

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**APRIL 1, 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.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation:

Daphne Klein met with the Board on behalf of the Conservation Commission. The CC would like to hold a green-up day, having a community event to clean up trash along the roads. Linda Howes organized this in the past. The Town has provided trash bags and gloves in the past, and picked up the full bags. The event is being planned for Saturday, May 3; at 9:00 a.m. Participants will meet at the fire station. The Selectmen support the event. They will speak to Brad about providing bags and gloves, and pickup of trash.

Cynthia Bruss met with the Board to discuss the possibility of building a spur trail run from the Sunapee Ragged Kearsarge Greenway trail in the Gile Forest, through the Royal Arch and Society Lots to the shore of Dutchman's Pond. This would be on town-owned land. Cynthia would like to start working on the trail later this spring. The Board is in agreement that the state trails person should look at the site as well. Neal stated he would be interested in helping with the trail work. Cynthia will attend the next Greenway meeting to review this with them. She has had offers of help from Greenway members. The Board will decide whether it should be a Greenway trail or kept as a town trail at a later time. The Society for the Protection of NH Forests holds an easement on these properties, and Cynthia will request their approval before she proceeds.

John Chiarella stated he has been doing some research about that area. The State has Dutchman's Pond listed as a great pond and he believes it should have public access. He would like to see public parking and access provided to the pond and to Royal Arch. Currently, the only way to access Royal Arch is through the greenway trail. Access to the public waterway should be provided as well.

Communications:

Donna Ruel and Brandt Denniston from the Communications Committee met to review the results of the Communications Survey. 177 people responded to the survey. The Committee compiled a list of recommendations for the Selectmen based on survey results. Donna stated, Committee members do not see a need for monthly meetings but would be willing to meet if the town needed the Committee to assist with any of their recommendations. The idea of holding a periodic information meeting was discussed. John thought perhaps this could be a multi-purpose meeting to include the historical society, the recreation department, the lake protective association, etc. The Committee is also recommending more participation and posting of events in the Argus Champion, The

Intertown Record, and The Valley News as a way to get more information out and more people interested in town events. The Selectmen agreed to post an e-mail sign-up sheet at the front desk. The possibility of a newsletter was also discussed. Tamara Butcher will be the designated contact person at the office for posting notices of public interest on the web, the town bulletin board, etc.

**Highway:**

Brad Butcher, Road Agent met with the Board. Neal asked if he would provide gloves and trash bags for green up day.

Brad requested a Stop Sign Ordinance for Deer Hill Road and the George Hill end of Philbrick Hill Road. Neal thought there used to be a Stop sign at Deer Hill Road, it would just need replacing. Neal moved to approve a stop sign at the George Hill End of Philbrick Hill Road, and to replace the stop sign at Deer Hill Road. The motion was seconded by Don, and unanimously approved.

Neal asked for an update on the highway trucks. Brad reported they all recently passed inspection. H-3 is still running well, but will need some work on the floor of the body and the front floor if it is going to be kept a while longer. They discussed taking the dump body off and just making it a plow and sand truck. Brad would like to have it available as an extra dump truck when ditching etc. Neal asked Brad to see if he can find out what kind of mechanical oversight the white truck might need over the next 3 years. What might be anticipated for expenses if the use as a first-line plow truck is extended? The Board would also be interested in what a replacement truck might cost.

The Board discussed possible repairs/replacement to the sand/salt shed. John stated there might be grants available to assist with costs.

Brad reviewed his interest in having someone GPS highway culverts and bridges and make them part of the GIS information system that is on the Natural Resource Inventory data program.

Correspondence:

The Board reviewed the list of ongoing projects.

The State bridge inspection report was reviewed. The Board will ask Brad to be sure that all the bridges are posted correctly. The Board discussed the status of Star Lake Bridge.

The Town will look into funding through the State to assist with bridge replacement costs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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