

Selectmen's Meeting
May 15, 2006

The Selectmen met for their weekly meeting. Present were Selectmen Sharon Davis, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler and Jon Homer. Selectman McGarr was out of Town on business. The Board spent the first half hour reviewing and signing the manifest. They also signed a land use penalty warrant, two Intents to Build, a driveway permit, and three residency applications. They also signed appointments for two part-time police officers, Joseph DeLuca, and Adam Donnelly.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board met with Road Agent Butch Bain. Butch advised the Board that the Town had not sustained too much road damage from the heavy rain this weekend. He and Makie had gone on Sunday, and had some sections of road on Bog, Bump and Perch Pond to take care of, but the only major damage they sustained was a large hole approximately 6 feet deep by 10 feet wide on King Road. Butch had come in tonight to go over the paving project for this year. He had gotten some updated quotes from Pike based on the quotes that Dick Giehl had gotten to come up with a 2006 budgetary figure for paving back in March. Due to the large increase in fuel costs, the prices had gone up considerably. Butch had gone over all the roads, and recommended that work be done on Bog Road, Pulsifer Hill, and Perch Pond Road. The Board and Butch discussed the different roads, and issues on each. Malcolm Avery from the Highway Department was also present, and he had some comments on certain areas of roads including more work on Perch Pond, and some concerns about Bumps Hill. The final list of roads to be put out to bid included two sections of Perch Pond, one section from the beginning of the road, and the other down by the bridge. Pulsifer Road would be paved. Bumps Hill would be shimmed. In order to do some of this additional work on Perch Pond and Bumps Hill, Bog Road will only be shimmed this year. Butch indicated that the Town can do their own sweeping and traffic control. The Board advised him to notify the Police Department about the traffic control, and keep them advised as to when the work will be done. The bids will be opened at the June 5th Selectmen's Meeting.

Butch then distributed a spreadsheet to the Board which outlined roads that needed culverts replaced, and the size of the culverts, and the total number and price. There were 198 culverts on this list which came to a total of \$29,918.00. The 2006 budget line item had \$32,500.00 in it. Butch indicated that he still was not sure how much it would cost or what would be involved with the culvert on the corner of Pond Road. He had looked into the sleeving for culverts, but the cost is about \$4,000.00, and there is no guarantee that it will fit into the existing culvert. He suggested maybe seeing if Rowell's Septic would put one of their cameras down the culvert to see if it is clear. Another idea he had was to see if the State would let them connect with one of their existing culverts. The Board suggested that he take a few culverts from this list, and leave some money for this culvert, and contact the State. They also suggested that, in view of the

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weekend floods, that he order the culvert quickly. Selectman Cheney inquired as where he was getting the culverts. Butch indicated he had contacted Ferguson's Water Works, and they have the state bid prices. The Board and Butch also briefly discussed magnesium chloride, and Butch indicated that the price had gone up to 84 cents a gallon. It was agreed that this material is effective, and there are places on the road where you can see where it was applied last summer. The Board and Road Agent agreed that they will wait and see how dusty it gets this summer, and see how the bid prices come in for the paving. Butch indicated that he had no problem with buying the bags and spreading it out if need be from the back of the Town truck, but realized that this was not as effective as the liquid.

The next item for tonight's discussion with the Road Agent was the hiring of a full time Highway employee. The deadline for all applicants was today. The Town received four applications. Since this was a Personnel Issue. Selectman Wheeler made a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,11 (b), seconded by Selectman Homer, and voted in the affirmative by all.

When the Board came out of Non Public Session, it was announced that David Goodwin of Campton had been selected for the full time Highway position.

Butch asked the Board about the possibility of a shared talk line for the Highway cell phones. Currently he is using his own, and Makie has the Town phone, but his own phone bill has risen significantly. The Board agreed to the Town having another phone, and Selectman Wheeler referred him to the manager of the US Cellular store in Plymouth, and Ann Marie also mentioned that Darlene Pierce who works out of the North Woodstock store had helped set up Ray's phone when we first got the cell phone for the Highway Department. Selectman Davis also mentioned to Butch before he left that she had noticed some damage on the bridge behind her house from rocks eroding the left side of it. Ann Marie mentioned that the Board was going to talk with Butch about the work that the Campton Historical Society wants to do down at the parking lot. The proposal from Walt Stockwell discussed some work being done by Leigh Johnston that the Society is paying for, but they would like some help from the Road Agent, if possible, to move some of the old asphalt around back to help with the erosion around the back of the building. The Board advised Butch that they did not agree with the Society's idea to have dumps buried in back, and would not go along with that part of the plan. They suggested that Butch contact Walt, and see what could be done. The Society also wanted to block off some of the parking area so that big trucks could not turn around in it so easily. In the past, this has created a lot of the wear and tear on this lot. Butch asked the Board if there was any progress on the Pike land. Selectman Wheeler indicated that they are going to be sending out the purchase and sale agreement tomorrow and we will then send it to our Town Attorney, Tim Bates to review.

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Next on the agenda was Police Chief Warn who had a Personnel Issue to discuss with the Board. Selectman Cheney made a motion to go into Non Public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) and this was seconded by Selectman Homer, and voted in the affirmative by all. Approximately 25 minutes later, the Board came out of Non Public Session with a motion from Selectman Wheeler, and seconded by Selectman Homer.

The Board then went on to review their correspondence. Ann Marie gave the Board a letter to review to be signed by them and sent to Linda Kennedy at the DRA to appeal our sales ratio study, and the inclusion of sales which we had requested that they not include in the study. This letter was the result of the meeting that Selectman Wheeler, our Assessor, Mark Nieder and Tom Mullen, from Owls Nest attended last week in Concord with Linda Kennedy, and other DRA representatives. Linda had sent a letter indicating that if the Town wanted to appeal this study that they needed to get a letter to the DRA by May 21st, and also that Mr. Mullen must submitted documentation to DRA by that date as well for them to consider eliminating the Owl Street Associates sales. Selectman Cheney asked who had made the decision to disqualify the sales, and Ann Marie advised him that our Assessor, Mark Nieder had indicated that we should exclude them because the intangibles were included in the transfer stamps, but were not part of the assessed value. The completion of Rising Ridge Road was also part of the factor. The Selectmen agreed to sign the letter. Selectman Wheeler recluse himself as he works for Owls Nest, and there was a majority of Board Members present to sign the letter. Ann Marie is also sending a letter to Tom Mullen requesting that he send the documentation to the DRA by the May 21st deadline. In other correspondence, Ann Marie advised the Board that when the Building Committee toured the building a few weeks ago, some members had expressed concern about an oil spill on the floor of the Town Office basement. Ann Marie had called Fred Fuller Oil, and their repair man determined that it was not an oil leak, just an old stain from when they changed the filter by the tanks, and the water in the basement made it appear to be oil. He did recommend that we consider getting a new 330 gallon tank as the ones we have are old, and we could have the potential of a leak in the future. Ann Marie advised the Board that Attorney Cowie was again corresponding with Tim Bates about the Beebe River Village District. Some of these questions could easily be answered here at our office, and Ann Marie will send Attorney Cowie a letter requesting that he direct his questions to our office, and we will determine if our attorney needs to answer them thus avoiding continued legal fees on this matter. Ann Marie advised the Board that Fire Chief Tobine had been successful in securing a grant for 30 new radios for the department totaling \$124,000. The Board wanted to know what they were planning on doing with the old radios. Ann Marie advised the Board that Tax Collector Hannah Joyce had taken delinquent taxes for 2005 to lien, and provided a list of those properties. Ann Marie indicated that there were 43 mobile homes in Town that have had liens placed on them, and that Beebe River Development properties

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went to lien as well. A letter from the State's DOT engineer, Robert Barry indicated that the funding towards repairs on Blair Bridge had been bumped from fiscal year 2008 to fiscal year 2010 due to overruns in projects that were under construction completed, and due to the October floods. A public information workshop will be held on June 21st at the Pease Public Library in Plymouth in reference to the new FEMA flood maps. Municipal officials are encouraged to attend.

The Board went on to review last week's minutes. With a motion from Selectman Davis, and seconded by Selectman Homer, the minutes were approved as written.

Other business was then brought up. An inquiry was made as to who our State Representative was. The answer being James Aguiar, and Bob Barker's position will not be filled until the next election. Selectman Wheeler again mentioned that he expects to receive the purchase and sale agreement from Brian Donovan from Pike, and some other items including tax credits to be used towards the price of the land. Selectman Wheeler then made a motion to go into Non Public Session to discuss a matter under RSA 91-A:3,II (c), which was seconded by Selectman Cheney, and voted in the affirmative by all.

When the Board came out of Non Public Session, Selectman Homer made a motion to seal the minutes, and it was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and voted in the affirmative by all.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
Town Administrator