

Selectmen's Meeting – March 1, 2006

Present were Selectmen Robert A. Beauregard, Deborah J. Davis and Francis W. Faulkner, Jr. Also present was Town Administrator Elizabeth A. Fox.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Beauregard.

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

Junkyard Licensing. The need to re-initiate licensing of junkyard locations adjacent to state highways since the state not longer is doing so was discussed. Three or four locations appear to require licensing. They include Armand Bedard's property, Route 10 Auto, West Swanzy Garage, all located on Route 10, and Monroe's on Route 12. Selectmen requested staff develop an application form to collect some base line information regarding each location as well as each location's most recent state license. Once the form is complete, applications will be requested from property owners and hearings will be scheduled to accept testimony regarding re-licensing of each location.

Mill K Proposal. Selectmen reviewed correspondence from Brickstone Mason representative Jim Phippard outlining a proposal from Emile Legere for improvements to a town parcel in exchange for a flood easement (attached). Scheduling of hearings required in mid March and early April was discussed with Selectmen requesting staff prepare and post the notices required under RSA 41:14-a.

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of February 22, 2006. Selectmen reviewed and approved as written the minutes of their meeting of 2/22/2006.

Snowmobile Trails. Selectmen met with Bruce Bohannon who reviewed a plan to develop a snowmobile trail running from Eaton Road to Talbot Hill crossing the southern portion of the Carpenter Home property. This trail would also be available for other pedestrian uses and horses. Selectmen granted conceptual approval to the proposal subject to review of the formal agreements required.

Matthews Road. Mr. Bohannon requested permission to cut adjacent to the rail bed trail along Matthews Road. After discussion it appeared the area involved was part of the Cresson Forest property and he was referred to the Conservation Commission. It was also suggested he talk with the DPW Director.

Snowmobiles crossing on the Cresson Bridge. Mr. Bohannon queried whether the town would consider allowing snowmobiles to use the Cresson Bridge. Concerns about the compatibility of snowmobiles and cars were expressed. Selectmen advised it was something they would need to seek input from departments on before they would consider.

Mt. Caesar and the City of Keene Beacon. Concerns were expressed about the power feed from the Carpenter Home yard to the beacon on the top of Mt. Caesar and whether it posed a safety risk.

Carpenter Home. Selectmen discussed the new lights installed on the porch deciding to designate the non-expendable trusts as the funding source for this improvement. An invoice for thawing of pipes at the home will be posted to the operating budget. A recommendation to replace the compressor on the large refrigerator was discussed with Selectmen requesting another vendor look at the appliance.

Home Occupation, Charles Stevens – Tax Map 74 Lot 8, 188 Forest Ave. Selectmen reviewed the use proposed in the application received from Mr. Stevens 2/24/2006 voting to approve the use as qualifying as a home occupation.

Monadnock Playground Committee. Selectmen discussed a request from the committee to include an article about their fundraising effort in the town's Swanzey Uncovered. Selectmen, although recognizing the cause as worthy, upheld past policy of allowing submissions to the newsletter from town departments or town government related organizations.

Cheshire Fair Association. A request from the Fair for a "blanket" raffle permit covering any raffles occurring in 2006 was discussed. Selectmen advised they did not object to issuance of one permit for a number of similar events or raffles but some specificity was required on matters such as the dates of each raffle and the prizes to be awarded. More information on the raffles planned with will be requested from the CFA.

Correspondence & Permits. Selectmen reviewed and approved the following:

- Voted to authorize Chairman Beauregard to execute on behalf of the town a right of way certificate stating that work associated with the shared shoulder project would occur within the state right of way.
- Intent to Cut Timber for Tax Map 81-7-3, 81-7-4 and 73-10-2.
- Correspondence regarding the assessed value of 6 acres of the 8 plus acre parcel now owned by Swanzey Township on Main Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator