

Selectmen's Meeting – November 15, 2011

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

Chairman Tatro called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Ashuelot Rail Trail Dedication. Selectmen were reminded of the dedication set for Monday, November 21 at 11 a.m.

Whitcomb Hall Committee. Selectman Carlson requested the upcoming meeting on November 30th be posted.

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

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa, Personnel. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 6:25 p.m. Present were Selectmen, Captain DeAngelis and Town Administrator Beth Fox. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:50 p.m. voting by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

Department of Public Works – Paving Plan 2012 and future years. Dunham reviewed materials developed detailing paved roads proposed for work in 2012 – Attachment #1. Future years (beyond 2012) work is likely to include Main Street and Homestead Ave (requiring attention to the sidewalks and ADA requirements). Current cost estimates for additional paving work including the balance of Old Richmond Road (Corey Pond Road to Old Richmond Road Bridge), Marcy Hill (estimated at 5,800'), Homestead Ave (6,400') were requested. Discussion regarding need for a long term plan to assess the resulting impact additional funding for roads might have on infrastructure and consideration of proposals to voters to establish a municipal transportation infrastructure fund through adoption of a \$5 motor vehicle registration surcharge was discussed. Dunham advised he could prepare the plan details prior to Thanksgiving. Review of the plan with Fox in preparation for meeting with Selectmen December 6 will occur the week of November 27.

Rail Trail Projects. Selectmen met with Bruce Bohannon who was seeking support of the board for a recreational trails grant application to continue improving the trail south of Sawyers Crossing Road. Up to \$30,000 in grant funds to be match by \$6,000 in cash or in-kind project support to perform work addressing ditches, wet spots, sand and culverts will be sought. Goal of the project would be to prepare the sub-grade of the trail for application of a stone dust surface similar to the section just improved running from Keene south to Sawyers Crossing. Selectmen authorized submitting the application. Bohannon also advised that a trail gate had become available through the state if arrangements could be made to pick it up with a dump truck. Tatro advised he could assist. Status of the rail trail gate at the Mill K property was discussed with Selectmen requested an update be sought from DPW Director Dunham.

Sale of EM/PD Welder Generator. A draft notice was reviewed with Selectmen Carlson and Davis determining that a minimum bid amount of \$995 recommended by Bohannon should be included. Bohannon agreed to serve as the contact point for interested parties.

Consideration of Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – November 8, 2011. Selectmen approved as written the public and non-public minutes of their meeting of November 8, 2011.

Consent Agenda. Selectmen approved the following consent agenda items:

- Amendment to Assessments re: RSA 75:1-A, Attachment #3.
- Notice of Lien Tax Map 71 Lot 16.
- Correspondence regarding tax liens and yield taxes receivables.

Carpenter Home Room & Board Rates 2012. Selectmen approved room and board rates effective 1/1/2012 to include a 1% increase recommended by Residential Care Administrator Dawn Rice – Attachment #2.

School Resource Officer MOU. Fox advised she had received an executed MOU from the district with amendments to hours and funding which require endorsement by Selectmen. Consideration was deferred.

FD Purchase Order & Invoice approval. Selectmen approved amendment of the PO amount for hose testing from \$3,000 to \$3,462.30 reflecting the testing of 11,541 ft tested v. 10,000 estimated. Approval of an invoice for \$1,235 for ladder testing – including the ladder truck and 19 ground ladders was also granted.

Final tax bill for the year. Selectmen were advised that the final rate had been received and preparation of the warrant for board authorization was underway. To facilitate issuance of the bills prior to Thanksgiving resulting in a due date that is prior to the Christmas Holidays, Selectmen will be needed to sign the warrant on Friday.

Disposal of vehicles deemed surplus by Fire Department. Selectmen discussed the process for disposal of a 1972 international and 1980 pick up deemed surplus determining that since space to garage the vehicles through the winter seemed to be available, initiation of a process to dispose of them should be deferred until spring.

Economic Development Advisory Committee. Selectmen were advised that terms of 2 members had expired and that the positions would be posted. Fox will contact incumbents to determine if they remain interested in continuing to serve.

Non Public session, RSA 91-A:3IIa, Personnel. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa at 9:10 p.m. Present were Selectmen and Fox. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 9:45 p.m. voting by roll call to seal the minutes of the session until the matter discussed was resolved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator