

Selectmen's Meeting – October 25, 2006

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

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

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

Homestead Woolen Mill Dam Removal & 50% Plans. Selectmen reviewed 50% plans prepared by VHB under contract to the State of New Hampshire for removal of the Homestead Woolen Mill Dam. Concern was expressed by Selectmen, based on the information provided that the grades proposed for the river bottom after removal were too low and would increase the threat to the covered bridge. Selectmen suggested that grades in this stretch of river bottom should be maintained closer to 455' and that if necessary the project area expanded to allow for retention of more water under the covered bridge. Lack of any proposed water levels with the proposed 50% plans disappointed board members who expressed frustration that they were being asked for feedback based on incomplete information.

North Swanzey Project. Selectmen authorized Chairman Davis to execute the most recent requisition on behalf of the board.

Fire Department Organization. Status of information requested for Paul Szoc was discussed.

Treasurer's position. The salary for the position for 2007, with the anticipated retirement of longtime experienced treasurer Roger Conway, was discussed with information from similar communities reviewed.

Talbot Hill Road & Canyon Estates Subdivision. Selectmen reviewed correspondence from NHDOT District Engineer Doug Graham commenting on the developer's traffic analysis. Selectmen requested information regarding the right of way to developed and if necessary confirmed in the field by DPW Director Dunham so that the town might facilitate seeking road abutter's cooperation regarding shrub removal.

Invasive Species. Information on plant species and state statute was reviewed by Board members. History of the plantings around the Town Hall was also reviewed. Selectmen interpreted statute concurring that the town was not in violation by allowing the existing shrubs to live out their natural life after January 1, 2007 when they become classified under RSA as an invasive species.

Tax Rate 2006. Information regarding the rate set by DRA and the town's assessed value was provided to board members.

Elections November 2006. Information from the Town Clerk regarding Selectmen's responsibilities and the upcoming November election was reviewed by board members.

November Meeting Calendar. Selectmen review the calendar for the month setting meeting dates. Selectman Carlson advised she could attend Open Space Committee meetings on behalf of the board.

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 7:50 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 8:30 p.m. Selectmen voted by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

North Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct. Resident Gary LaFreniere met with Selectmen expressing concern about water consumption readings at this residence over the past 2 or 3 quarters. He was referred to the NSWFP Commissioners as the meters and water service is operated by that governing body and does not fall within jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

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

- Property Tax Warrant, \$ 5,512,605.
- Release of Deferment, Armstrong Property.
- Raffle Permit #2006-14, MRHS.
- General Assistance Lien, Trembley.
- Shift differential and PTO schedules for the Carpenter Home and Police Sworn personnel.

Approval of Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of October 18, 2006. Selectmen approved as written the minutes of their meeting of 10/18/2006.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator