

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

OCTOBER 23, 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: John Chiarella and Neal Huntoon.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Eric Grant from Messer Hill Road met with the Board to discuss DSL access. He works from home and is unable to get DSL service at his residence. He has contacted Fairpoint about the feasibility of access when and if they take over Verizon lines. He was advised to collect information as to areas of town that are not provided DSL access. Fairpoint would have this reviewed by their engineering division to determine if it is feasible to develop a plan to deliver service. John suggested Mr. Grant put something on the town website. John also suggested that Verizon should be able to provide Fairpoint with that type of information. It was also suggested that Mr. Grant contact other business owners along the Georges Mills Road, as many of them had expressed an interest in and been involved in doing some research in the past with Verizon and Adelphia. Details of the type of information Fairpoint is requesting will be posted on the website.

At the Board's request, Fred and Tina Champney were in attendance to review a septic issue on their property. Also present, Tom Duling, Health Officer, and Tim Julian, Police Chief. Neal asked for an update. Mrs. Champney stated they have been trying to secure financing so they can purchase a new modular home and replace the septic system. They had contacted a septic system designer. Tina thought that information had been given to Tom. Tom stated he had spoken to the designer about a week ago, who thought the plan had been given to the owners. The Board advised the Champney's septic issue needs to be resolved as it presents a potential for a health hazard. Options were discussed. The Board advised the Champney's to obtain the septic plans, and to have someone provide them with an estimate for replacement. The Board would like to meet with the Champney's again on November 13 for an update as to the progress they are making with obtaining plans, and financing.

Communications Committee Members, Donna Ruel, John Trachy, and Dick Kipperman met with the Board. Also present was Jim Chrimes from Newport Sign Solutions. The Board reviewed the proposal for signs at 5 entrance points of the Town, 2 on Route 114, 2 on Route 4A and 1 on Georges Mills Road. The signs are proposed to be of high density urethane board, 32" x 48" in size. The estimated cost is \$2,000 per sign, plus installation. The Committee was hopeful the Highway Department could assist with installation. The State DOT has to authorize the location of the signs. They require the town to carry liability insurance on them. The Board discussed options for the posts. The Board commended Mr. Chrimes on his design.. Neal stated he was concerned regarding the cost per sign. That was a much higher number than had been estimated at

Town Meeting. The Board agreed they would not support that expenditure in one year. They

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suggested proposing the signs in phases. The Committee will go back to their Board and review a proposal for budget planning.

John Trachy asked for an update on the O'Day property. Neal stated he met with Mr. O'Day and he will be placing 7" trap rock along the area of erosion on the embankment.

John Trachy stated the Conservation Commission has an overage in education costs but they have been doing their own minutes so have incurred no costs for a secretary. He asked whether the Board approved a shift in spending. The Board had no problem with that change.

John Trachy asked for input on the erosion control pamphlet. He had not received the e-mail regarding the changes the Board suggested at a previous meeting. The information was given to him and he will edit the pamphlet and make it available for distribution.

Minutes:

John moved to accept the October 9, 2007 minutes as written, seconded by Neal and unanimously approved.

Board Updates:

Neal added to the O'Day update, stating that Bryan intends to place some large rocks along the embankment when he has an opportunity. The 7" trap rock will help to stabilize the embankment until that time.

Planning Board: Neal stated Mr. Matarazzo presented plans for subdivision approval. The Planning Board voted to accept the application which starts the 90 day time frame for approval. Mr. Matarazzo asked if the Board could approve the plan based on what was presented at the hearing. The Board did not feel they needed more information to grant approval and voted to continue the hearing.

The Planning Board also spent time reviewing increased area for the Forest Conservation Overlay District with Courtney Daniell from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region Planning Commission

Neal stated he spoke to Brad regarding weeding around the Town Hall. The weeding has been done.

Neal has finished putting the plywood on the skateboard ramps.

The Board further discussed the welcome signs presented by the Communications Committee. The Board discussed a concern regarding advertising the website on a

welcome sign. They discussed other means might be used to promote that information. A change, if needed, in the future of the web address would defeat the purpose of the durability of the proposed signs. The Board would like to review this with Bob when he returns, and will discuss this further with the Communications Committee.

Tennis court fencing: The Board reviewed the latest communication from Dan Smith regarding the fencing issue. Neal moved to request Dan to respond stating the Town believes the cost of the stanchions is more in keeping with the \$750 to \$1300 information provided, and would request the remaining balance be reimbursed to the Town as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by John and unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

The Board reviewed and noted an incident report submitted by Chief Julian.

Letter of thank you received from the Historical Society. The screening of the crawl space door is broken and in need of repair. Neal will take a look at it.

The Board approved \$500 expenditure as part of the WCNH network to continue work toward a proposal for 2008 Town Meeting regarding the fiber optic project being developed by Packetfront.

Building permits, intent to cut wood, and building use applications were signed. Neal discussed coming up with a checklist to use with building permits.

The Board reviewed and accepted Brandt Denniston's letter of resignation from the Municipal Budget Committee. The Board did not have any immediate recommendations for replacement.

Miscellaneous Business:

The Board reviewed notices mailed regarding non-return of inventory forms. The Board approved a waiver request.

The Board would like to look into future deeding of properties with unpaid taxes at their meeting on November 13, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant