

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**OCTOBER 26, 2009**

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**6:30 P.M.**

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

Present: Chairman John Chiarella, Don Hill, Dave Tucker, Zoning Board Chair Cynthia Hayes, and Janet Roberts Administrative Assistant.

The Board entered into non-public session per RSA 91:A to interview candidates for the position of Planning and Zoning Recording Secretary/Administrative Support.

After finishing the interviews, the Board voted to enter into public session at 7:00 p.m.

Howard Road: John Trachy, Conservation Commission Chair met to discuss concerns he has regarding ditch work that is taking place on Howard Road. The work is close to the brook and appears to have been done in the past 4 to 5 days. The Board stated this portion of Howard Road is not maintained by the Town. John Chiarella will meet with Brad and look into this.

Route 114: John Trachy also shared his concern regarding drainage pipes flowing from property located on Route 114 into a drainage ditch that flows into the lake. The Selectmen will speak to Tom Duling.

Eastman Charitable Foundation: Dave asked John Trachy if he was interested in serving on the Eastman Charitable Foundation. John T. stated he has been to one meeting and interviewed with the committee. He is not interested, but felt there was potential benefit for Springfield to have representation on the committee. He has spoken to Linda Welch and will follow up to see if she has an interest.

Brook Lot: Cynthia Bruss reported that she and John Trachy have finished freshening of the property line blazes on the Brook Lot. The Kinsley lot has been completed. Cynthia asked the Selectmen to consider a conservation easement on the Brook Lot. Cynthia stated at some point the Selectmen may want to consider doing some selective cutting on the Brook Lot for management of the forest and wildlife habitat. The Board discussed what the advantages would be for a conservation easement. John Chiarella opined the Selectmen may want to develop some criteria as to how to assess town lots for future conservation easements.

Cynthia reported the trail to Dutchman Pond has been flagged and does not cross any private land. John Chiarella has talked to Dana Fletcher of the Dutchman's Pond Homeowner's Association. The DHA should be notified now that the trail is flagged. John reviewed areas of possible access to Royal Arch. John will speak to Dana.

Minutes: The minutes of October 12, 2009 were unanimously approved as written.

Old Business: The letter to the school board offering a reduction in the rental fees for the kindergarten classroom was reviewed and signed.

New Business: The Selectmen reviewed information from the Local Government Center regarding the employee health insurance contract for 2010. Rates will increase 16.4% this year. Don stated last year review of other plans did not result in a substantial cost savings to the Town to change the plan offered. The Selectmen maintain their commitment to current employees. They agree they may have to institute a different policy for new hires. Don discussed the possibility of instituting some type of flex spending plan in the future.

RSM @ Camp Sunapee: Don reported on the October 19 Planning Board meeting with RSM. The Rifkins had been originally referred to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review by the Board of Selectmen during review of a building permit application. The Rifkins have been in the process of complying with what the Planning Board has asked of them through the Site Plan review process. Now, based on a legal opinion that was obtained from an attorney at the Local Government Center, the Planning Board is sending the applicant to the Zoning Board for Special Exception. Don questioned whether the Selectmen should direct the Planning Board to complete the Site Plan process. It was decided that the Selectmen do not have any authority to direct the Planning Board. The Selectmen discussed the pending building permit applications that are on file. The Selectmen agreed they should deny the building permit applications, pending the outcome of any planning and zoning requirements that may be determined. The applications will be returned to the applicants with a letter of explanation.

At this point, Dave Tucker had to leave the meeting due to illness. Don and John, after seeing Dave safely home, continued the meeting.

Star Lake Farms: Don reported that Planning Board members, Darrin Patten, Ken Jacques, and Mike Howard, along with Fire Chief Dallas Patten reviewed Star Lake Road with Todd Richardson, Star Lake Farm Manager, and Pierre Bedard, Star Lake's Engineer. Star Lake will meet with the Planning Board again on November 3, at 7:45 p.m. to review road engineering. Legal counsel for Star Lake will proceed with addressing areas noted by the Planning Board and the list of concerns John Chiarella has compiled based on easement information from last year and the current proposal. These areas will be addressed and the Selectmen will need to seek further assistance from Town Counsel.

On Site Contracting: Special Exception Application for a Wetlands crossing on Route 114/Main Street will be heard by the Zoning Board on November 3, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed information from the Town of Newport regarding the resignation of Representative Anthony Maiola.

The Selectmen were reminded of the Joint Board of Selectmen meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 6:00 in Newbury.

Signatures:

Authorization forms were signed for Police and Fire Department application to the Department of Homeland Security for grant funds for reprogramming radio equipment.

Intent to Cut Timber Form approved.

2009 Department of Revenue Parcel Count request approved and signed.

Application to use Town Facilities approved.

The Board reviewed the list from the Tax Collector of properties available for tax deeding as of 10/26/2009. The Selectmen agreed to proceed with tax deeding of the vacant land parcels.

They would like to review options for proceeding with deeding of the other residential properties.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,  
Administrative Assistant