

Selectmen's Meeting – May 4, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Carlson.

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

Citizen Concerns. Diane Keller met with Selectmen concerned that a anonymous complaint filed about business activity being conducted at her residence (47 Diana Drive) was from someone involved the neighborhood's co-op and due to the fact that she had expressed concerns about its operation. Ms. Keller reviewed for Selectmen some of her volunteer activities and work with foster children. She advised that her family was involved in fixing up bikes for foster children but that she did not operate a bike sale business. Ms. Keller was advised that, as a result of the Code Enforcement Officer's site visit, the matter was considered resolved. Identity of the complainant was unknown. Ms. Keller requested a copy of the CEO's position description and Fox advised she would provide it.

DPW - Paving Bids. Selectmen met with DPW Director Lee Dunham who recommended awarding the hot top bid to Lane Construction and the cold mix bid to All State Asphalt. Funding for the hot top mix and reclamation work bid (portions of Old Richmond Road, Matthews Road and Taft Road) will be funded from the road reconstruction and reclamation expendable trust at an estimated cost for all three projects of \$240,500. The cold mix work bid (Cobble Hill Road) has an estimated cost of \$100,600 and is proposed for funding from the DPW operating budget. After discussion, Selectmen approved award of the hot mix/reclamation bid to Lane Construction and the cold mix bid to All State Asphalt.

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIb, Hiring – CPM. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa to consider seasonal hiring at 7:30 p.m. Present was DPW Director Lee Dunham and Fox. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:38 p.m. voting to authorizing extension of an offer of employment to M. Trombley – temporary full time (seasonal) position as a grounds and facilities maintenance worker and authorizing extension of hours for A. Whipple and G. Bussiere (who regularly work at the Recycling Center) to allow additional part time work maintaining grounds and facilities of the town. Effective May 10th, employees in the Cemetery, Parks and Facilities Maintenance Division of the DPW will move to the division's summer work schedule.

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa, Personnel Matter – DPW. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 7:38 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:50 p.m. voting by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

MRSD May Payment. Selectman Tatro noted that the payment due the district was included in this week's payables expressing concern that Swanzey's children were not receiving the same educational opportunities as other children in the district. All day kindergarten was discussed. Selectmen requested a letter be drafted expressing Selectmen's concerns to Swanzey's representatives to the MRSD School Board.

State of NH Highway Block Grant Aid. Notice was received from NHDOT advising that our April payment would be slightly less than initially estimated. Annual aid is also estimated to be

slightly less – \$173,907.65 versus \$173,962.03 (December 2009 estimate). The notice is further qualified by saying the new number is also an estimate which is subject to change.

Thompson Bridge Scour Protection and Fire Suppression Measures. Financial information detailing anticipated costs (based on contracts approved) and project funding sources was provided to board members. Discussions have been initiated with NHDOT regarding completing Fire Suppression for the Cresson Bridge as a change order to the existing NCS contract as it appears funding in the capital reserve fund is sufficient to cover this project (when combined with state aid). Other routine maintenance needed at the Thompson Bridge will also be considered.

Market Basket. Selectmen were advised of the grand opening set for Wednesday, May 12th.

Swanzy Firefighters Association. Selectmen were advised that the first meeting of the Swanzy Firefighters Association is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall and they were welcome to attend.

Agreement with Cheshire TV. Selectmen reviewed the draft agreement deferring decision making to a future meeting. Some of the components of the agreement differing from the previous agreement were outlined.

Current Use Rates – 2010. Updated current use rates for the town (based on the 2010 rates set by the state with application of the town's median ratio) were reviewed and approved by Selectmen for us in tax year 2010 – Attachment #1.

West Swanzy Sidewalk Committee. Selectmen were advised that there were currently 2 vacant positions on the committee and that the group had met recently to talk about work planned in 2010.

Request for Waiver of Recycling Center Fees, Barrett (formally Junice Kendall property) off West Street. Selectmen deferred action requesting input from the Solid Waste manager.

HB 1393. Provisions of a recently proposed amendment to HB 1393 which would extend the to the Secretary of State regulatory authority of pooled risk programs and the probably impact on the fiscal stability of those programs were reviewed. Selectmen authorized Fox to express the board's opposition to the amendments proposed.

Consent Agenda. Selectmen reviewed and approved the following consent agenda items:

- Release of Lien, Tax Map 35 Lot 3.
- Raffle Permit

Event Permit #2010-10. Selectmen were advised that this permit for auctions over the balance of the year had been issued for a location requiring land use approval first. Selectmen voted to rescind the event permit issued on April 20, 2010 permitting auctions at the Homestead Woolen Mill from April 18, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

Consideration of Minutes of Selectmen's Meetings of 4/20/2010 and 4/27/2010. Selectmen approved as written the minutes of their meetings of 4/20/2010 and 4/27/2010 (public and non-public sessions).

Citizen Concerns. Jay Turomsha advised Selectmen that he was concerned that closure of Sawyer's Crossing Road due to a broken pole and wires was not adequately marked. Noting that

Sawyer's Crossing Road was state maintained, Fox contacted DPW Director Dunham who advised that he knew (through his involvement in the Fire Department) that PSNH had been made aware of the pole problem. He would contact NHDOT and make sure that they were aware that the road was closed off due to a broken pole and if requested extend assistance in better marking the closure.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator