

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 6, 2008

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

This meeting was scheduled as an additional meeting for the Board to review issues that required attention sooner than the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Present: John Chiarella, Don Hill and Neal Huntoon.

Correspondence: Present: Cynthia Bruss and John Trachy from the Conservation Commission and Ted Rivard from the Dutchman's Pond Homeowner's Association.

The Selectmen reviewed the letter from the attorney representing the Dutchmans Pond and Webster Pass Homeowner Associations regarding a concern with the trail that is proposed through Town-owned lands to an area near Dutchmans Pond. Cynthia stated that she has been in touch with Sara Callahan from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. The Society holds the easement for the property and is in agreement that the spur trail is an appropriate use. The Board discussed the issues raised by the homeowner associations. John Chiarella has spoken to the trails bureau and DES and was told they would not be involved unless there were stream crossings or culvert installations.

Cynthia stated Sara Callahan wants to walk the area with her. The next step would be to flag a possible layout. Cynthia stated this is meant to be a narrow, meandering foot trail, going around trees and avoiding sensitive areas. The Board recognizes the neighbors concerns. There is no rush to get the trail done. The Society for the Protection of NH Forests will work closely with Cynthia and other volunteers to layout a walking trail.

Cynthia asked whether the Town had ever been asked to become a member of the homeowner associations. There was no knowledge of this.

Ted Rivard discussed the HOA concerns with the fragility of the pond and the problems of residents in that area have had with public trespass onto their properties.

The Selectmen will draft a response to the Dutchman Pond and Webster Pass Homeowner Association's attorney.

John Trachy reported that members of the Conservation Commission have begun identifying and locating town boundaries with GPS. They have done the Kinsley lot. John stated that there are other land issues that need to be discussed.

Fire Truck: Dallas Patten, Fire Chief, was present to meet with the Board. The Board discussed the down payment amount, the performance bond, and the 4% credit the company will extend based on the amount of the down payment. The Board approved and signed the promissory documents for Lake Sunapee Savings Bank. A deposit amount of 60% of the purchase price was unanimously approved. This will allow a \$5,880 credit which can be applied to the cost of the performance bond, and provide an additional amount of credit toward the purchase of additional equipment.

The fire station door and locks were discussed. Neal will do some further investigation of lock possibilities.

Dallas reported the Upper Valley Mutual Aid Association has been removed from the parties named in the lawsuit which involved an airboat rescue several years ago on the Connecticut River.

Building Permits:

Neal will visit the Leach's property to check on setbacks.
Purchase orders for the Highway Department were signed.

The Board received letters from Charles Attardo commending the highway department on their winter maintenance of Old Grafton Road.

The Board reviewed minutes from the Village District of Eastman. There has been no final report filed to date on the well field pump tests. Janet will check on this.

The Board reviewed and accepted a late filing for a Conservation Restriction Assessment of the Baptist Pond Trust, under errors, omissions, and misfortune clause.

The Board discussed list serve policy. The Board wants to be sure list serve provides only information regarding town issues, with no links to outside sources or advertising.

Septic issue: The Shampneys have contacted an attorney. They are working through settling the fees with the consultant they hired. They are not able to get a stamped set of plans until they settle. They have looked into hiring another person to do the design. Mrs. Shampney asked for the Town to send a letter as to why they had to replace their system. Mrs. Shampney is to get back in touch with the office tomorrow. The Board agreed to send information regarding failed septic system requirements to the Shampney's attorney. The Board stated they would like to contact town counsel to find out how best to proceed if compliance is not met.

The Board reviewed the opinion from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region Planning Commission regarding home and commercial business zoning compliance. The recommendation is to move forward with proper permitting for people amending existing businesses and new applications. The Board agreed they needed to decide on a specific date, and a letter should go out to all residents. John discussed his feeling that there needed to be some ongoing type of inventory process.

John C. discussed with the Board reviewing documents as to how the discontinued portion of Webster Pass was done. The Board needs to review the status of Class VI roads.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant