

## **Selectmen's Meeting – September 2, 2009**

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

**Site Visit – 537 Old Homestead Highway.** Selectmen began their weekly meeting convening at this location to view a used ladder truck available to the fire department. After looking at the truck and observing operation of its ladder Selectmen recessed to Town Hall for their business meeting.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Financial matters.** Selectmen reviewed and approved accounts payable and payroll manifests.

**Citizens Concerns.** Selectman Carlson related to board members concerns expressed to her regarding the length of time it was taking to complete work on the Cobble Hill Road sidewalk. She estimated work had been occurring (sporadically) for almost 9 weeks.

**Department of Public Works.** Selectmen met with DPW Director Lee Dunham reviewing the following matters:

- **Road Salt Contract.** Selectmen concurred with the recommendation of Dunham to purchase salt from Barrett provided material can be acquired at state bid price (\$59.33 ton) or less. State bid for District #4 salt was awarded to Granite State.
- **Truck #2.** Selectmen reviewed an estimate to repair the live body of this truck which has been in service since 1996 (\$4,461.70). Work related to the chain and sprockets is recommended to reduce the likelihood of this truck's sand/salt spreader breaking down and going out of service during winter operations. Dunham advised he expects the truck to be in service an additional 3 years. Funds available in the repair line item were discussed and estimated at \$2,400. Fall inspections are pending. Status of other line items and whether funds were available to transfer to repairs for this expense was discussed. Selectman Tatro suggested investigation of a slide in spreader querying whether that purchase could be cheaper than repairing the live body. Dunham advised he would investigate and report back to the board next week.

**Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa.** Selectmen voted unanimously at 7:05 p.m. by roll call to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa to consider an employee matter. Present were Selectmen, Town Administrator Fox and DPW Director Dunham. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 8:35 p.m. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

**Fire Trucks: Tanker Body & Ladder Truck.** Following viewing of the ladder truck, Selectmen considered whether they wish to consider scheduling a public hearing to accept testimony regarding accepting the ladder truck pursuant to RSA 31:95-e. After discussion, Selectmen requested staff schedule a public hearing to consider acceptance of this used ladder truck. Initial estimates to modify west station to accommodate the truck – expanding to the rear – total \$10,000. Selectmen also reviewed and voted to authorize Chairman Davis to execute on behalf of the town an agreement with M & W Fire Apparatus (Specification No 10037-01) in the amount of \$173,762 for a body to be mounted on the 2010 Mack Tanker Cab and Chassis being donated to the Town by Center Company.

**Update of Values.** Commercial values will be released by Vision to property owners by the end of the week. Work by Vision to finalize residential property numbers continues. A request to meet with the Selectmen has been received from a group of Swanzey Lake property owners. That opportunity will be scheduled for 9/23.

**Request to continue use of the old ball field at Brown Field for youth soccer this fall beginning September 1 and running through November 1.** Selectmen granted the request (dated 8/31/2009) from Monadnock Soccer Club.

**Request to waive recycling center disposal fees – P & H Sand & Gravel/SUR Construction West.** CEO Weston has been working with this property owner to clean up assorted debris dumped by others on the portion of the property along the Class VI portion of Kempton Road. The property owner has requested the town waive recycling center disposal fees which Weston estimates will be \$80. Items to be disposed of include mattresses, couches, chairs and a television. Selectmen agreed to waive fees, up to \$80, to facilitate clean up of the town's class VI road.

Carpenter Home. The family of a former resident, Al & Charlotte Chamberlain, (Flora's son and daughter-in-law) have contacted town staff and offered to donate a mini van to be used by the home. Such a vehicle has been on the home's wish list for a long time. Administrator Rice has expressed support for the Chamberlain's proposal and appreciation for their generosity. Selectmen reacted appreciatively and requested a public hearing to consider acceptance of this donation pursuant to RSA 31:95-e be scheduled.

**Economic Development Advisory Committee.** Terms of 2 members (Johnson & Bouffard) are scheduled to expire September 24<sup>th</sup> and one other member – Mary Ryan – has requested effort be made to find a replacement for her as her property is on the market and they are planning to relocate to New Mexico. Selectmen requested nominations for the three positions be sought.

**Consent Agenda.** Selectmen approved the following items on the Consent Agenda for 9/2/2009:

- Event Permit #2009-15, Never give Up Race for Angella.
- Letter to Brnger, Order on Petition for Contempt.

- Designation of V. Barlow as New Construction Coordinator for 2010 Census.

**Approval of the minutes of the Selectmen Meeting of August 26, 2009.** Selectmen reviewed and approved the minutes (public and non-public sessions) of their meeting of August 26, 2009 correcting a typographical error in the Mill K item adding the work “on” and adding the number “270” to describe additional days in the 2010 Mack Cab & Chassis discussion.

**Approval of the Minutes of Selectmen’s Meeting of September 1, 2009.** Selectmen reviewed, and approved as written, the minutes of their meeting of 9/1/2009.

**Upcoming Meetings.** Selectmen schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Swanzey Police Station to continue their work on employee evaluations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox  
Town Administrator