

Selectmen's Meeting – February 22, 2011

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

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

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

Former VFW – 9 Railroad Street. Selectmen were advised that a portion of the unoccupied structure's roof had collapsed at some point and that fact was reported to emergency services this date. Code Enforcement Officer Weston has followed up with the property owner advising that demolition of the remaining structure is likely required.

Carpenter Home. An on call compensation policy draft for discussion at a future meeting was distributed to members.

Town Report & Voter Guide. A sample of the report was reviewed by board members. Advance copies of the voter guide (Attachment #1) to be distributed next week were provided to members.

Viewpoint Cooperative (Tax Map 73 Lot 22). Next week's agenda will include representatives from Viewpoint & the Community Loan fund who are seeking the town to serve as applicant for a CDBG Planning Grant to allow assessment of infrastructure in the park.

Vermont Yankee Budget – State Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012). Selectmen met with EMD Bruce Bohannon and DEMD Pam Fortner reviewing the proposed submission for the upcoming fiscal year. Selectmen approved the submission of a proposed VY budget totaling \$22,275 (Attachment #2) authorizing Chairman Carlson to execute on behalf of the town. EMD Bohannon reviewed with Selectmen additional NIMS requirements which will need to be met by board members and reviewed recent training efforts by himself, Fortner and Skantze. Upcoming drills set for March 8, April 5 and May 3 were reviewed. Future of Vermont Yankee and its impact on the region's power supply was also discussed.

US Post Office – Swanzey route delivery. The Swanzey Postmaster confirmed that the service is assessing the costs and benefits associated with moving Swanzey's rural mail routes from the Swanzey Post Office to the Keene Post Office. He could not provide a contact to the town to express any concerns it might have regarding the plan or to address questions about the proposal.

Tippin' Rock Farm Conservation Easement. Selectmen were advised that closing on the easement between the Domina Family and Monadnock Conservancy was scheduled for next week.

Legislative Matters. A variety of pending legislative or state budget related matters were discussed by Selectmen with members expressing concern about further downshifting of Group II retirement costs on the town and impacts of downshifting of those costs through the school budget as well. Opposition to HB 393 (revolving funds), SB 78 discontinuing the MV surcharge providing support for transportation projects reducing funding for necessary work, SB 133 making permit the property tax exemption provided telephone company poles and conduits, SB 2 relating tax caps and SB 149 proposing modification of the formula distributing rooms and meals

tax to towns and cities. Support was expressed for SB 158 and advancement of legislation aimed at retirement system reform and improving the system's solvency.

Non-public session, RSA 91-A:3IIa & c FMLA Leave Request. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa & c to consider an employee request for FMLA Leave at 7:20 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:26 p.m. voting to approve the FMLA leave request and authorizing Fox to execute needed communications to the employee related to it.

Consent Agenda. Selectmen approved the following consent agenda items:

- Execution of agreement with Vision Appraisal for pick up Building Permits and UCs 2010/2011.
- Notice of Lien, Tax Map 87 Lot 2-5106, Tax Map 37 Lot 46 & 73 Lot 2-564.
- Acceptance of resignation – Open Space Committee member Betsy Braden.
- 1. Event Permit, CHAD Fishing Derby.
- Timber Tax Warrant #2011-1, \$5,228.77 and #2011-2, \$2037.35.
- Settlement Report – Krchak Abatement. Meeting with the taxpayers is tentatively scheduled for March 15.

Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of February 15, 2011. Selectmen reviewed and voted to approve as written the minutes of their meeting of February 15, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator