

Selectmen's Meeting – February 6, 2008

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

Chairman Tatro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Correctional Facilities. Selectmen discussed an article regarding proposals to construct a new correctional facility in Grafton County and plans in Sullivan County to consider building a substance abuse treatment center versus a large jail since much of these facilities populations require treatment.

Time Warner Cable. Selectmen were advised that a fully executed copy of the agreement to amend the town's cable franchise with Time Warner executed in December had been received by the Town. After finalization of some of the work related to Town Meeting 2008, staff will initiate compliance monitoring of the current cable franchise agreement.

Official Ballot Questions resulting from the Deliberative Session. Selectmen voted to recommend all appropriation articles resulting from the first deliberative session held February 5th.

Citizen Concerns. Grace Lilly met with Selectmen expressing concerns about erosion near the Ash Swamp Brook on the town's Mill K parcel and silt fence. She showed board members photos of the property and expressed concerns about trees that had been removed and how their loss might impact runoff. She advised that she had communicated her concern to NHDES reading to Selectmen an email sent 1/29/2007. Selectmen expressed concern that she had represented herself as a Conservation Commission member when communicating her concern to NHDES and that she had not talked with Selectmen first about her concern. She also expressed concern about permit changes approved by NHDES in January and about invasive species which might take root on the town's property. NHDES has advised that a compliance inspector will schedule a site visit. Particulars of the project, still under construction, were discussed. Jim Phippard, representing Mr. Legere, advised that the recent permit change related to land in Keene and not the Swanzey parcel. He advised that silt fence maintenance was the responsibility of Mr. Legere and that once he was aware of the concern it was passed on to the contractor to inspect. He asked that Ms. Lilly contact either Mr. Legere or himself if she had concerns in the future so they could be remedied quickly. He expressed, on behalf of Mr. Legere, a commitment to live by the agreement between the town and Legere and stay in compliance with permit requirements.

Department of Public Works. Selectmen met with DPW Director Lee Dunham who reviewed some of the departments recent challenges related to winter road maintenance. Obtaining salt to treat roads has been problematic. The town's regular supplier cannot

provide product and some material is being obtained from one or two other suppliers (unfortunately at a higher price) to ensure that the town department has some treatment product to utilize if necessary. The goals and communications methods outlined to Dunham in a memo from the board dated 1/30 were discussed. Level of detail requested by the board in activity reports was discussed. Development of Snow & Ice Policy within the time frame requested should present a problem. Assistance will be required with evaluations. Whether a May 1 deadline for completion of assessment of the town's roads with the RSMS software would be more effective was discussed and Selectmen agreed it would be satisfactory. Road standards for subdivision roads will be completed by April 1. No changes were made in the May 15th date set to release bids for 2008 road work.

Town Report 2007. Selectmen developed their report for inclusion in the town's annual publication.

Waste Management. Selectmen reviewed a memo from Krisch recommending favorable action on a proposed contract with Waste Management for 5 years from February 1, 2008 to January 31, 2013. After discussion Selectmen executed the agreement – Attachment #1.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Selectmen approved as written the minutes of their meeting of January 30, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator