

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

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

Present: Selectmen, John Chiarella, Dave Tucker and Don Hill; Administrative Assistant Janet Roberts; Police Chief Tim Julian; and Resident Ed Belfield.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

KRSD: Superintendent of Schools Jerry Frew, and Springfield School Board Representative Pamela Laurie met with the Selectmen to discuss programs for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Frew provided information presented in a recent district press release. He reported that the high school will be participating in the Great Schools initiative, one of four schools from NH chosen.

A rapid alert telephone notification system "Alert Now" has been implemented to alert parents about school delays, cancellations, and other urgent messages.

Mr. Frew reviewed plans for the former New London Middle School Building which will be known as the Kearsarge Learning Campus. The Superintendent's office will be relocating to the building. The District has several ideas for use of the building among them, a community learning center; adult education center; culinary arts program; a professional development and training center; and a Parent Information Center to help serve the needs of families of students with disabilities. Mr. Frew reported that the School Board is committed to making the building a vital education-based community center. Several of the programs will be moved from the high school to the learning campus and will not involve additional staff. Some of the programs will be fee based.

The Kearsarge District has been approved by the State to introduce a pilot "Blizzard Bag" program. Educators will prepare lessons for three days for students to complete at home when school is cancelled due to weather or other emergency situations. The Blizzard Bag days will count as school days.

Mr. Frew explained the district scorecard program recently implemented which will provide annual reporting on such things as curriculum, budgetary and professional development.

Mr. Frew will be back in December to discuss budget numbers. The district is aiming for a less than 2% increase in the budget. So far operating costs have come in at 1.1%, but there are still two bargaining agreements on the table.

Public Comments:

Hollis Wilder and John Anderson met with the Board. Hollis owns property abutting Jones Road, a Class VI road. His granddaughter uses the road for horseback riding. There is a bridge beyond his property that is in need of repair. He and John are requesting permission to repair the bridge; they would provide materials and do the work. The Selectmen discussed the status of the Class VI road. No town money can be used to make repairs. The Selectmen were concerned with liability issues. John Chiarella asked them to look into the possibility of the snowmobile club repairing the bridge.

Ted and Amy Kendall met with the Board. Tom Duling, Code Enforcement Officer, was present. The Kendall's own property on Shad Hill Road. They cleared the lot and installed a driveway. They have a State approved septic design. Last year they moved a mobile home on the property for storage. They would like to live in the trailer for the winter. A septic tank is in. There is an existing well on the property. They will be starting the leach field soon. They reviewed a building permit application with the Selectmen for a 2 bedroom house. They would like to begin construction of the footings, and frost walls and cap over the foundation this winter. The trailer will temporarily abut the house. The meet all setbacks. Delmar Putney and Charlie Whitcomb have a life estate interest in the property and live in an existing dwelling on the property. The dwelling is about 350' away from the proposed new construction and will be torn down when the dwelling is no longer being occupied by Mr. Putney or Mr. Whitcomb. The Selectmen discussed their concerns with sanitation. The Kendall's were informed that to have two residences on one property, they need to review their proposal with the Planning Board.

Department Updates:

Brad Butcher, Road Agent met with the Board. The calcium application on the dirt roads is working well. Brad would like to consider the purchase of a water tank for next year.

Steve Klein, Librarian has asked him about a motion detector light for the library entrance. The Selectmen approved contacting the electrician.

Brad requested No Winter Parking signs for the area along Baptist Pond. People using the pond in the winter, park along the road making it difficult for snow removal. The Selectmen reviewed the winter parking ordinance. The Selectmen approved purchasing and posting signs.

A location for the Recreation Park bulletin board was agreed on. The Highway Department will do the installation.

Pruning and removal of shrubbery in front of the Town Office building was discussed. The Selectmen will defer to Brad's judgment for this.

Highway/Fire Complex:

Ross Stevens, Engineer, met with the Board to review his site plan for the highway garage. The design calls for a proposed 50' x 80' sand and salt shed in the area of the existing shed. The proposed building does fit on the site without wetlands encroachment. A stone retaining wall for the fill area is proposed. The driveway/parking area in front of the sand shed is proposed to be paved to maximize drainage away from the storage area. The surface in the shed would most likely be paved.

The gravel area behind the highway garage would be expanded by 24' to accommodate additional storage. Drainage would be corrected and a series of pit under drains would be built under the gravel area.

The existing grade of the driveway and parking area would be reshaped to move water away from the building. Under drains will be installed along the edge of the building. A drainage ditch is proposed between the recreation field and the garage parking area.

Brad is proposing a steel framed Duraweave fabric building structure. He has been to Lebanon to look at their structure. The proposed size should be adequate for up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the winter sand and salt storage. The structure could be used to store other equipment in the summer. Brad has found that this is a cheaper building to build than a wooden structure. He would like the floor of the building paved.

Ross indicated the State Wetlands Board has reviewed conceptual plans of the proposal. He recommends paving the entire lot, but would want the new drainage to be in place for a while before this is done.

John Chiarella stated that this is a project that will most likely be done in phases and the plan will need to be broken into steps for each phase.

The Selectmen asked Ross to show plans for perimeter drainage of the highway/fire garage and existing gravel drive and parking area. He will update the site plan for the September 28th meeting. The Selectmen discussed meeting with the other local land use Boards. They will make a decision about scheduling a joint meeting.

Donation acceptance:

“To see if the Selectmen will accept the donation of a radio repeater for a Police Car”.

Dave stated this was discussed at the last meeting. Dave made a motion to accept the gift of a radio repeater for a police car, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

“To see if the Selectmen will accept the donation of a training grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the State of NH.” Tim reported that the Police Department applied for and received a grant for reimbursement of 50% of the cost of the supervisor school Mike Beaulieu attended. Dave moved to accept the grant, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

Bowman Road:

The petition to lower the speed limit on Bowman Road was discussed. Tim Julian, Police Chief reported on the traffic study done on Bowman. The most hazardous situation is the corner by Webster Pass Road. In looking at roads with similar conditions, Tim suggested 30 miles per hour would be a reasonable speed limit for Bowman Road. Following discussion, John moved to change the Bowman Road speed limit to 30 miles per hour. The motion was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved. Janet was directed to send a letter to Mr. & Mrs. George.

Zoning Board:

John Chiarella reported on the Zoning Board's Special Exception Hearing with George Evarts. A site visit was held on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The Special Exception Hearing was continued to Tuesday, October 5th.

Recording Secretary:

The Selectmen discussed Linda Huntoon's resignation as Recording Secretary for Planning and Zoning. She will be missed. The Selectmen approved advertising the position. Don discussed the possibility of moving around hours of existing employees to fill the position. The Selectmen will discuss this possibility further.

Minutes: The Board unanimously approved the minutes of August 24, 2009 as written.

Old Business: At 9:30 due to time constraints, Don needed to leave. Before leaving the Board reviewed the incomplete agenda items.

Heating at Fire Department – tabled to next meeting.

Personnel Policy Update – tabled to next meeting.

Mesh fencing for recreation field – tabled to next meeting.

Preservation Easement- A publicly noted meeting needs to be posted for in rendering a decision on a preservation easement. This will be posted for the 28th.

Signatures were obtained for the following:

Building rental

Purchase order – Highway Department

Abatement to tax collector approved for Russell Duade for lost check.

Timber warrants were approved and signed for Costello and Lauderdale.

At 9:40 5 p.m. Don left. John and Dave reviewed the following.

Alice Nulsen has concerns regarding the State culvert at Route 114 and Philbrick Hill Road. The Selectmen agreed to send a letter to the State.

Cynthia Hayes has reported that the shed on the Denison property was removed on Saturday. Cynthia has also raised concern regarding excavation equipment on site at Camp Sunapee.

Correspondence:

Copy of Motion to Stay received in Costello court case.

Sullivan County tax bill and report of percentage of county apportionment.

Survey for the NH Municipal Energy Assistance Program. The Selectmen agreed the survey should be completed and returned.

NH Department of Transportation report regarding the site visit and proposed sign changes of the YIELD sign on Four Corners Road to a STOP Sign.

Department of Safety Public Safety Interoperable Radio program grant reviewed and copies given to Fire and Police.

Report from Glenn Walker of Sansoucy Associates regarding his appraisal of Springfield Power.

RFP's for the statistical update due in 2010 with George Hildum's assessment and recommendations were handed out to Board members and will be discussed on the 28th.

An application for employment was received and will be placed on file.

The Board voted to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant