

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – March 21, 2011

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

Guests: James Keefe, Road Agent Douglas Glover, Chief David Wentworth,
Chief Allan Clark

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Selectmen signed a Current Use Application for Springhead Realty Trust for land located off Hayward Lane with contiguous ownership. (219, 27.123)

The Selectmen approved a welfare request.

JAMES KEEFE met with the board to update what has been done with the heating controls in the Crapo Building. The thermostat has been tested and now moved into the Selectmen's Office. In addition the board approved the purchase of a Hot Water Heating System Fuel Economizer. The work will be done by Plumb Perfect.

ROAD AGENT DOUGLAS GLOVER met with the board to discuss highway department business. The board discussed posting the bridge over Indian Creek with a weight limit. Mr. Glover and Mr. Strasser are going to review all roads and update the road report once the snow is gone. Mr. Glover noted that he has been given permission to correct some drainage across from the Sampler on Holly Hayward's property. MS. CONNORS asked if anyone knew what the problem is with the pond on Birches Road as a resident had called her since there has not been any sign of life in the pond. Chief Clark noted that the Fire Station pond also has the same algae situation and they are working with DES to correct. Ms. Connors will see if the Conservation Commission will look into the Birches Road pond. The purchase of a grader to replace the current piece of equipment that is no longer viable was discussed. Mr. Glover presented several options for the board to review. MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to allow Mr. Glover to purchase the grader at Milton Cat that came from the Town of Peacham for a cost of \$60,000, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Glover will retain the tires on the current grader. Mr. Glover noted that the speed limit signs are here but the posts need to be ordered. The board discussed a request from Ore Hill Properties to have the Town take over Ore Hill Road. The board agreed that they would not take on any additional roads because of the maintenance cost and additional time and personnel needed. MR. STRASSER made a motion that the Town will not take on any new roads due to the costs involved, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF WENTWORTH met with the board to update them on police department business. The Chief has been working with Chief Clark on assisting an elderly couple with health issues. Officer Bryar is set for the next academy in April. Office Vaun

Hefflyunn's paperwork is complete and will also be sent in for the April academy. Chief Clark stated that there were no problems at this time.

CHIEF CLARK met with the board to update them on the Hazard Mitigation Plan process. There will be a meeting on March 31, 2011 at 7:00 at the Crapo Building and all are welcome to attend. Department heads have been notified and Chief Clark hoped that a member of the Select board could attend. All board members have it on their calendars. Chief Clark noted that previous plans had the #1 priority as extended power failure. Since then the Town has installed generators at the Town Garage, Fire Station and Crapo Building, created lists of personnel for emergency situations to assist and of elderly residents that need checking. The new plan will look at localized flooding & the Gale River situation as first priority and more fire ponds with dry hydrants second. There are federal grant monies available for culverts, road reconstruction and fire pond and dry hydrant installation. Chief Clark noted that currently PSNH does not communicate well during power outages and that the northern tier does not usually get priority with outages. He felt that NHECOOP does better with communication to the municipality during outages. Chief Clark also let the board know that the new fire truck process is on budget. MR. STRASSER confirmed that Chief Clark would meet with the Planning Board during the May 4th meeting to discuss the driveway ordinance.

MS. CONNORS updated the board on a North Country Council meeting she attended in regard to Smart Growth. Additional information was provided to Mr. Strasser for the Planning Board to review. It was also discussed having a representative from NCC attend a Planning Board meeting to discuss the Master Plan process.

The board discussed sending a letter to property owner's explaining the Northern Pass Project and the town's resolution against the project as presented. Ms. Connors will see if the Conservation Commission would like to send the letter from their board.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of March 14, 2011, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM, seconded by MS. CONNORS. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, March 28, 2011 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM. Town Attorney Bernie Waugh will be giving the 2010 Municipal Law Update and there will be no appointments scheduled and no public input session.

Respectfully submitted,

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