## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING – January 28, 2013**

Present: Dick Bielefield, Margo Connors, John Strasser

Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Douglas Glover, Carl Martland, Peter Carbonneau, Beth Perlo,

Chief Wentworth, Rebecca Brown, Nancy Martland, Chief Allan Clark

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The 2013 Budget Hearing will be held February 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

REBECCA BROWN met with the Board to discuss the Community Forest and some possible Warrant Articles relating to the Forest. MS. CONNORS will follow up with LGC Legal on the warrant article.

CHIEF WENTWORTH met with the Select Board to advise that he has decided to by the Ford Explorer SUV Police interceptor from North Country Ford. Chief Wentworth discussed the possibility of hiring a part time officer that currently is employed by the Sheriffs Department.

MR. STRASSER made a motion at 5:45PM to move into non-public session to discuss employee compensation & a welfare item, seconded by MR. BIELEFEILD.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to seal the minutes and return to public session at 6:00 PM seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. Motion passed unanimously.

PETER CARBONNEAU and BETH PERLO met with the board to discuss estimates for repairing the iron fencing at Sunnyside Cemetery. The bids are for complete repair of the ironwork that has been neglected for many years. The total cost is over \$15,000 but they hope to use John Hanks to do some of the footing work to save on the total cost. Cemetery Trustee Kathy Jablonski is willing to look into grants that may be available. The funds for the project will come from the Sunnyside Cemetery Fund. The decision was made to split the work over two years.

NANCY MARTLAND met with the board to present the request from the Boys and Girls Club of the North Country. The initial request was for \$1,000 but it was agreed to reduce the amount to \$500.00 and it will be an individual warrant article for the voters to decide.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER and CARL MARTLAND of the highway committee updated the board on the committee's findings and future plans. The committee road all 28 miles of road and Carl took photos of the roads in 1/10 mile increments. The committee will hold a public hearing on February 25, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Carolina Crapo Building for residents to ask questions and add input. Carl will also make a

presentation at Town Meeting of the findings. The board asked Carl to have a report for the Annual Town Report as well.

DOUG GLOVER updated the board on Crane Hill Bridge and he has met with one company and anticipates meeting with Winterset in the new future. The board discussed the heating of the garage and discussed wood pellet furnaces. Doug needs to buy a new generator to run the steamer. Doug would also like to have a smoke and freeze alarm system installed at the garage. The department has been trying out loaders from several vendors.

CHIEF ALLAN CLARK met with the board to update them on the Ross Ambulance contract. The Town of Littleton chose to go with Calex and as of February 28<sup>th</sup> Ross will cease operating. Chief Clark plans to use Franconia Life Squad and possible Lisbon Life Squad as back up. Chief Clark plans to have the Sugar Hill Fire Department respond to all cardiac calls as the members are certified. Chief Clark will be following up with the Life Squads.

The Sugar Hill Energy Committee of Margo Connors, Nancy Martland, Dolly McPhaul and Peter Anderson will be meeting in the near future.

The Select Board approved Current Use Applications for: Chris & Wendy Thayer Map 213 Lot 7 Suzanne Morley Revocable Trust Map 221 Lot 12

The Select Board received an abatement application from Michael Veegh Map 204 Lots 6.13 & 6.14

The Select Board approved the use of the Meetinghouse on February 17, 2013 by the North Country Chamber Players.

The Select Board agreed to sign a letter to Tom Wagner, Forest Supervisor of the WMNF in regard to the Northern Pass Transmission LLC, Special Use Permit Application (SF-299).

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business and no appointments before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MR. STRASSER the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday February 4, 2013 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette Administrative Assistant