

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**APRIL 25, 2006**

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**7:00 P.M.**

*The following minutes are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.*

**Present:** George McCusker, Bob Anderson, and Neal Huntoon.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Attorney Dan Smith attended the meeting to review any concerns the Board might have. The motion hearing scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> regarding Abbondanza, has been rescheduled to July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed their concern with non-compliance issues.

The Selectmen reviewed the zoning amendments and zoning compliance issues. The Planning Board's role would be to notify the Board of Selectmen of non-compliance. Grandfathering and non-conforming use and the process for cease and desist orders were reviewed.

Attorney Smith has suggested that he attend the Selectmen meetings, (at no cost to the Town) on a regular basis to review concerns.

**Summer Camp Program:** Jim Tucker, Donna Tibbetts, and Leslee Swett met with the Board to review the proposed summer camp program. Jim proposes running the camp simultaneously with the swimming program. He will serve as the director, and his hope is to get local youth involved in running the camp. Two senior counselors at least 18 years old will be required. Other junior counselors will be used as well. The camp would be supervised by the Director and/or the senior counselors. The senior counselors would need to be Red Cross CPR and First Aid Certified. Background checks of employees and volunteers would be required. Application forms and waiver forms were discussed. There will be a charge to participate with the hope that this will be a self-funded program. Monies from a donation received last year and deposited in a separate fund will be used as start-up money this year. The camp will be open to local residents.

**Recreation Department:** George commended the Recreation Department on their Easter Program. A purchase order was signed for outdoor grills at the beach. A beach clean-up day has been scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>. Donna discussed movie nights with the Board. She will look into the cost of a movie projector

**Web Page:** Brandt Denniston met with the Board to review the progress on the web page. List serve should be available next week. He has met with the Planning Board to get an idea of what they would like to include on their page. He will be meeting with other Boards and departments. The Board reviewed the sample page and discussed the next steps to be taken.

**Minutes:** Page 2 of the April 11, 2006 minutes was corrected to show Polly Stedman, not Paula Stedman. Bob moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by George and unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** Neal reported that the GMC has had a new transmission installed.

**Fire Department:** Dallas Patten met with the Board. The state is requiring all EMS calls to be logged online within so many hours following a call. He was requesting approval for internet access at the Fire Department. Access will be given to a limited amount of people. Motion by Bob to approve internet service for Fire and EMS with limited access to be controlled by the chief, second by Neal. Two voted in favor, one abstained (George).

Dallas reported repeater equipment has been installed on the cell tower on Deer Hill. A representative of Verizon had approved use of their storage building for the radio equipment, but that approval has since been denied. Dallas will attend a meeting in Grantham tomorrow night to review what will be required for a structure.

**Recreation Field:** Bob updated Board members regarding the Recreation Field Project. The drainage plan required more stone than Peter had estimated. Peter was given permission to proceed with the plans. This will increase the price of the estimate by approximately \$4,000. Board members agreed on the importance of adequate drainage.

Neal indicated that he has looked at the 3 picnic tables, two 10' and one 12' donated by Bob Costello.

**Highway Department:** Joseph Braley has been hired as the new highway assistant and began work on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Updates:** The Selectmen reviewed the minutes from recent town Boards. The Board noted the Planning Board's concern regarding ex-officio attendance at their monthly meetings. Neal will notify Bob if he can't make the Planning Board meeting.

**Conservation Commission:** The Board reviewed the minutes of April 13, 2006. Appointment of Board members was reviewed. A letter from Cynthia Bruss indicating her interest in serving on the Board was reviewed. George recommended appointing Cynthia to the Board given her past participation. Appointment of John Trachy was discussed. Bob moved to appoint John Trachy as a member of the Conservation Commission, seconded by Neal. Two members voted in favor, one opposed (George).

Neal moved to appoint Cynthia Bruss and Daphne Klein as alternates to the Conservation Commission, seconded by Bob and unanimously approved.

**NH/VT Solid Waste District:** Bob reviewed information regarding the sale of the ash fill in Newport to ECON. There will be a meeting of the NH/VT Solid Waste Committee on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications Committee:** The Board reviewed the nominations to the Communications Committee. Conservation nominated Bill Sullivan, and Dee Worthen, Zoning nominated John Trachy, and Dick Kipperman, and Planning nominated Todd Richardson, Donna Ruel, and Brandt Denniston. The Budget Committee will not meet until later in the year. Neal moved to appoint everyone nominated, seconded by George and unanimously approved.

**Perambulation:** Cynthia Bruss completed perambulation of the New London Town Line last summer. Linda Welch has done Grantham, and Enfield, and Linda Welch and Steve Strussenberg are in the process of doing Grafton. The Selectmen confirmed their previous approval of volunteers to assist them in this. Neal made a motion to grant Linda Welch and Steve Strussenberg permission to perform perambulation(s), seconded by Bob and unanimously approved.

**Abatements:** Avitar is in the process of reviewing all abatement applications received. George Hildum will review Avitar's recommendations when completed. The Selectmen would like to meet with George to review abatements.

**Correspondence:** Notice from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region Planning Commission regarding inventory of all town-owned and private roads for the State Transportation Department. The Board suggested Brad review the mapping for accurateness.

**Miscellaneous Business:** Bob commented that he had a complaint regarding the condition of the Fire Department Meeting Room from a party that rented the facility recently. This will be discussed with Brad.

**Richardson:** The Board reviewed the building permit application filed by Wendell Richardson on Bog Road. Tom has measured the proposed deck location. The Board discussed the concern regarding a previous issue with discrepancy in the property line. Review of the Zoning Files shows that a property line survey of the common boundary, (the boundary in question for the proposed deck) was to be performed and copies provided to the Town as a condition of approval. The Board discussed non-compliance of the approval. George moved to deny the building permit, seconded by Bob. Two members voted in favor, one abstained (Neal).

Dallas Patten has indicated that he would be interested in doing some of the various repair jobs the town needs to have done. The Board was agreeable to Dallas' offer. Neal indicated that he will still replace the doors.

Board discussed joint meeting of the boards on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Board discussed minutes from the Planning Board referencing the driveway on Stoney Brook Road that still exists and was supposed to be discontinued as part of the approval of the subdivision. This will be further reviewed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,  
Administrative Assistant