

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – MAY 14, 2008

### ATTENDANCE

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

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

Selectmen reviewed and approved accounts payable and payroll manifests.

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

### CITIZEN CONCERNS

None presented.

### APPOINTMENTS

6:15 – 6:30 Mike Morrison re Mill K plantings

Morrison appeared before the Board to represent Ben Crofford, a MRHS student who Morrison is mentoring during Crofford's senior project.

Crofford has propagated and raised seedlings of shrubs that are appropriate for attracting wildlife and stabilizing sloped land, and offers to make approximately 400 young shrubs available to the Mill K project. His goal is to help preserve the wildlife corridor and enhance biodiversity on the site. The plants have been approved by Department of Agriculture soils conservationist Wendy Ward, and include species recommended by county forester Steve Roberge. All species are tolerant of flooding. The plants are about to break dormancy, and must be planted soon. Morrison offered labor from the high school's Fish and Game Club to plant the shrubs, and stands ready to pick up the plants on May 15 for immediate planting.

The Conservation Commission reviewed, discussed, and approved Crofford's proposal at its May 13 meeting. Jim Phippard has been supportive and helpful, and is willing to direct the planting, which would take place on the slope adjacent to the river. Emile Legere is in favor of the students' project, and will pay for the shrubs.

Crofford is unable to supply the planting plan's specified tree species, which are beyond the scope of the nursery. Phippard will obtain these trees, and arrange for their planting. Morrison offered to bring the Board photographs of the work.

Board members spoke in favor of community involvement in the project, and appreciated Crofford's offer as a "win-win" solution. The proposed change must be noted and approved on the final planting plan.

*Motion* by Tatro to approve the planting of Crofford's shrubs. Second by Davis. All in favor.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None.

### NOMINATIONS

Cool Monadnock (posted 4/14/2008)

Recreation Committee (posted 4/14/2008)

### CONFIRMATIONS

None.

### ENFORCEMENT

None.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None scheduled.

## **CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS**

### Position description – Fire Chief

Board members compared Swanzey’s draft position description with position descriptions from Amherst, Jaffrey, Rindge, Peterborough, and Keene. Generally, Board members determined that many details of Amherst description are appropriate for Swanzey. Fox will incorporate discussed changes into the Swanzey draft for the Board’s future review.

### Fire Chief Recruitment Advisory Committee

Board members reviewed submitted nominations, and selected the following nominees for positions on the proposed Advisory Committee:

- 2 members, Swanzey Fire Department – Charles Beauregard, Sr., Darren Naeck
- Emergency Management Director or designee – Bruce Bohannon
- Police Chief or designee – Rich Busick
- 2 citizens at large – David Osgood, David Whipple

Need business/institutional – invite Mike Bresnahan

Need professional firefighter – invite Peterborough’s fire chief

### Fire Chief Recruitment process.

Fox will finalize the Local Government Center recruitment proposal, and make arrangements for the Board to meet with LGC representatives to learn more about their recruitment process.

Davis suggested that a first activity of the new Advisory Committee might be to draw up community-specific interview questions for the LGC to pose to applicants.

### Update Mill K & Legere parcel development agreement

Park Construction has begun work. Planting may start on May 15. (see **APPOINTMENTS**)

### Other matters

All offers for temporary full and part-time employment have been extended, and accepted by the candidates.

## **CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA** (includes correspondence, permits, and other matters)

1. Event Permit #2008-12
2. Raffle Permit #2008-10
3. Release of Lien, Tax Map 87 Lot 2-5050
4. Intents to Excavate, Tax Map 38 Lots 22 & 23
5. Approval of Current Use Applications – Tax Map 33 Lot 68-9; Tax Map 41 Lot 1; Tax Map 10 Lot 23; Tax Map 21 Lot 5; Tax Map 71 Lot 17
6. Thank you to Duffin and friends
7. Intent to cut 66/2; 22/1; 34/34; 34/35

**Motion** by Davis to approve the consent agenda; second by Tatro. All in favor.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

*Motion* by Tatro to approve the minutes of May 7, 2008, including the non-public session minutes, with the following amendment to the business meeting: Add to **DEPARTMENT REPORTS, Fire Chief Bob Symonds** -- Tatro asked for a total list of repairs needed for the Center Station pickup.

Second by Davis. All in favor.

### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion* by Davis to adjourn; second by Tatro. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Submitted by

Victoria Reck Barlow  
Recording Secretary

### **LIST OF FUTURE AGENDA/PENDING ITEMS**

1. Next week's meeting?
2. Subdivision Road Standards. Draft developed by DPW Director Dunham distributed to Selectmen. Review pending.
3. Personnel policy updates.
4. Decide whether to replace Carpenter Home burner and underground tank, possibly with an alternative heating system.
5. Hiring – Department of Public Works (full time and seasonal positions).
6. Preparation of invoice pending - Land Use Change Tax Bill (Oliphant et al)
7. Display on Route 12 pending enforcement issue
8. SOG – Fire Department – distribute 5/7 for discussion 5/21
9. Code Red proposal – deferred until 5/21 to allow for feedback from FD personnel.