

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 3, 2009

Present: Richard Bielefield, John J. Strasser, Margo Connors  
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Road Agent Douglas Glover, Robert Hayward, Jr.,  
Chief David Wentworth, Fire Chief Allan Clark, Jane McIlwaine

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Administrative Assistant presented the board with quotes from Robert Morgan & Co. to complete the work on the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse: red cedar shingles on the steeple, (\$1182.00) an additional ball for the weathervane (\$610.00) and repairs to the faces on the clock. (\$2,125.00) MR. STRASSER made a motion, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD to complete the work with the additional cost. The new total for all work is \$63,232.00. The motion passes unanimously.

The Joint Loss Committee met with Butch Burbank of the LGC and Tim Parsons from the HealthTrust on July 30, 2009. The Committee needs to be re-arranged so that it is equal numbers of employees and management. Officer Ball, Brett Hucksoll and Elizabeth Andross will now be on the committee and Road Agent Glover and Chief Wentworth will step down. The LGC will come and do an inspection of the playground on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. The new building appraisal for Crapo will be the week of the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara Serafini submitted road names for the development off Sunset Hill Road. MS. CONNORS made a motion, seconded by MR. STRASSER to name the road Tefft Lane. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AGENT GLOVER and ROBERT HAYWARD, JR. met with the Selectmen to discuss the status of Tefft Lane. It was noted that the line of credit originally set up to insure the completion had expired. It was also noted that the escrowed funds from May were not put in the Town's name and are being held by the law office of Gary Wood and as such have been used for the road construction. It was also stated that the road had not been inspected as is required by the road regulations. Mr. Hayward will contact the Town Engineer Mr. McCarthy to review the progress of the road to date. The board stated that no building permit would be issued until such time as the road was completed to town specifications.

ROAD AGENT GLOVER discussed with the Selectmen the status of the Indian Brook Bridge Replacement Project. There will no longer be time to complete this project in 2009 as it is on a school bus route. The DES has changed their mind and wants the Town to resubmit the original design. To date there have been geological, archeological and historical studies completed. The new design will be a longer crossing but cheaper by approximately \$5,000.00. The new permit has to be reviewed by NH Fish & Game.

The Selectmen took public comment and MR. DE MAYO asked if the Town could get some legal assistance to deal with the delays on this project. Unfortunately due to the permit process there is not.

ROAD AGENT GLOVER updated the Selectmen on the paving on Pearl Lake Road. There was a question in regard to Lover's Lane and Mr. Glover explained that when it was done it was an experimental process that water has since gotten under and the road has deteriorated. Mr. Glover updated the board on the problem at the intersection of Route 117 and Lover's Lane at the Community Church. The State has once again agreed to repair at their expense the 10" drop created by the paving of Route 117. Minimal work has been completed on South Road with the digging of ditches on either side of the road and hopefully this week they will be able to shim. The cutting on the sides of the road should be complete this week. Mr. Glover has been in contact with McDevitt Trucks and if he waits till next year to replace one of the dump trucks there will be an additional \$15,000 to the cost because of new emission controls. Mr. Glover would prefer to purchase the chassis this year and complete the purchase in 2010 so that he won't have a new product that will not have been tested. Previously the dump trucks were replaced every five years but now they are running for 10 years with Brett Hucksoll able to complete some of the maintenance. Also by using the smaller truck for some of the plowing it takes the load off the big trucks. When asked about other equipment Mr. Glover stated that the grader requires some minor maintenance and the backhoe is fine.

During public comment MR. DE MAYO asked Mr. Glover the policy on reporting downed trees. Mr. Glover stated that just this week there had been seven down on Birches Road and he can be contacted at the highway department. 823-8788.

FIRE CHIEF ALLAN CLARK met with the Selectmen to update them on Fire Department business. Chief Clark feels the department is in great shape with new people on board and on going training taking place. He anticipates coming in under budget and wanted the Selectmen to know that the department appreciates being able to call on Brett Hucksoll of the highway department for repairs. Having Brett available has saved the department a lot of money and they know that when Brett fixes a problem it is done right. CHIEF WENTWORTH echoed his comments and was appreciative of Brett working on the Police Department cruiser as well. Both Chief's were pleased that Road Agent Glover was able to schedule Brett to work on their vehicles. Mr. Clark went on to say that the department was dedicated and hard working and he feels one of the best departments in the area. The SCBA apparatus needs to undergo a check up to be compliant with NFPA regulations. All members have their new gear and all members have the regulatory highway vests. All members have signed the alcohol and drug policy. In regard to the fire stations Chief Clark feels they are making great progress as no work had been done for quite some time. Chief Clark stated that the department has good relationships with the other towns and with the police department

CHIEF CLARK requested that the board move to non-public session to discuss a legal matter. MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to move to non-public session at 6:22 PM seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was unanimously approved.

On a motion by MS. CONNORS seconded by MR. STRASSER the board returned to public session at 6:35 to take a scheduled appointment. The motion was unanimously approved.

JANE MCILWAINE met with the Selectmen to follow up on her visit several weeks ago in regard to the sidewalk on Sunset Hill Road. Mrs. McIlwaine would like to propose that she will get several bids from area landscape companies for the cutting and cleaning up of the sidewalk area on Sunset Hill Road with the Town picking up the cost. She believes that it should be done in June prior to Lupine Festival and again in August prior to fall foliage season. The Selectmen noted that the bush hogging would be completed this week but that they would be fine with Mrs. McIlwaine getting some bids. Mrs. McIlwaine wondered if there were any community groups that would do the clean up as a project. Mrs. McIlwaine questioned when the work on South Road might be done and the Selectmen explained that the highway department has been working on Pearl Lake Road this summer.

On a motion by MR. STRASSER seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the Selectmen returned to non-public session at 6:45 to discuss legal matters. The motion was unanimous.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to seal the 8-3-09 non-public minutes, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was passed unanimously.

On a motion by MS. CONNORS seconded by MR. STRASSER the Selectmen returned to public session at 7:05 PM.

MR. BIELEFIELD noted that he had heard there was discussion taking place in regard to the Tri-Town Transfer Station taking recyclables from Bethlehem residents since they were turned down by Littleton. The Selectmen requested a letter be sent to the Franconia Board of Selectmen in regard to being involved with any decision regarding the Tri-Town Transfer Station.

Under public comment MR. DE MAYO questioned why they no longer used the sticker program that identified residents. As it is now as long as you have a green bag you are allowed to dump. The Selectmen felt they originally felt the bags could be profitable and the stickers not necessary. Mr. De Mayo felt that they should suggest reinstating the sticker program.

The Selectmen signed a driveway permit for logging operations by Robert Burke on the Lipson property Map 215, Lot 24.2.

The Selectmen received information from the North Country Public Safety Foundation in regard to yearly award nominations for public safety officers.

MS. CONNORS updated the board on the wetland driveway permit that was originally taken out by Presby and finished by the Progin. The town does not have to sign off but it is unclear if the Progin should have had to file a new permit. Ms. Connors will follow up with Presby.

Under public comment MR. DE MAYO inquired as to how many employees were members of the State Retirement System. He was told that there are four: Mr. Glover, Mr. Hucksoll, Chief Wentworth and Officer Ball. Mr. De Mayo also inquired as to a permit that was extended for the former Reinhold property on Streeter Pond Drive. It was explained that this permit extension came prior to the permit expiring and there was no additional cost. Mr. De Mayo requested a copy of the non-public session minutes of July 27<sup>th</sup>. The minutes are not done but will be right after the meeting adjourns and he may have a copy. Mr. De Mayo questioned when the minutes would be on line and they will be up after they are approved at the next meeting.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of July 20, 2009, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 10, 2009 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 PM with appointments scheduled at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant