

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – September 14, 2009

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

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Bruce Bunker, Chief David Wentworth

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

MS. CONNORS asked the board members for clarification of the road report done by former Selectman Reid and Road Agent Glover.

The Selectmen approved the use of the Meetinghouse as follows:  
Pine Hill Singers December 13, 2009  
North Country Chamber Players October 17, 2009

The Selectmen signed Intent to Cut Wood and Timber for:  
Dennis & Kathie Cote Map 214, Lot 39  
Katherine Lipson Map 215, Lots 24.1, 24.2, 7 (Supplemental)

The Selectmen signed a driveway permit for Dennis & Kathie Cote for logging purposes on Map 214, Lot 39. (Birches Road)

The Selectmen received a letter from Howard & Amy Mitz requesting a variance for construction on the porch of their home. (Map 218, Lot 24) The required forms will be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Mitz for a variance.

The Selectmen received a letter from Nelson & Lee Progin requesting permission for a travel trailer to be placed on Map 205, Lot 9 (Route 18) for one year while a permanent residence if being built. The Selectmen approved the request and a letter will be sent.

Mr. Card met with Ms. Serafini in regard to the perimeter drain at the Meetinghouse. Mr. Card has not seen any problem with water. The Selectmen would like Mr. Card to get an opinion from Paul Pinkham in regard to whether a drain is necessary.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to enter into non-public session to discuss police department business at 5:35PM, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of September 14, 2009 and to return to public session at 5:50 PM, seconded by MR. STRASSER.

MR. BIELEFIELD gave a brief review of the meeting with PSNH in regard to the Quebec Hydro Power Plan.

The Administrative Assistant asked the board if they would like to have a representative from Cartographic Associates in to discuss updating the town maps. With the State doing new aerial photos the mapping could be updated as the current base map is not that good. Ms. Connors thought we should touch base with Rufus Perkins as he has been working with the Town Maps and may have some additional insight. Jennifer will contact Rufus and also set up an appointment with Cartographic Associates.

The Selectmen opened the meeting for public comment:

NICK DE MAYO inquired as to the number of employees receiving health insurance. The number is currently 7. Mr. DeMayo also asked that the operating hours be posted on the website for the highway garage, police and fire departments. The highway department hours will be posted and the meeting schedule for the fire department will also be noted. There are no set hours for the police department.

BRUCE BUNKER inquired as to how many police officers are in the department. Currently two fulltime and one part-time officer worked this summer.

BRUCE BUNKER met with the Selectmen in regard to the recent Junkyard Ordinance and licensing procedure that was put in place. Mr. Bunker felt the board could have done a better job of fact finding prior to sending out the letters. He felt that the board should have used the Town Clerk to verify what was and was not registered and would have known that he was in compliance. The board welcomed Mr. Bunker's suggestions and ideas on the process. Mr. Bunker also had several questions in regard to abutting property that the owner feels cannot be built on. Currently the town has a full assessment on the property in question.

MS. CONNORS updated the Selectmen on the Energy Workshop she attended and on energy saving initiatives and potential grants. The first step would be to inventory municipal buildings which PSNH will assist with. Contact the LGC Property Liability Trust to provide data on energy use. (PSNH will provide data as well) Next would be a walk through of the buildings with the department heads and the building and grounds supervisor and look for potential areas of improvement. The second step would be an engineering audit and the third step a feasibility assessment. Step four is funding and we have applied for funds through Clean Air-Cool Planet for inventory, audit and policy development. There is also funding available through the PSNH Municipal Smart Start Program. Basis beginner steps include changing light fixtures and upgrading the thermostats to programmable. There was a question as to whether Mr. Glover had decided on a wood boiler for the highway department shop. There is a possibility that there may be grant money for that as well.

The Town Engineer called in with a report that the Vickery Road has been compacted and the sides finished. He is concerned with where the road enters Route 117 and the need for the entrance to be paved. He will not sign off until such time as this is completed.

MR. STRASSER stated his concern for the inability of the Town to maintain the roads that are town owned at this time. With the high costs of asphalt, the road crew maxed out and with so many roads needing repair he felt that the board needs to contain costs. There have been suggestions that the roads should be returned to non-paved however with the recent heavy rains that left gravel rutted it doesn't appear to be the answer.

MR. STRASSER made a motion that as of September 14, 2009 the Town not accept any additional roads, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. DE MAYO asked the board how the Sunset Hill sidewalk situation was resolved and was advised that it was on private land and public funds could not be used for the clean up. It is believed that several individuals have agreed to work with Mrs. McIlwaine and get the clean up accomplished.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of August 31, 2009 seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. STRASSER the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, September 21 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 PM with appointments scheduled at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant