

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**JULY 22, 2008**

**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, John Chiarella, and Don Hill.

Also in attendance: Tom Duling and Ed Belfield.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Health Officer Report: Tom Duling reported he was contacted by Mr. St. Pierre of Five Eagles Designs, the septic designer for the Shampney's. The design is complete and has been sent to the owner. Mr. St. Pierre will get in touch with the Shampneys reminding them to bring their design to the Town for approval.

Tom reported that he has tried to contact Ms. Keeler on Stoney Brook Road regarding the health issue on her property. Tom reviewed state statutes, and discussed with the Selectmen how to proceed. An order to vacate will be issued if the situation is not corrected.

Tom conveyed a report of digging in a wet area on Route 114. He contacted John Trachy of the Conservation Commission.

Tom will follow up on an issue on the Dennison property on Stoney Brook Road.

Minutes: John moved to accept the July 8, 2008 minutes as written, seconded by Neal and unanimously approved.

KRSD: Jerry Frew, new Superintendent for the District, and Springfield School Board Representative Pamela Laurie met with the Board. A copy of the lease for 2008-2009 Kindergarten rental was reviewed. The Selectmen agreed the lease will be renewed but they would like to have Town Counsel to review it and respond before the lease is signed.

Mr. Frew reported that he intends to meet with all Road Agents in the District. Pam Laurie reported that she has been elected as Chairperson of the Transportation Committee. They are happy with the progress being made by the new bus company. The bus company is working to get routes down to 45 minutes or less. They are putting a bus back in Eastman with a stop at the Center. Cameras and audio may be available on all the busses. The District attorney is reviewing this policy now.

The Board addressed the return to school date with Mr. Frew. He explained that due to the number of snow days used, it is difficult to start school after Labor Day without prolonging the end of school in the summer.

Pam Laurie report that issues at the new middle school are being addressed. The punch list of problems inside the school has been taken care of. Parking has been added and vehicle traffic and congestion are being addressed.

The gym and music room at the old middle school will be used by the elementary school this year. The outing club leases the gym during non-school hours. Classrooms may be used in the future to house 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to alleviate crowding problems at the elementary school. James House will be using the classrooms out back. Studies are being done to determine the adequacy of the current superintendent's office or whether that could be moved into the old middle school as well.

Staff is being asked to look closely at their expenses, and to make efficient use of resources.

District responsibilities for special needs placement and costs were discussed.

#### Board Updates:

ZBA: The Board reviewed a copy of a potential motion to the ZBA for rehearing reported to be in circulation regarding the Miller Variance approval granted by the ZBA last month. There is no action required by the Selectmen at this time.

Selectmen discussed consultant fees for recent engineering and legal review of zoning applications requested by the ZBA. They discussed the letter of concern from an applicant. The Selectmen agreed to send a letter to the applicant informing them currently, the fees have been paid by the Town. Their concern is under consideration and will be discussed with the Zoning Board on August 5th.

The request for the Selectmen to meet with the ZBA at 7:10 on August 5 was approved. The Selectmen will ask the Board to consider meeting in non-public session in the Selectmen's office under RSA 91-A: 3: II (c).

#### Conservation Commission:

The Selectmen reviewed the Conservation Commission's request for appointment. Legal counsel has indicated it is fine for a Selectman to serve as a member on another Board. Don Hill stated he is withdrawing his interest as serving as a Conservation Commission Alternate. The Board discussed the appointment of Robert Ruel as a Conservation Commission member. Don moved to approve, seconded by John, and approved by 2, 1 (Neal) abstained.

#### Correspondence:

The Board reviewed the invitation from Sullivan County Nutrition Services to their annual BBQ. Preliminary estimates from the State of NH DOT were reviewed for the Star Lake Bridge, and the culverts crossing Gove Brook and Bog Brook on George Hill Road.

Miscellaneous Business:

The Board agreed to make a gift of the oldest Dell Computer.

Don conveyed his concern regarding the wording of the Notice of Decision relative to noise granted for his property by the ZBA. He has discussed his concern with the ZBA Chair. He is hopeful this will be resolved at the next Zoning meeting.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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