

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 26, 2010

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: Selectmen, John Chiarella, Donald Hill, and David Tucker.

Also present: Tim Julian, Police Chief; Tom Duling, Health Officer; Scott Gambino, Marie Newcomb, Ed Belfield and John Trachy.

Corrections noted to amend minutes of March 22 and April 12 changing “damn” to “dam”.

John called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public comments: Questions were raised regarding news reports involving a recent death. Tim stated the news report was very unprofessional and showed no respect for the family’s loss.

The minutes of April 12, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Local Emergency Operations Plan: Tom Duling discussed two sections of the plan that he is working on.

1. The town should have a location for a temporary morgue in the event of a wide-spread disaster or pandemic. The Selectmen agreed the Old Highway Garage would be the best location.
2. The town needs to designate a location for disposal of animals in the event of a wide-spread situation. The Selectmen agreed the disposition would depend on the nature of the illness or disease. Tom indicated the State would be involved in this. The Selectmen agreed the best location would be on town-owned land near the cemetery.

John Chiarella reported that he has 6 categories of the LEOP which have become the primary responsibility of the Selectmen. He felt the town needs to have a recruitment of volunteers. Fire & Rescue are responsible for administering a large portion of the support mechanisms for the Emergency Operations Plan. The Plan is to be complete by the end of June. Part of the process will be the identification of emergency management needs of the town.

Building Permits:

John discussed the denial of the Cleaveland building permit. It has been brought to the Planning Board’s attention that the Zoning Ordinance only addresses wetlands greater than 10,000 square feet and waterfront development. It does not provide for small landscaping ponds of this nature. John stated he recommended Mrs. Cleaveland proceed with the zoning process. He advised Mrs. Cleaveland to bring pictures to assist the Zoning Board in expediting a timely decision.

O'Day: A letter has been sent to Mr. O'Day regarding his structure. The return receipt for the letter has been received. Mr. O'Day was advised he would need to seek a variance from the Zoning Board. The Selectmen will review compliance with their request at their meeting on May 10.

Vassar Conservation Fund: The fund was established around 1998. There did not appear to be any restrictions as to how the money could be spent. Three granite benches, two at the cemetery and one at the kindergarten playground were purchased in Alan Vassar's memory. There do not appear to be any plaques on the benches noting this. John moved to purchase three appropriate plaques for the benches and to allow whatever remains in the fund to be used by the Conservation Commission for tail markers. The motion was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved.

Bog Road update: The receipt confirming delivery of the letter has not been received. The next step would be to send the letter by the Police Department. Scott questioned if the Selectmen would be taking the property for taxes. The Selectmen discussed the complexities that exist in taking a residential property, and the need to weigh the lost revenue versus costs associated with taking of a property. The Selectmen are in the process of reviewing the options.

In-Car Video Grant: John moved to accept the grant received from the NH Department of Safety in the amount of \$4,985.00 for the in-car video program. Motion seconded by Dave and unanimously approved.

Planning Board Report: Emily Cleaveland was at the April 15 Planning Board meeting for consideration of a Site Plan Review for the operation of a home business on her property on Hogg Hill Road. Ben Frost met with the Board to review Workforce Housing requirements. The Planning Board approved the revisions to the Subdivision, Driveway, and Site Plan Review regulations.

Historical Society Roof: Selectmen discussed the repairs necessary for the roof. There may be structural problems which are causing the roof to sag. Bill Huntoon and Scott Gambino volunteered to take a look at the rafters. At their next meeting, the Selectmen will work on guidelines for bid specifications. John noted the project involves replacement of painted trim which means contractors are supposed to have lead certificates.

Correspondence:

Stephen Seitz, Staff Writer for the Eagle Times requested copies of the town, police and fire department 08-09 budgets for automotive repair and detailing, including any impound yards to which towed vehicles may have been taken, as well as any copies of correspondence relating to

specific parties named in the letter. The Selectmen discussed the request. Copies of budget details will be sent. The Selectmen agreed any copies of individual invoices will be provided upon request at a cost of \$50.00 per hour for research and \$1.00 per copy.

The Board reviewed a request from Coalition Communities for support of SB 465. The Board agreed not to take a stand on the individual article but did feel it was necessary to send correspondence to state representatives to let them know the impact of decreased revenues/increased taxes on taxpayers.

Signatures:

Current use application approved – Butcher

Alternative energy exemption approved – Hill

Elderly exemption – denied

Intent to Cut Timber – S & M Forestry Trust

Application for use of Town Facilities for Memorial Day Services

Authorization for Eastman Security to operate on Springfield Highway Channel during emergencies involving Springfield Personnel.

Purchase orders – Highway (2)

Fire Department – Police

Miscellaneous Business:

Dave questioned if a decision had been reached regarding relocation of the bulletin board. John stated the board needs repairing and there has been discussion about the need for repair or replacement. Finding a location that is accessible for lighting and security does present some difficulties. Expenses for replacement/location were not planned and will have to be taken into consideration.

House numbering: Ed Belfield questioned if the lack of correct house numbers would impair the census takers. The Selectmen discussed what the next steps need to be for compliance of changed house numbers.

At 8:25 p.m. the Selectmen voted to enter into non-public session per RSA 91- A: Personnel and Legal. The Selectmen voted to seal the non-public minutes and enter back into public session at 8:50 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant