

Selectmen's Meeting – November 21, 2007

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 5:15 p.m.

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

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIb, Hiring. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 5:20 p.m. Present in the session was DPW Director Lee Dunham. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 5:35 p.m. Selectmen voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session until the conditions included in the offer of employment authorized by Selectmen are satisfied.

Covered Bridges. Dunham discussed signage and how it might be improved to reduce traffic utilizing the bridge (or attempting to utilize the bridge) that is overweight or over height.

Hackler Drive. Dunham advised Selectmen that drainage modifications requested by the board on Hackler Drive had been completed and water was no longer crossing the road toward Route 32 in the area of the Durling driveway.

Sidewalk Tractor Operator. Recruitment of an individual to operate the tractor during the winter season is still underway.

Page Court Discontinuance. Conveyance of the turnaround easement to the east of Route 32 is still pending.

Thompson Bridge Lights. Dunham reported that there were 13 lights on this covered bridge with 7 in the vehicle travel portion and 6 on the pedestrian walkway. Selectmen requested Dunham initiate testing of light reduction in the bridge by turning off several lights in the bridge and walkway and evaluating the impacts.

HUD Press Conference – Swanzey Town Hall, November 30th. Davis advised she would be unable to attend the event and Tatro and Carlson indicated they would check their schedules.

Secord Matter. Selectmen reviewed the testimony received from Mr. Secord and the information provided by the police department. Selectmen discussed the alternatives available to the board requesting that staff draft a letter for their consideration advising that recovery through the legal system was not viable and suggesting that he investigate recovery through his insurance.

Rocktober Fest. Selectmen reviewed materials from the abutter, state statute and information from the police department requesting staff initiate development of proposals for their consideration to strengthen the event permit process and prepare a letter directed to the resident expressing concern.

Carpenter Home. Selectmen approved replacement of the kitchen countertop at a cost of \$1,900.

Citizen Bank Collateral Agreements. Selectmen authorized Treasurer Hutwelker to execute updated collateral agreements with the town's financial institution of behalf of the Town.

Fire Department. Initial stipend information provided by Chief Symonds was reviewed. Status of stipend payments to officers elected by companies by not appointed by Selectmen was discussed with Selectmen determining that those individuals would not be eligible for stipend payments from the Town. Point value for 2007 has been set at \$9.00 based on the number of points reported by Chief Symonds. Selectmen authorized Fire Chief Symonds prepare, execute and issue letters to individuals receiving less than 10 points for the 2 year in the row terminating their employment with the town as a volunteer firefighter due to inactivity. In addition, they requested a list of the personnel who have not meet the requirement to obtain Firefighter I within the timeframe established by the department.

Budget 2008. Selectmen discussed components of the budget presented requesting follow up and further investigation of several items.

LGC Health Renewal. Selectmen approved renewal of existing coverage and adopted amendments to town policy regarding health insurance – Attachment #1 – effective 1/1/2008.

Southwest Region Planning Commission – CDBG Application. Selectmen authorized entering into an agreement with the Commission to prepare a grant application to extend infrastructure (water & sewer) to the proposed Senior Housing site off Route 12.

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting of November 14, 2007. Selectmen approved the minutes of November 14, 2007 correcting an typographical error on page 1.

Correspondence, permits & other matters. Selectmen approved the following:

- Letter to Marlborough Selectmen re: RPA program invoice.
- Letter to Executive Councilor D. Pignatelli requesting support for retaining the trail bridge across Route 101 as a project scheduled for 2009.
- Letters congratulating Officers Yarosz and Ioannou for successfully completing the full time police academy.
- Raffle Permit #2007-21.
- Lien pursuant to RSA 165 Tax Map 61 Lot 14.

- Correspondence authorizing Sewer Commission Glenn Page to execute necessary applications and forms to receive expected state aid for the North Swanzey Sewer Project and West Swanzey Plant upgrade.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator