

Selectmen's Meeting – June 7, 2006

Present were Selectmen Deborah J. Davis, Francis W. Faulkner, Jr. and Bruce L. Tatro. Also present was Town Administrator Elizabeth Fox.

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

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

Cheshire County & proposals to site the Jail on Yale Forest property. Selectmen reviewed draft correspondence to be directed to the commissioners and delegation regarding the county's recent proposal to place the new jail on Yale Forest property. Selectmen also reviewed a notice proposed for posting on the town's web site. Several modifications were suggested to the proposed letter and a revision will be prepared.

Talbot Hill Road – Class VI portion. Selectmen discussed correspondence received from Cersosimo Lumber requesting permission from Selectmen to improve a section of the western end of Talbot Hill Road (Swanzey Lake side) to adequately and safely handle log truck traffic for a planned forestry operation. It was noted that an intent to cut had been filed indicating that the forestry operation estimates it will remove 400,000 board feet and 800 tons of timber from the 60 acre parcel (Tax Map 44 Lot 10) owned by Cersosimo. Questions and concerns which Selectmen felt needed to be addressed before granting permission to improve the class VI road could be considered included. When cutting was planned, summer, fall or winter needs to be determined. Signage warning motorists of the increased trucking activity will be needed. Selectmen discussed whether posting of a bond to ensure that any damage to East Shore Road or Talbot Hill Road caused by the logging does not become the responsibility of the Town. Whether tractor trailer trucks will be accessing the site, and if so how they might access the site, needs to be addressed. Concern was expressed about the oak trees lining both sides of East Shore Road to the south of Talbot Hill Road. Expected log truck route from the site, whether they plan to run west on Swanzey Lake Road or east, needs to be determined. More detail is needed on the plans for improvements requested to the class VI portion of Talbot Road. Drainage plans also require definition. Selectmen requested their concerns be conveyed to DPW Director Dunham so that a coordinated response can be set to Cersosimo.

Fire Team 2006. Selectmen approved sending a team to participate in the Fire Team 2006 training in October.

Fire Department. Selectmen authorized repair of the pump at 27M1 at an estimated cost of \$ 6,000 and \$ 7,000. Transfer of equipment from other stations will be discussed and arranged with station captains. It is anticipated the truck will be out of service for 2 weeks.

Reverse 911. Selectmen met with MRSD Director of Technology Tom Warner and EMD Bruce Bohannon discussing district plans to implement a reserve 911 style system for

school children as funded in a special warrant article approved by voters this past March. The district has solicited proposals from vendors which meet district notification needs which are primarily aimed at children and parents. They are looking at a web based model as it is less expensive and does not require hardware support. The numbers in their system will be collected from parents as part of the school registration efforts. Systems that might suit the town's needs were discussed. Mr. Warner advised that they would be willing to allow the town to participate in their system to the extent that it might be useful to town purposes. Bohannon felt it would be useful to participate in some sort of a test as an opportunity to learn more about reserve 911 notifications.

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of May 31, 2006. Selectmen approved as written the minutes of their meeting of May 31, 2006. Selectmen Davis and Tatro approved as written the non-public minutes of May 31, 2006 which as of this date remain sealed.

Correspondence, Permits and other Matters. Selectmen reviewed and executed the following:

- Abatement # 2006-08.
- Letter to Eldridge accepting with regret resignation from his position as a full time officer effective 6/8/2006.
- Granted Veteran's Tax Credit, Tax Map 62 Lot 2-10.
- Request to DRA for 2007 Inventory forms.
- Letter of thanks to Major Toye who presented the Town with a flag flown over the Abu Ghraib Prison Hospital during his recent tour of duty in Iraq.

Selectmen recessed their meeting reconvening at the Carpenter Home.

Carpenter Home. Selectmen met at the Carpenter Home with Administrator Dawn Rice touring the home and reviewing recent improvements to the physical plant. Monitoring of water usage will continue permanently but after July 1 the data collected will be forwarded to Tom Forest so he may begin work on redesigning the home's septic system. Resident routines and activities were discussed. Selectmen were updated on plans to upgrade the mattresses at the home as Cheshire County will be replacing their supply. Tour of the entire facility by fire department was recommended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator