

MINUTES

December 18, 2006

The Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6 p.m. Present were Selectmen Jon Homer, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler, James McGarr and Charles Cheney. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and signing Intents to Cut, one residency application, and an abatement.

At 6:30 p.m., Patrick Miller met with the Board to leave off a petition with 80 signatures from the Carbon Coalition, a group of New Hampshire citizens looking for a responsible energy policy. The petition would go on the Town Meeting warrant to have voters of the Town go on record to support effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change which is harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire. Patrick indicated that temperatures have already risen 3 degrees over the norm, and these increases are already affecting the skiing, maple sugar and timber industries. A petition requires at least 25 registered voters to appear on the warrant, and Patrick certainly has an adequate number of signatures. The signatures will be checked against the latest voter checklist, and the petition will be placed on the Town Warrant in March to be taken up at the business portion of the meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

There was some time before the next appointment so the Board began review of their correspondence. Chief Warn sent a memo to the Board advising them that his officers will begin enforcing the 911 street numbering ordinance. He designed a notice of violation warning that officers will give to the owner or place on the offending property. Ann Marie advised the Board that Thornton's Town Administrator, Candy Andrew had contacted her about setting up a date for the Campton, Thornton, and Ellsworth Boards to meet to start the 2007 budget process for the Fire Department and Transfer Station budgets. The two dates suggested were January 8th or 9th. The Selectmen agreed that they would prefer the Monday date at the Campton Fire Station. Ann Marie will get back to Candy.

At this point in time, Robert Hiltz came before the Board. Mr. Hiltz had been in to see the Selectmen a few months ago about one of the lots in Beebe River owned by Beebe River Development. Mr. Hiltz is interested in lot 7A, and would like to build a home and maintenance garage for his equipment. He has spoken to the two mortgage holders of the land, Pioneer and GE Financial, and they have indicated to Mr. Hiltz that they would be willing to work with him on the asking price if he would put the required road in so the lot could be sold. Beebe River Development had let the road bond lapse, and had never built the road. The Town in turn placed a letter at the Registry restricting sale of the land until the road or a bond was put in place. Selectman McGarr indicated that the Board would also like to see some kind of Memorandum of Understanding in place for the remainder of the money from the sale of this land owed the Town which Beebe River Development failed to pay in their agreement with the Town. This amount being the \$55,000.00 still owed which was to be recovered from the sale of each lot at \$5,000.00 each or payable in full by 2002. The Board also advised Mr. Hiltz that he would need a variance for his business, but the ZBA has approved two in this area over recent years and, Beebe River

has some grand fathered businesses in its confines. Connection to the water and sewer would have to be addressed with the Beebe River Village Commissioners.

The Board met next with Greg Jencks and John March. John March prepared the survey and subdivision maps for Mr. Jencks for Cindy's Lane back in 2003. Mr. March cited that the driveway that Mr. Jencks had to his house was what he had to work with when he came on board for this project back at that time. Selectman Homer indicated that the biggest problem was the safety issue at the bottom of the road where there was not 50 feet at 2% grading so vehicles could safety stop without going into Pond Road. Selectman Cheney agreed that this was a problem as well, and he also had some concerns about the way some of the driveways were put in. Mr. Jencks agreed with the Selectmen's assessment that the road beyond Tuchon's was not in shape to be approved as a Town road this year, but he was hoping that the Board would approve it up to that point. Selectman McGarr questioned the driveway permit process as we do not inspect driveways unless they are not Town roads so the developers need to be aware of what the Town driveway requirements are as well. Mr. Jencks indicated that he wants the road to look good, and that he is proud of his subdivision. Mr. Jencks also indicated that he had believed from previous inspections that his road was at the point of meeting Town specs, and this is why he had spent \$150,000.00 on paving it, and would not have done so if he thought it would not meet the specs. The Board indicated that they wanted to work with him, and would go back to see if his subdivision was approved before or after the road specs were changed as there were some revisions in September of 2003. John March indicated that the subdivision was approved in two phases, and that he thought the first three lots were approved first. Selectman McGarr offered to come by the office the next day, and research the subdivision maps to check the dates.

The Board continued with their correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that the Trustee of the Trust Funds was still short a member. Last week Nancy Mardin had come in to do some business, and Ann Marie had approached her about whether she would consider the position. Nancy had previously held the position, but had forgotten to sign up for it last election. She has a lot of banking experience, and would be an asset to the other trustees. Selectman McGarr made a motion to appoint Nancy Mardin as a Trustee of the Trust Funds, and this was seconded by Selectman Davis, and voted in the affirmative by all.

Ann Marie indicated that Police Chief Warn had called earlier to clarify the Christmas and Christmas Eve policy. Christmas is on Monday, and Christmas Eve is Sunday. The Board agreed that if an employee actually works Christmas Eve that they should be paid for that time, however, since the previous Friday is not Christmas Eve, if anyone wants to take it off, they should use their annual leave time.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Some corrections were made. Selectman McGarr made a motion to approve them as corrected, and this was voted in the affirmative by all.

The Board went on to other business. Selectman Homer requested that Ann Marie advise Road Agent Butch Bain about a culvert with a hole in it on Mason Road as well as some shallow culverts in this area. Selectman McGarr suggested that we send a copy of the letter in reference to the Timson Bridge to our Town Attorney just as a FYI, no action required. Selectman McGarr

also mentioned some potholes on Sugarbush Drive which needs some filling. Ann Marie will pass this along to Butch to have Wiggy take care of them. He also mentioned that if a developer wants to see what a road should like to meet Town Specs that they should check out Libby Lane. Selectman McGarr also wanted to mention to the Board that on the Drug Enforcement Agency's website that 440 Bog Road is listed as a clandestine meth site, and has been left in an unsafe condition by the owner who recently took back the mortgage in a Sheriff's Sale.

The Board agreed to authorize \$50.00 towards some food for a small buffet at the Town Office on Thursday. Ann Marie indicated that some of the employees are bringing cheese and crackers, cider and baking goodies. Other departments and Board Members are being invited, and goodies will be left out for anyone who stops by.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
Town Administrator