

Selectmen's Meeting – July 22, 2009

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

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The meeting was conducted at the Swanzev Police Station – Community Room.

RSA 31:95-b – Accepting and expending unanticipated funds. Selectmen voted to accept cash donations received toward the Swanzev Rural Character Project in the amount of \$710 and authorized their expenditure toward project purposes. Selectmen also voted to accept \$100 in cash donations resulting from a yard sale conducted on Old Home Day authorizing proceeds to be expended for resident activities.

Citizen Concerns - Mill K. Grace Lilly met with Selectmen to express her growing concerns about conditions at Mill K advising that the road was washing out; there were no signs and no gate at the bike trail exit. In addition, the canoe access has grown in and planting at the sight have failed. Knotweed and purple loosestrife are growing on the site. Lilly advised that she felt that Jim Phippard and Emile Legere had not kept up their part of the bargain. She feels that Selectmen need to get more involved to stop growth of invasive species. Selectmen requested the file be pulled for their review and discussed scheduling a site visit to the property.

Police Department. Chief Busick reported to Selectmen that the Attorney General had issued a press release reporting its preliminary findings – Attachment 1. Selectmen concurred with Cpl. Eccleston remaining on paid administrative leave until the preliminary findings of AG and administrative department investigation is complete.

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIb, PD Hiring. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 6:45 p.m. Present were Town Administrator Beth Fox and Police Chief Rich Busick. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:04 p.m. Selectmen voted to authorize Chief Busick to retain Officer Fisher as a part time officer through October 15. Selectmen voted by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely or until conditions of the offer extended are satisfied.

Fire Department – 1962 Mack Tanker Replacement. Selectmen met with Fire Chief Norm Skantze and Firefighter Kevin Bell. Chief Skantze reviewed tanker cab and chassis options and tank pricing options with board members. Swanzev Center Company, with the financial assistance of a bequest of the Charles Hanrahan Estate, has offered to purchase and gift to the town a cab and chassis on which a tanker body could be placed. The company recommends and has priced a Mack cab & chassis with an automatic transmission at \$114,735. Chief Skantze reviewed tanker body quotes and recommends acceptance of a proposal from M & W Fire Apparatus - New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus initially priced at \$173,762. Several modifications recommended reduce this price slightly. Acquisition of the tanker body would be funded through the capital reserve account for fire trucks. Available balance in that capital

reserve fund 12/31/2008 was \$100,598. An addition \$80,000 has been approved for contribution in 2009. Chief Skantze advised Selectmen that Center Company had requested that the 1962 Mack Tanker be given to it when the new truck went in service although that request was not a contingency in their offer to gift to the Town the cab and chassis purchased with the Hanrahan bequest. Selectmen's authorized to dispose of town property will be investigated. An option in the tanker body quote is the gift from that vender of a 1978 ladder truck. Selectmen requested more information about the implications of such a gift such as the cost to maintain the truck, an assessment of how it would fit into the fleet, where it would be housed and whether its acquisition would result in the addition of another vehicle to the fire fleet. After further discussion, Selectmen advised they supported the concept of accepting a gift of the cab and chassis requesting staff schedule a hearing in August to accept public testimony as required. In addition, Selectmen voted to approve M & W Fire Apparatus as the vendor for the tanker body at a cost not to exceed \$173,762, subject to an affirmative vote by the Board of Selectmen following a public hearing to accept the gift of the Mack cab & chassis from Center Company.

Homestead Woolen Mill Dam/Thompson Bridge Scour Countermeasures. The board acknowledged approve of the wetlands permit for the project voting to authorize the board chair to execute it on behalf of the Town.

Page Court. Selectmen discussed the appearance of the end of Page Court advising they wanted the loose dirt removed prior to week's end and jersey barriers installed. A plan for its permanent closure should be developed for their review. IN addition, Selectmen advised cross walks in the West Village needed to be repainted prior to school beginning in late August.

Kubota Tractor. Selectman Carlson queried why a tractor was parked at Railroad Street. Staff advised they did not know.

Sidewalk – North Grove. Selectman Carlson expressed concern about the meeting of driveways and the road modified by sidewalk construction on North Grove Street.

New Hampshire Retirement System. Selectmen executed a letter, paying under protest, costs of the system shifted by the state to the town – Attachment #2.

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of July 15, 2009. Selectmen approved the minutes of their meeting, both public and non-public sessions, with an amendment correcting a typographical error in the word "order" on page 2.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator