

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FEBRUARY 12, 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: Bob Anderson, John Chiarella, and Neal Huntoon.

Also present: Tim Julian and Don Hill

Public Comments: Bill Huntoon met with the Board to discuss his concern about the amount of overtime the highway department has put in this winter. He doesn't agree there is a need for so much overtime during some of the smaller storms, particularly this past Sunday morning. Neal stated the need to plow is hard to call. There are others who complain that they are not plowing enough. There are safety issues to keep in mind. Bob stated he felt there was a need to plow Sunday. Bill also addressed his complaint regarding inappropriate comment and action in speaking to an employee Sunday. The Board agreed to take the matter under advisement and will pursue it further.

Bob spoke to Tim about a call he received recently from a resident on 4A regarding a recent issue involving the police department. Tim explained the situation to the Board. Bob had asked the resident to appear at the meeting, but they declined.

School District: Members of the Superintendents Office and School Board met with the Board. Present: Superintendent Tom Brennan, Business Administrator Larry LeBoeuf, Warner School Board member Karen Merrill-Antle and Springfield member Pam Laurie.

Tom and Larry reviewed with the Selectmen, School District Warrant Articles and Budget Appropriations. Transportation Costs, Special Education Costs, Benefits and other operating costs were reviewed.

Karen Merrill-Antle reviewed a draft of the district's mission statement which is being redone, with input from district teachers. They are now in the phase where they are asking for public input and would like the Board to address any areas they feel are needed. They will be taking this out to parents, and the community to review before a final mission statement is prepared.

Tom stated the district is looking at expanding vocational offerings and coordinating times so the programs correspond with instructional courses more efficiently.

Tom reviewed the annual lease for the Kindergarten classroom of Springfield K.

The School District is looking at hiring a facilities director to oversee building needs, maintenance,
and vendor contracting.

Tom commended Tim Julian for his assistance in dealing with a situation that arose recently.

Pam Laurie reported that the School Board voted 8 to 1 to approve the 2008-2009 school calendar. The students will begin school in August.

Recreation: Lisa Morcom met with the Board. In Donna's absence, she is trying to keep the momentum going for fund raising and recreation activities. A square dance is scheduled for Saturday night. She spoke to the Board regarding what the requirements would be for someone to run the day camp this summer. The Board felt the person responsible would need CPR and first aid certification, as well as life guard certification to take the kids to the beach.

Minutes: John moved to accept the January 22, 2008 minutes as written, seconded by Neal and unanimously approved.

Board Updates:

The Board received a letter from the Town of Antrim commending Tim Julian for his services with the WNH Special Operations unit at an incident they had in January.

Tim reviewed Police Department statistics with the Board.

The Board reviewed and approved a request for use of the fire station as a rest stop during a muscular dystrophy benefit ride on June 22.

Bob stated he is willing to stay on as the town representative to the NH/VT Solid Waste District through the dissolution process. T.J. Alexander is the town's appointed alternate.

The Board approved and signed the Town Warrant.

The Board approved Brandt's proposal to change web hosts due to the difficulties he is having with transmission of materials.

The Board reviewed and signed the Town of Sunapee Transfer Station Contract and the contract for Plodzic and Sanderson.

Dallas Patten., Fire Chief met with the Board. He said that it is very likely that he will know who the fire truck vendor is going to be by Town Meeting.

Neal stated that he spoke with the Sunapee wastewater manager, regarding the use of a washing machine at the fire station for turn-out gear. He was told there is little chance of impact to the leaching field from the use of the washer. He will try to get some literature regarding this.

The Board granted approval for the fire department to proceed with repair to the rescue vehicle.

The Board reviewed a building permit submitted by Michael Hansen. The Board reviewed the site plan that exists for the property. Neal moved to hold off making a decision regarding the building permit and recommend that Michael consult with the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by John. Two members voted in favor. Bob abstained.

The Board discussed possibilities for locations for the police department.

Since there will not be a Selectmen's meeting on March 11th, the Board agreed they will meet on March 4 and March 25.

The Board agreed to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
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