

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING – May 24, 2010**

Present: Margaret Connors, Richard Bielefield, John Strasser, Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Beth Bryar, Alec Corr, Becky Hunt, Steve Hunt, Lissa Boissonneault, Gregory Bryar, Chief David Wentworth, Officer Cody MacKay, Leslie Burton, Chief Allan Clark, Road Agent Douglas Glover, Nick DeMayo

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Selectmen will not meet on Monday May 31, 2010 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

The Selectmen signed Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for:  
Margaret Connors, Map 214, Lot 23

The Selectmen approved the use of the Crapo Building on June 11, 12 & 13 for the Library Book Sale. The Selectmen approved the use of the Crapo Building on July 28 for the Library Workshop.

The Selectmen approved the use of the Meetinghouse on August 13 & 14, 2010 by the North Country Chamber Players.

MR. STRASSER will follow up with Board questions for Horizon Engineering in regard to inspection of a junk yard property.

CHIEF CLARK met with the Selectmen to discuss several topics. Chief Clark notified the Selectmen that two members of the Fire Department, Harold Aldrich and Barry Bernstein were retiring from active service with the Sugar Hill Fire Department. The Selectmen will send letters to both members thanking them for their service to the community.

Chief Clark noted that the Sugar Hill Fire Department responded to the recent motor vehicle accident above the intersection of Route 117 and Birches Road. Chief Clark wanted to commend Officer Cody MacKay and Franconia Fire Fighter John Peckett for their quick response at the scene of the accident. Chief Clark believes that had they not been so quick with their actions in getting to the motorist the end result would have been very different.

Chief Clark wanted to update the Selectmen on a new construction project on Ore Hill owner by Lex Burton. The home as constructed does not meet code and changes are necessary to make the building safe. Mr. Burton has consulted with an area builder and has a proposal to correct the problems with the span of the house. The Selectmen advised Mr. Burton that an occupancy certificate would not be approved until such time as either an architect or an engineer can certify that the house with the corrections meets code.

TOWN CLERK LISSA BOISSONNEAULT swore in new Officer Gregory Bryar with his family in attendance. Officer Bryar will be attending the Police Academy in the fall and will be working in Sugar Hill on a part time basis.

The Administrative Assistant will notify State DOT that the driveway permit issued on Route 117 has the wrong Map and Lot listed.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER met with the Selectmen to discuss the Indian Brook Bridge replacement project. Two quotes were received from Presby Construction \$38,500 and Dodge Contracting \$33,033. Both bids will be shared with the Town Engineer. MS. CONNORS made a motion to have Road Agent Glover and Town Engineer William McCarthy make the final decision on the contractor for the project, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion was passed unanimously.

The highway department is continuing work on Toad Hill Road and will follow with work on Easton Road and Crane Hill Road. MS. CONNORS noted that the Conservation Commission had walked the land behind the Crapo Building with a Forester and he didn't feel that it was worth cutting. They did note that if the Highway department had a wood boiler in the future that they could access the property for wood. The Conservation Commission will be contacting Harry Burgess in regard to having the boundaries blazed. Mr. Glover also noted that he would like to clean up the area around the salt sheds, make a flat pad and put the plows out back, get rid of the existing barns and possibly put up a pole barn that would protect the equipment.

MR. DE MAYO asked about the work to be completed near his property on Easton Road. He is concerned that one of the trees in the right of way may come down into the roadway. Mr. Glover explained that once the equipment is there he will be able to remove the tree but cannot move the equipment just for the tree removal. The Town Engineer is currently working on the State Permits necessary for ditching on Easton Road. Mr. DeMayo asked about the budget for the bridge project and it was explained that the funds in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund can only be used for bridge projects and with a second bridge that needs repair any monies left after this project will go towards that.

CHIEF WENTWORTH rejoined the meeting and discussed with Mr. Glover the changing of the speed limits on town roads. Chief Wentworth will give the board the list of roads with the requested speed limits for the board to vote on at the next meeting.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to accept the minutes of May 10, 2010, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of May 17, 2010, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. DE MAYO asked the Selectmen what percent they voted to give the employees this year. The Selectmen responded that although five percent was in the budget the raise to full time personnel was at 4%. Mr. DeMayo requested copies of wages paid to employees. The Administrative Assistant will get that information for him.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to move to non-public session AT 7:05 to discuss two personnel issues, seconded by MS. CONNORS.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session, return to public session and adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, June 7, 2010 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant

