

Minutes of the Meeting of August 30, 2006 held at the Memorial Building, 7:00PM

Note: These minutes are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Committee at its next meeting.

Present: Brandt Denniston; Dick Kipperman; Donna Ruel; Bill Sullivan; John Trachy;  
Todd Richardson; Dee Worthen

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Donna Ruel, Chairman

Minutes of the July 26, 2006 meeting approved as written

General discussion regarding a possible survey and the contents of same. Brandt Dennison advises that there are about 1,196 discrete mailing addresses for the tax bills. Bill Sullivan advises that there are about 600 discrete household mailing addresses. Todd Richardson suggested that a mailing list comprised of those households that register vehicles would be more comprehensive than a distilled voter list (he will check on availability). Dick Kipperman suggested that a survey could be mailed as part of an initial newsletter and that we consider having the layout and graphics done professionally. Dee Worthen is to outline questions for a possible survey. The cost to mail 600 survey/newsletters is estimated at \$300 plus any setup work. Perhaps \$500 total.

Bill Sullivan reported on what information other towns in our area send out. Based on a sample of 6 towns two-thirds send out the Town Report. It is estimated that if Springfield were to send out the Town Report that 200 more copies would have to be printed and a total of about 600 households would be targeted for mailing. Estimated additional cost to the town would be \$2,200 per year.

Bill Sullivan reports that he has been unable to contact the Reneys regarding placing a bulletin board in front of the post office.

Dee Worthen suggested investigating the use of a periodic page in the Kearsarge Shopper for a newsletter as it is mailed to all postal patrons in the area. It is possible that the cost could be reduced by obtaining some sponsors. Donna Rule to check on cost.

John Trachy advised that state law precludes piggy-backing surveys and questionnaires onto the tax bill mailing without a vote to do so at Town Meeting. It was suggested that a warrant article to that effect should be considered for the March 2007 meeting.

Brandt Dennison reported on the requirements for a Colby-Sawyer College student to serve as an intern. It was agreed that the amount of time required for supervision of an intern is beyond the ability of this committee. Dee Worthen suggested a CSC student interested in community service might be more appropriate. Bill Sullivan suggested a high school senior. Further study is needed.

It was agreed that Donna Ruel would request to meet with the Selectmen at their regular September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to bring them up to date on our progress and to solicit their support for possible budget requests and warrant articles.

The next meeting for this committee is to be Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

John Trachy  
Secretary