

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 24, 2007

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 John Chiarella. **Absent:** Bob Anderson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: Old Business:

John discussed Selectmen assignments and suggested the Board define these department assignments as being advisory assignments. This will be reviewed further when Bob returns.

The Joint Board of Selectmen's Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. in New London regarding the New London Springfield Water Precinct.

John moved to accept the April 3, 2007 minutes as written, seconded by Neal and unanimously approved.

Communications Committee: Donna Ruel and John Trachy discussed suggestions. The Committee would like a banner on the sign in front of the Town Office advertising the web site.

The Committee is looking at welcome signs to post at various town line locations, also advertising the web site. They are looking at places and costs for signs. They will need to get permission from the State before posting signs.

The survey for communication needs is in draft form and has been posted on the web site. The survey is one page and suggestions for what to include on the back page were discussed.

Conservation Commission: Neal thanked John Trachy for the Commission's work on the erosion control hand out. The Board will review the brochure when Bob returns.

John Trachy discussed the Large Groundwater Withdrawal Permit application by the Village District of Eastman. The Conservation Commission is recommending the Selectmen request DES to schedule a public hearing on this matter.

John Trachy stated Laura Hummel is not seeking reappointment to the Commission. The Commission recommends Daphne Klein, now an alternate be appointed as a regular member. The Board also voted to recommend Jane Seekamp as an alternate.

John Trachy stated the Conservation Commission has scheduled an informational session with Wetlands to Wildlife regarding the Natural Resources inventory. This meeting will take place on Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Recreation Project: John Chiarella stated he has spoken to Zero Gravity regarding pricing for the skateboard park equipment. They have one component being built and will build the remaining components. They estimate delivery around the middle of May. The Town will need to pick up the equipment. Zero Gravity will come do the set up. The Board discussed signage for the park.

John stated Zero Gravity would like another payment to continue with building the equipment. John will go look at what has been built to date. The Board agreed to send another payment of \$5,000 pending John's findings.

John stated he spoke to New England Recreational Surfaces. He is looking into fencing for around the park. Neal stated fencing was purchased and was to be held in reserve with them. The Board agreed to send a letter to NERS regarding the fencing.

Fire Department: Fire Chief, Dallas Patten, and Rescue Captain Jen Roberts met with the Board. Following the questions that were raised at budget meetings, they have done some research with Hanover for dispatching rescue calls. They currently experience reception difficulty with radio communications between New London and Rescue. Hanover would be willing to take over the rescue dispatching. A 911 call would go from the EMS center to Hanover. Hanover would dispatch rescue and contact ambulance dispatching simultaneously. The 911 call center will not call two dispatching services. The Rescue Department will still be able to communicate with ambulance personnel through the state-wide EMS repeater. Rescue has good reception with Hanover dispatch. Hanover's fee for adding Springfield Rescue will be less than what is currently being paid. Dallas and Jen will look at whether this is something that can happen this year or if it has to be done next year due to contracts etc.

Dallas discussed maintenance of the parking area at the Fire Department. Parking is limited for events at the Fire Department since the loss of the recreation parking area. Stabilizing the area across the driveway from the bay doors was discussed as a way to increase parking and to assist in snow removal. Neal will speak to Brad about this. FEMA representatives also suggested there may be grants available to rebuild the parking area to mitigate the water build up that occurred around the building during the recent spring storms.

Dallas will submit hours for Fire Department members for work done during the recent storms.

Storm Damage: Neal reported Peter Abair should be done with Town Farm Road by the end of the week. Neal and John agreed to keep Peter moving throughout town with his excavator to do necessary repairs.

Historical Society: Neal stated he met with Pete Nielsen to review replacement of some of the clapboards and repair of problems at the front entry way at the museum. The Board discussed painting the building after the repairs are done.

Miscellaneous:

The Board discussed finishing the painting at the Memorial Building as well as painting the cupola. Rebuilding the channels for the Town bulletin board was also discussed.

Neal moved to assess penalties for non-receipt of Property Inventory Forms as of May 1, 2007, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

The Board briefly discussed Class VI roads, and Emergency Lane designation.

John stated following the warrant article regarding global warming, he has received a suggestion to have someone do an energy evaluation for the Town. The Board agreed to post a notice on the website looking for anyone who might be interested in serving on a committee.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Daphne Klein as Laura Hummel's replacement on the Conservation Commission.

The following motion was made by John Chiarella. The Board of Selectmen would like to create a precedent to advertise on the web site for new alternates to serve on committees, seconded by Neal and unanimously approved.

The Board agreed to send a letter to the State requesting a Public Hearing regarding the Village District of Eastman's Large Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Application.

Correspondence:

The Board approved a Tax Collector's abatement for a billing error.

MS-2 form for the State was reviewed and signed.

Category Application for NH Retirement System was signed.

The Board reviewed dam inspection worksheets for the Kolelemook and Gove Brook Dams following the recent storms. Neal will complete and return the worksheets.

John stated he will talk with Trudy Heath and will look into what is required as an ordinance for the Skateboard Park.

With no further business, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant