

Town of Springfield, NH

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**AUGUST 22, 2006**

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

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

**Police Department:** Officer Beaulieu met with the Selectmen to discuss the Police Department Budget as Chief Julian is on vacation. Mike is covering during Tim's vacation this week. Police Department budget for part-time officer hours has been spent. Mike asked the Selectmen how they wished to proceed. Bob moved to continue the status quo at the Police Department until the next Selectmen's meeting on September 12, 2006, seconded by Neal and unanimously approved. The Board requested that Tim attend the next meeting and give the Board an amount that he is looking at to continue part-time services through the end of the year. The Board discussed a second full-time position. Mike presented statistical data for year to date and comparisons with prior years. The Board agreed an increase in the part-time employee budget will be required next year, if a second full-time officer is not approved.

Oak Hill Resident attended the meeting asking if the Selectmen could do anything to assist residents surrounding Oak Hill in getting DSL service from Verizon since some residents of Springfield are able to have DSL service and others are not. The Board indicated that attempts to get either Verizon or Adelphia to cover the whole town in the past have been unsuccessful.

The Board briefly discussed with the residents the fiber optic planning project that is underway through the West Central NH Regional Health and Security Communications Consortium (WCNH), of which Springfield has been a participant.

**Minutes:** Bob moved to accept the August 8, 2006 minutes as written, seconded by Neal and unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** Reviewed and discussed possible renovations that could be undertaken at the Town Office Building regarding concerns addressed by Officer Mike Beaulieu at the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Neal will work on drawing up some ideas.

**Board Updates:**

**Conservation Commission:** The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 10, 2006 Conservation Commission meeting. Communications to DRED from the CC were read and discussed. The CC requested a 40 day hold on the application to replenish the beach sand. Suggestions for alternatives at the beach were reviewed. Further research will be needed to determine costs for the suggestions made.

**Planning Board:** Neal reported on the August 17, 2006 Planning Board meeting. Steve Berkeley met with the Planning Board for subdivision consultation. He was advised by the Board to meet with the Selectmen to seek a waiver for a 50' right of way to serve the back lot. The Board reviewed the letter they received from the Planning Board. They are concerned with granting a waiver for something that is not part of a formal presentation yet.

**Zoning Board:** The Board reviewed the August 2, 2006 Zoning Minutes. The Special Exception request by the MacDonald's was reviewed.

**Department Updates:**

**Highway:** Brad discussed with Neal repair of the grader. Neal is unsure what was required to be done.

**KRSD:** SAU Superintendent Tom Brennan met with the Board. He reported that work has not begun at the middle school site as the site specific permit from the State is pending. They are hopeful to begin breaking ground the second week of September.

Tom reviewed with the Board the Town's view on long-range planning to continue the lease with KRSD for the Springfield Kindergarten. The district wanted to get a sense of where the Town wanted to go with this. The Board agreed that the Kindergarten has always been a vital part of the Springfield Community and felt that residents would agree that it should be continued. The Board will look into whether they can enter into long-term lease arrangements or if it requires town meeting approval. Terms of a lease will be worked out.

**Fire Dept:** Dallas Patten met with the Board to discuss conceptual drawings for the ceiling/second floor system at the Fire Department. The design was reviewed. Neal will stop by the FD after this meeting for further review at the site. Specifications will be drawn up so the work can be posted for bidding.

**Correspondence:**

Board discussed a report of a mobile home being moved to an Eastman Access Road property without a building permit. They will ask Tom to look into this.

Reminder from Attorney Smith regarding court hearing scheduled for August 23, 2006. He would like Springfield representatives at the courthouse by 12:00.

Notice of Joint Selectmen's meeting regarding report from Packetfront Phase I to WCNH consortium to be held in Enfield on August 30. The Board discussed and is unable to attend. They agreed that they support the past and future efforts of the project to date. The Board would like to find a representative that would be willing to attend the meetings on behalf of the Town, and suggested that perhaps a member of the Communications Committee would be interested.

With no further business, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,  
Administrative Assistant

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Extension request for filing the MS-1 was signed.

Intent to Cut Timber approved.

Approval for use of the Town Hall on October 11 by the Historical Society approved.

Building applications signed.

Purchase orders reviewed and signed