

Selectmen's Meeting – November 1, 2006

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

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

PEG Access. Ken Colby met with Selectmen asking they consider locating the town point of origin provided by the franchise agreement with Time Warner at MRHS in the gym as it would provide for ready cable TV access to many public events.

Mt. Caesar Union Library. Selectmen met with Library Trustees reviewing the proposed budget for 2007. Some additional utility expenses associated with the central air system installed are expected in 2007 although there may be some net savings on heat costs due to installation of the new burner and elimination of propane gas heaters. Security system costs have decreased due to conversion to SWNH Mutual Aid's service. Future capital needs for the building were reviewed and include windows, painting of the exterior, roof and new electrical fixtures. Library Trustees discussed changing the structure of the Library's capital reserve account to that of an expendable trust. Options to accomplish that were reviewed. Staff will talk with DRA to determine the most effective way to accomplish the change.

Stratton Free Library. Trustees reviewed the Stratton Library proposal advising that no increase in hours of operation was planned in 2007. Windows have been redone and are in good shape although in the recent rains the slate roof leaked and investigation is now underway to determine what repairs might be necessary. Ideas for more cooperation between libraries were discussed.

Maynard Property, Cobble Hill Road – Tax Map 84 Lot 1. Selectmen met with property owner Tom Maynard and Septic System Designer Tom Forest reviewing an issue with a driveway access necessary to place a home on the lot and its wetland crossing. The property owner advised he did not realize a permit was necessary to cross this wetland and NHDES has now indicated they will not issue a septic approval for the lot due the violation. A letter asking for expedited review was requested from Selectmen as the house is due for delivery November 20th. It was agreed that CEO Weston would meet with NHDES and the property owner at the site on Tuesday.

Upcoming events. Selectmen were advised that the Cub Scouts would be conducting their flag ceremony on November 11th and that Veteran's Day events were scheduled in the West Village that day.

Carpenter Home Septic System Replacement. Selectmen reviewed bids for the septic system at the home deciding to reject all submissions expressing concern about vendor's

ability to meet the timetable included in the bid specification, weather and other related factors.

Treasurer's Position. Selectmen approved an article for Swanzey Uncovered related to the anticipated retirement of longtime treasurer Roger Conway.

Homeland Security Grant Application – Emergency Services Repeater. Selectmen voted to authorize the chair to execute on behalf of the town a grant application seeking funds to install a town repeater on Mt. Caesar to improve interoperability for emergency services.

GMC Topkick. Selectmen voted to advise the bidder awarded the truck that they had until end of the day on November 6th to close the deal with the town or the truck would be re-bid.

Owens Drive. Selectmen executed a letter approving reduction of the letter of credit for this road to \$15,000 to remain in effect until July 2008.

RSA 31:95-b, Regional Public Health Emergency/Pandemic Planning Funds. Selectmen voted to authorize accepting and expending, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, \$ 2,517.32 to be used toward expenses incurred by the town's planning effort.

Tax Status, 38 Sylvan Way. Selectmen reviewed correspondence from NH Housing Finance Authority voting to refund \$11157.57 to the housing authority as requested in the letter to Selectmen dated 10/23/2006.

Request for Nominations – SWRPC. Correspondence requesting Selectmen submit nominations for various committees was reviewed.

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of 10/25/2006. Selectmen reviewed and approved as written the minutes of their meeting of 10/25/2006.

Non-public session, RSA 91-A:3IIe, Pending Claim. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 8:40 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 8:45 p.m. Selectmen voted by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

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

- Correspondence to NHDES regarding 50% dam removal plans.
- Abatement #2006-9, Bleau \$ 50.
- Abatement #2006-10, Ojola \$274.
- Abatement #2006-11, Habiby \$ 50.
- Abatement #2006-12, Pine Grove \$ 17.
- Abatement #2006-13, Robinson \$106.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator