

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**JUNE 26, 2007**

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**6:30 P.M.**

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

**Present:** Dallas Patten, Fire Chief; Tim Julian, Police Chief; Brad Butcher, Road Agent, Jack Hedges, Randie Peterson, Janet Roberts, and Bob Anderson.

This meeting was scheduled to allow a safety/security walk-thru of the fire/highway complex. At 6:40 the tour began. John Chiarella joined the tour a short-time later.

Dallas described the security systems in the building and trucks. Other alternatives were discussed.

The Board toured the highway garage with Brad and discussed security systems.

This portion of the meeting was adjourned and Selectmen returned to the Town Office to begin their meeting.

At 7:15 p.m. Bob Anderson called the meeting to order with John Chiarella, and Neal Huntoon present. Tim Julian was also present.

**Minutes:** Bob moved to accept the June 12, 2007 minutes as written, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

Bob moved to accept the June 18, 2007 minutes as written, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

**Police Department:** Tim stated he has met with Tasco Security and shared their proposal and estimate with the Board. Capitol Alarm will be here on Thursday.

Tim stated the Police Department has been awarded a grant for DUI patrol over Labor Day weekend. Grant papers were approved and signed by the Board.

Tim stated he is researching prices for an additional gun locker.

Neal reported a complaint/concern he received from a citizen regarding the handling of a 911. Also concerns regarding officer coverage for special duty.

Tim stated paper work has been processed for the lease application for the new cruiser. The Crown Victoria that Gateway obtained was not the color that Tim had ordered. Detailing and graphics would need to be changed if they were to work with the color. Gateway would change the color for an additional cost. Hillsborough Ford was able to

find a leftover 2006 Crown Victoria, brand new and for less money in the color that Tim had requested. The warranty coverage is the same. The Board approved the purchase.

Tim shared with the Board a commendation he received from Decateur Electronics regarding his recent handling of the situation with the break-in at the Police Department.

**Skateboard Park:**

Tim stated he responded to the Skateboard Park a couple of weeks ago for youths at the park after dark.

Bob stated he has received numerous phone calls regarding complaints at the skateboard park. The Board discussed skate boarding without helmets and other protection and the use of bicycles and scooters on the skateboard equipment. John stated that he has spoken to Frank from Zero Gravity and bikes and scooters will not damage the equipment. He has revised the policy to allow bikes with chain ring guards on the equipment. The use of helmets and protective equipment is strongly recommended and is stated as such in the park rules.

The Board spent a great deal of time discussing fencing and parking issues. Split rail fencing, large rocks, and traffic barriers were discussed. A motion was made by Bob to buy split rail fencing, and to place boulders and traffic barriers along the front and sides. The motion was seconded by Neal and unanimously approved. The Board thought installation of the fence might be done by volunteers. Bob stated he would be willing to work on installation of the fencing. Neal will speak to Brad about installing posts and a gate to keep vehicles from driving onto the field. John will look into pricing for the fencing.

Tim stated he has discussed with Brad purchasing a couple of "Authorized Vehicles Only" signs to post at certain points near the highway garage complex to keep unauthorized cars out of the work zone. Neal moved to approve the purchase of two signs, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

John reviewed the amended skate park rules with the Board. John moved to accept the amendments to the skateboard park rules and to change the ordinance accordingly, seconded by Neal and unanimously approved.

The Board agreed to have the attorney address a letter to NERS regarding fencing the town purchased in 2005.

**Cemetery Trustee:** The Board voted unanimously to appoint Frank Anderson as a Cemetery Trustee. The Board does not feel there is any conflict. The Board voted several years ago to have the cemetery managed under the direction of the highway department.

**Highway Department:** Neal reported that the part-time employee, Dan has taken a full-time job. The Department will be advertising for a part-time employee. Neal reviewed with the Board the current employee situation at the Department. This will be reviewed again at the Board's next meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Notification from the State of NH Department of Safety regarding a Local Emergency Operation Plan Meeting on Thursday, July 19, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Newport Fire Station. Bob will plan on attending.

Janet reported an informational meeting with the Department of Environmental Service regarding the ground water withdrawal permit application from the Village District of Eastman has been scheduled for Thursday, August 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Board approved the purchase of Vision Net Software necessary for Brandt to continue to maintain the website. The current software he is using has been discontinued.

The Board discussed complaints/concerns recently received regarding an uncovered septic system that has been in operation for a while. The Board addressed concerns with erosion at the site. A letter will be sent to the resident.

A complaint received regarding large deliveries of bark mulch and other landscaping materials at a property on Stoney Brook Road. The Board agreed a letter should be sent requesting the owner to seek consultation with the Planning Board to review the use of the property.

Neal reported a letter from the Conservation Commission has been sent to the Planning Board regarding the Commission's concerns with silt and erosion on the embankment at Bryan O'Day's property. The Selectmen will send a letter asking him to install a barrier, and to address stabilizing the embankment.

The Board agreed on a 30 day time frame from the date of issue of the letters be given.

The Board discussed the increased responsibilities of administering zoning and planning regulations. The Board agreed that future needs regarding a part-time planning and zoning administrator needs to be considered.

FEMA applications for storm damage in April are nearly complete and will be submitted on Thursday. Application totals for the three categories, A, B, and C total \$62,500.00. Unfinished work totals are estimated at \$15,000 for future reimbursement.

The Board signed abatement approvals and denials.  
Other permits and documents were reviewed and approved.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,  
Administrative Assistant