

## **Selectmen's Meeting – July 5, 2011**

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

Chairman Tatro called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

**2011 Paving Bid.** Andrew Elms, Operations and Plant Supervisor at Lane Construction's Northfield facility, querying about the results of the town's paving bid. Although the bids were very close, he thought his firm was low bidder. He queried whether there was a concern about work Lane had done on other town jobs or some other reason why they were not awarded the bid. Selectmen advised they had reviewed the bids with the DPW Director who had indicated some of the quantities in the bid might shift and it that was the case – given the difference in the per ton cost between Lane and All State's – it appeared that All State's bid was more favorable. Selectmen advised they did not have any issues with Lane. Re-bidding with different quantities did not seem feasible given the town's need to get this work on the scheduled.

**127 Homestead Ave.** One of the Selectmen reported that the truck loaded with trash was still parked at the property.

**Fire Pond Maintenance.** Information regarding changes in state statute allowing for maintenance as necessary to preserve their usefulness without a permit subject to some conditions was distributed to Selectmen in response to a query last week.

**Electricity Supply rates.** Selectmen were advised that following last week's meeting an agreement had been executed for power with Constellation Energy at a rate of .0765. Notice of a rate increase by PSNH for supply to a kilowatt rate of .0878 effective July 1 was also received. Distribution under the new supply agreement will still provided by PSNH and they advised those rates will be dropping slightly which will increase the town's total savings related to electricity.

**Payment arrangements for past due taxes eligible for deeding, 28 Pondview.** Selectmen approved a request to modify minimum monthly payment required under the agreement from \$300 to \$200.

**Payment arrangement subsequent year tax lien, 403 Massey Hill Road.** Selectmen approved deferring the payment due July 1 to July 8.

**NH Retirement System Rates – effective July 1, 2011.** With adoption of the state budget, new employee and employer Group II rates implement with this week's payroll. Instructions received from the retirement system advise employers to utilize the rates certified last fall but to include both the employee and state share resulting in employer rates of 25.59% for police and 30.9% for fire personnel. Employers have been advised to anticipate rates will be recalculated in the coming months to account for other impacts of retirement reform legislation which passed this year's session. If rates remain unchanged, the NH retirement budget could be underfunded as much as \$20,576 by the end of the town's fiscal year.

**Authorization of Fire Department Payroll – May 2011.** Selectmen executed the manifest submitted by Chief Skantze for the month of May.

**Employee Picnic – August 19, 2011.** Selectmen endorsed organizing an employee picnic for the afternoon of Friday, August 19. Probable location is the Carpenter Home.

**Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa, Personnel Matters.** Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 6:40 p.m. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 6:50 p.m.

**Tax Collector.** Selectmen accepted the resignation of long time Tax Collector Ruth Snyder effective July 5, 2011. Deputy Tax Collector Lori Belletete with the assistance of and support of other Town Hall staff will oversee property tax and utility receivables on an interim basis as provided by state statute.

**Consent Agenda.** Selectmen approved the following consent agenda items:

- RSA 31:95-b, Old Home Day Donations from Nilsen, Nelson, Barrett & Quinn Jr. totaling \$100.
- Intent to Cuts, Tax Map 32 Lot 20-2, Tax Map 31 Lot 20 & 21 and Tax Map 45 Lot 37.
- Revision to cost allocation resulting from state retirement rate changes effective 7/1/2011 – PD Special Duty Rate, effective 7/3/2011.
- Letter to Meader re: paperwork required to process abatement refund.

**Consideration of Minutes of Selectmen’s Meeting on June 28, 2011.** Selectmen reviewed and approved as written the minutes of their meeting of June 28, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox  
Town Administrator