SELECTMEN'S MEETING – March 22, 2010

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

Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Chief Wentworth, Road Agent Douglas Glover

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Selectmen will not meet on March 29, 2010.

The Selectmen are looking for a resident to fill the open position on the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission. Contact the Selectmen's Office if you are interested.

The Selectmen approved a Current Use Application submitted by Nick and Nicole DeMayo for Map 202, Lot 24.

The Selectmen approved the use of the Meetinghouse by Jennifer Brown and James Walsh on Sunday April 4, 2010.

The Selectmen approved the use of the Meetinghouse for the Lupine Festival on the following dates:

June 11-14, June 18-21 for Market set up and events.

June 4-6 for Art Show set up and event.

June 8 for Jazz Concert

The Selectmen approved the use of the Meetinghouse on April 24th for a private event.

The Administrative Assistant updated the Selectmen on two welfare cases. Total expenditure on one was \$121.53. The second case is pending with a check returned by the landlord.

The questions about the Town Forest deed were researched by Elizabeth and it appears that the property was sold by Mead to the Franconia College with the stipulation that if the college ceased operation the property would revert to the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission. It appears that no deed was ever received and the information will be sent to the Town attorney for review and clarification.

The Selectmen agreed to have the floor at the Meetinghouse refinished by DJ's Flooring as they were the low bid received.

MS. CONNORS made a motion for MR. BIELEFIELD to be Chairman of the Select board for the coming year, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed.

The Selectmen re-appointed Jane Higgins as the town representative to the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District.

DOUGLAS GLOVER met with the Selectmen on highway department business. Mr. Glover is working with Jim Gallagher from DES and Andy Tuthill from the Corps of Engineers in regard to dredging permits. It is hoped that with aerial photos the gravel bar locations can be identified and recommendations will be made. The town engineer is in the final stage of design for the bridge replacement at Indian Creek. Mr. Glover would like to get the plans out for the bid process. It is hoped that work can be completed in July and with the road closure of 3-4 days. Mr. Glover has been down to view the construction of the new highway department truck. The new truck has a wing and self contained body with a spreader in front of the back wheels. The new vehicle will allow for roads to be plowed and sanded with one shot and save on man hours.

The road bans are on and Mr. Glover hopes to take them off in a couple of weeks. Mr. Glover spoke with the Selectmen in regard to the mower being purchased for the building and grounds department. He has spoken with the John Deere salesman and received a quote for a larger deck. This would increase the cost by \$300.00 but after the Town receives the municipality bid cost the project will come in under the amount approved at Town Meeting. This mower is not in stock and will need to be ordered. The Selectmen authorized Mr. Glover to order the mower.

CHIEF WENTWORTH met with the Board to advise them that he had an accident with the cruiser, hitting a deer. The estimate for repair is \$1500.00 and the Selectmen agreed to have the work completed prior to trading for the new cruiser. The monies will come out of the Police Department budget. Chief Wentworth has been using both Officer Blanchard and Officer MacKay for part time work. They assisted with the recent funeral procession in Franconia.

MS. CONNORS attended the recent Current Use Workshop and updated the board of some of the information.

MR. DE MAYO inquired as to the total cost of the mower with the changes and the Board advised that the cost would be less than the monies that were raised. Mr. DeMayo also requested a spelling change be made to the minutes of March 8th.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to accept the minutes of March 15, 2010, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion was approved unanimously.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette Administrative Assistant