

Selectmen's Meeting – June 4, 2008

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

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Site Visits. Selectmen conducted the following site visits:

Whitcomb Hall – failed to gain access to the building (wrong key)

Brown Field. New trash cans and recycling containers were viewed at Brown Field. An area in which knotweed was removed on the Brown Field/Historical Museum parcel was observed.

Pine Street – stopping at 152 Pine Street and talking with Campground owner Mark Manougian. It was noted that the Hall property was free of unregistered motor vehicles in compliance with the outstanding court order. It was also noted that a large dozer, several pieces of construction equipment and a number of cars were on the Cournoyer property that were believed to be associated with a business operated of the property by Jeffrey Sevene. Mr. Cournoyer and Mr. Sevene have failed to date to file an application with the town (as requested) for the non-residential use occurring on the property and Code Enforcement Officer James Weston has issued a Notice of Violation.

Homestead Ave & South Grove Street. Selectmen drove by properties on Homestead Ave including the Bates, Denico and Frazier residences.

Davis Residence, Talbot Hill Road Selectmen visited the property viewing the porch subject of pending BTLA appeal under RSA 72:37-a.

Selectmen returned to Town Hall to conduct a business meeting.

Atkinson Hill Road (Class VI portion). Information regarding improvements and activity on the class VI section of the road was distributed to Selectmen. Discussion of the matter will be scheduled with DPW Director Lee Dunham on June 11th. Selectmen were advised that Town Hall had received calls reporting concern about improvements underway from Dr. & Mrs. Pullen of Atkinson Hill Road and that DPW Director Dunham had directed Meadowsend Timberlands (who had been improving the road) to cease work until the board had an opportunity to address the matter.

Nominations Pending. Recreation Committee members and a town representative in the Cool Monadnock Initiative.

Enforcement. Selectmen queried whether any response had been received as a result of the board's denial of the Home Occupation application submitted for 10 Aldrich Road. No response has been received from the applicant. They have 30 days to appeal the decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Enforcement action will be considered after close of the appeal period.

Fire Chief Recruitment. Selectmen reviewed and edited a memo directed to fire department members, town officials, residents and other interested parties designed to summarize activities related to the Full Time Fire Chief Recruitment – Attachment #1.

Gocht Appeal Selectman Davis advised the board she had received notice of a Wetlands Council pre-hearing conference related to the state's denial of the Gocht application.

Fire Department. Selectmen approved an invoice for repairs to 2001 Pierce \$ \$2,805.10 (work by Minuteman Trucks) expressing concern that at this point with the work complete they had no alternative. Difficulties inherent in obtaining pre-approval when dealing with vehicle repairs was discussed.

Department of Public Works. Selectmen discussed the status of items included in their memo to DPW Director Dunham dated January 30th. Need to prioritize some of the pending items, such as paving work and identification of the budget number necessary to "save" for November and December weather as well as how to address over-expenditures in the area of fuel primarily and heating oil. Department activity reporting mechanism were discussed at length with Tatro advising he could provide a sample of the type of activity tracking they did in Keene which he thought might give the board a better sense of how department resources were utilized. Selectmen queried about the status of Carlton Road Extension reconstruction.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes. Selectmen approved the minutes of their meeting of May 28, 2008 with amendments noting that Selectman Carlson had raised the issue of seeking permission for other municipal uses of the Carpenter Home land and Selectman Tatro had requested the street addressing committee re-initiate their efforts as the work anticipated by the Bureau of Emergency Communications related to mapping of the town was not going to occur for some period of time.

Town Clerk. Board members noted they had received an email from the clerk related to a personnel matter. Fox advised that she discussed the matter with the clerk and would be addressing it as appropriate.

Consent Agenda. Selectmen approved the following items as part of the consent agenda.

- Intent to cut tax Map 63 Lot 5, Map 18 Lots 2, 3, 6, 7
- Abatement #2008-2, NH Housing Authority.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator