

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 23, 2010

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

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Chief David Wentworth, Road Agent Doug Glover

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Selectmen and the Tax Collector signed an electronic tax rate authorization for 2010.

The Health Officer Ms. Connors updated the board on a recent failed septic system and she is working with the property owners at this time to bring the property into compliance.

CHIEF WENTWORTH updated the board on police department business. Mr. Strasser had a question in regard to the decals on the new cruiser. Chief Wentworth explained that the decals were not finished and he is working with Art Tighe of the Foto Factory to complete the lettering. Chief Wentworth noted that all was going well with the department and that Greg Bryar would be attending the academy in December.

The Selectmen received a State DOT driveway permit for Stephanie Burns on Route 117. Map 214, Lot 9.

Health Officer Ms. Connors mentioned that she would like to put information up on the town website in regard to the hazards of poison ivy as it is more common now.

The Selectmen received a request from CASA for \$500.00 to support programs in 2011. The request will be put in the file for the 2011 warrant and will be discussed at a later date.

2010 Law Lecture Series- <http://www.nhlgc.org/trainingevents/lawlectureseries.asp> is being held locally in Whitefield on September 15, 22 and 29 at the Whitefield Elementary School.

Ms. Connors will be attending the Budget & Finance Workshop sponsored by LGC.

The Selectmen received a letter from Nancy Henderson in regard to settling the 2009 tax abatement in light of recent court findings. Mrs. Henderson felt that the board should settle the 2009 request as it was costing the town money. The Selectmen will take the letter under advisement and make a decision on 2009 after conferring with Attorney Fulton.

DOUG GLOVER updated the board on the bridge replacement project on Streeter Pond Road. All plans are moving along and several changes have been made to the original specifications. The bridge parts will arrive on Wednesday and will be set in place by crane. The highway department will bring in additional gravel as the crane will need a 30' area for set up. Mr. Glover noted that the old bridge was in bad shape and broke into pieces upon removal. The new bridge will sit higher and not require the depth of gravel that the previous bridge required.

The Selectmen agreed to purchase a New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places Sign Marker for the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse. Mr. Glover has posts so just the sign will be ordered at a cost of \$40.00.

The Administrative Assistant shared with the board the CIP plan that Franconia has in place and the process that they use to get information from the different departments.

The Selectmen noted that November 8, 2010 is the first day to accept petitions to amend the zoning ordinance. Mr. Strasser noted that the Board of Adjustment had several changes that the Planning Board will be reviewing. Any changes must have a hearing and then be voted on the ballot Town Meeting day.

The Selectmen would like to meet with departments to review job descriptions. Building & Grounds on September 13, Highway Department on September 20 and Police Department on September 27.

The selectmen would like to have the new building permit and fee schedule to review by September 13, 2010. Building rental fees for 2011 will also be reviewed.

MR. DE MAYO questioned if the board was setting a precedent by allowing Moose Realty to have a foundation in place that the board does not believe meets setbacks and by not issuing fines. The board advised that no building may take place on the foundation and that Moose Realty must prove with a legal survey that the foundation meets shoreland setbacks. Mr. DeMayo also asked if the board would be doing something like Franconia in regard to the CIP committee. Mr. Strasser noted that in the past this has been a job completed by the planning board and that it appears the board will have the time to work on the CIP/Master Plan.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of August 16th, 2010, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 30, 2010 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant