

Selectmen's Meeting – July 25, 2007

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Tatro.

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

Citizen Concerns. Selectman Carlson reported that she had a query from a resident who wanted the town's sidewalks extended from Haley Park south to Cobble Hill Road.

MRSD Facilities. Selectman Tatro advised members that the district was conducting a meeting next Tuesday for Selectmen from the towns providing information on district building plan activities.

Kendall Lane. Ben Tatro met with Selectmen querying about the drainage easement – Attachment #1 – and who accepted it for the town. He advised Selectmen that his counsel indicated that the easement might not be valid if Selectmen did not approve the language. Language in the development agreement executed by Selectmen in September of 2006 calling for a drainage easement in unspecified locations was reviewed and this easement was put in place to fulfill that requirement established by Selectmen in the development agreement and those set by DPW Director Dunham. Ben Tatro queried about the process to change a road's name expressing concern that the name by which the road is now known does not conform to guidance provided by E911. He was advised that, at this point, it would be timely to raise that issue when Selectmen are considering dedication and acceptance of the subdivision road as a town maintained highway.

Planning Board. Selectmen discussed rotation of the Selectmen's ex-officio representative to the Planning Board scheduled for August when Selectmen Tatro will begin to fill this seat on behalf of the board. In December, Selectman Davis is scheduled to take over.

West Swanzey Sidewalk Committee. Town Moderator Gus Lerandau advised Selectmen he was seeking nominations to fill a vacancy on the Sidewalk Committee. The roundabout opened at the intersection of Routes 101 and 10 this week was discussed. Favorable comments were made regarding its handling of traffic to date.

Recycling Center. Selectmen met with Solid Waste Manager David Krisch discussing proposed invasive species prevention programs at the Recycling Center and current education efforts. Selectmen approved implementation of a control program – Attachment #2 and a handout for distribution with edits indicated – Attachment #3. An offer from Volunteer Grace Lilly to seek funds to support additional educational efforts in the community regarding invasive species was discussed. Selectmen authorized investigation by Ms. Lilly of such opportunities as outlined in a memo from Krisch dated July 24, 2007

– Attachment #4. Krisch also updated Selectmen on research being conducted by center staff looking at the future facilities. Visits to several solid waste facilities recently upgraded are scheduled.

RSA 41:14-a - Johnson Farm Conservation Easement. In follow up to public hearings conducted by the board on June 28, 2007 and July 11, 2007 as required by RSA 41:14-a, Selectmen considered financial participation by the Town in acquisition of a conservation easement over a portion of the Johnson Farm off Corey Pond Road (Tax Map 12 Lot 5). Monadnock Conservancy would hold a primary interest in the conservation easement with the Town serving as back up easement holder. Testimony received supporting participation at the 2 public hearings was reviewed. No objections or negative comments regarding the town's proposed financial participation or acquisition of an interest in the conservation easement have been received by Selectmen. Selectmen voted to authorize financial participation by the town to assist the Monadnock Conservancy in acquiring a conservation easement over portions of the Johnson Farm with the Monadnock Conservancy holding primary interest in the easement and the Town serving as back up easement holder. Financial participation by Town is to be funded by the capital reserve conservation lands acquisition fund as outlined in a memo received from the Open Space Committee dated June 27, 2007 – Attachment #5 - detailing acquisition and anticipated associated costs.

Home Occupation – Deirdre Geer, 35 Hackler Drive (Tax Map 33 Lot 41). Selectmen reviewed the use proposed by Ms. Geer in an application received by the Town on July 19, 2007 voting to approve it as qualifying as a home occupation.

Future Agenda Item. Selectmen noted that further discussion of marketing related to the town's TIF district was needed.

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa, Town Hall. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 7:20 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:30 p.m. voting by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

Old Home Day. Selectmen discussed activities and comments received about this year's celebration. Selectmen authorized, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b accepting and expending without further appropriation by the Town approximately \$100 in donations received from local businesses, TK's, Café by the Way and Cutting Edge, towards expenses associated with the celebration.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Selectmen reviewed minutes of their meeting of July 18th approving them with several grammatical corrections – page 2 West Street Bridge, changing the word “who” to “whose” and page 3 Waste Management Disposal Contract was amended to read “due to” and “town from determining”. The minutes will be corrected and reprinted for the record.

Certificate of Achievement. Selectmen executed a Certificate of Achievement recognizing Alex Michael Trombly attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and expressing

appreciation for his service project improving accessibility at the Cheshire Fairgrounds – Attachment #6.

Nominations. Selectmen noted receipt of an application to become a member of the Conservation Commission filed by Grace Lilly executing a letter of acknowledgement to Ms. Lilly advising that currently the Commission did not have a vacancy and expressing their appreciation for her interest in serving the town.

Correspondence, Permits & Other Matters. Selectmen reviewed and executed the following:

- Raffle Permits #2007-12 & 13.
- Land Use Change Tax Invoice, Ray Martin \$ 516.41.
- Notice of Intent to Cut Tax Map 28 Lot 4.
- Letter to Deb Watkins of TD Banknorth advising of the board's vote to release the letter of credit supplied by Cheshire Horse to secure site improvements and returning to her the original letter of credit.
- Notice of Lien, Carter & White.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator