a word "also" in the last sentence of that section to "allow".

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa & c, Personnel. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa & c at 7:24 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator