

MINUTES

June 26, 2006

The Selectmen met at 6 p.m. in the Town Office for their weekly meeting. Present were Selectmen Charles Wheeler, Jon Homer, Sharon Davis, and James McGarr. Selectman Cheney is on vacation. The Board spent the first half hour reviewing and signing the manifest. They signed several Intents to Build, and two new residency applications. They also signed a letter for Waterville Estates Village District to the NH Liquor Commission. Bruce MacDonald had submitted both an Intent to Cut and a Notice for Excavation. There had been some questions about the excavation work, and Selectman Wheeler had received some correspondence from an abutting property owner expressing her concerns. Both Mr. McDonald and Ann Marie had been in contact with Mary Pinkham Langer from the DRA who supervises excavation work for the State. It had been finally determined that since Mr. McDonald had gone through and approved for Site Plan Review by the Planning Board that he met the exception for the 155-E permit, but did need the Notice of Intent to Excavate, and should not have started any of this work until he had this form filed and signed. He apologized for not being aware of the filings required. The Board signed both the Notice of Excavation and Timber Cut forms.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board opened their meeting to begin their agenda for the evening. Selectman Charles Wheeler acted as Chairman in view of Chairman Cheney's absence. The first item on the agenda was a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 11 (c) for a personnel matter. Selectman Wheeler made a motion to go into Non Public Session, and it was seconded by Selectman Homer. Selectman Davis also requested that Town Administrator Foote be excused from the session, and Selectman McGarr indicated that this would be an Executive Session, and made a motion to do this, seconded by Selectman Davis and voted in the affirmative by all. Selectman Davis agreed to take the minutes. Upon the end of the session, Selectman Wheeler made a motion to seal the minutes, and Selectman McGarr seconded it, and it was voted in the affirmative to seal the minutes.

At 7:10 p.m. Fire Chief David Tobine came before the Board to give them copies of the updated Emergency Operations Plan. He indicated that he would be distributing copies to all other department heads that are involved in this plan. He has been working on updating this plan for the past two years. He would like to have a meeting with the Board and the department heads after they have had some time to review the manual and go over any questions and then have the Board sign off on the plan. The Board and the Chief decided to set aside time at the August 21st meeting to do this so everyone would have adequate time to review the plan. Chief Tobine then advised the Board that he had spoken with Michael Piazza, and he will be ready to have the drawings necessary to put the bids together on the Fire Substation for their next meeting. The Chief also wanted to advise the Board that the State had not approved any monies for pandemic planning in June, and that it was due to come back on at their session in July. Chief Tobine also wanted to bring up his concern about some of the driveways that are being constructed in

Town. He has concerns about whether the Fire Department would be able to get up these driveways, and his concern was not only in winter months, but any time of the year. He was wondering if the Town would incur any liability if the Fire Department could not get to the house. He indicated that the National Fire Code states that you need to get within a 150 feet of a building. The Board asked Chief Tobine if he had any idea as to how many driveways he was concerned about. He indicated that he could come up with at least ten. Selectman Wheeler suggested that he put a list together, let the Planning Board know, and get together on what to do. Selectman McGarr suggested that we ask Town Attorney Tim Bates about liability that the Town may incur with this issue. Chief Tobine also suggested that the Planning Board regulations could require that the building have a sprinkler system because of the steepness of the driveway. The Chief indicated that the sprinkler system would not necessarily save the house, but would give the occupants more time to get out safely. Some of the new developments in Town are now putting sprinkler systems in the homes. The Selectmen decided that they would like to have a line added on the Intent to Build asking "does your building require a sprinkler system?" Selectman Homer wanted to know if a sprinkler system was required would a cistern also be necessary. Chief Tobine indicated that he is looking at some grant money to be able to put in few 60,000 gallon cisterns in Town so the Fire Department would have access to a water source. He indicates that there are only about three places along the Pemi River that are accessible for the department. He also indicated that he is working with the Town of Thornton on a hazardous mitigation plan, and once that is complete will work on one for Campton.

Next on the agenda were Cox Road residents Aaron Woods and Jim Goulet. Also present was David Stickney who had come before the Board last week to ask for and was granted the right to remove the barn on the Class VI portion of Cox Road so he could get his tractor back and forth. Mr. Woods indicated that he had spoken with the former Road Agent Mardin, and had understood that this was a discontinued road, and that the Mr. Mardin had talked to them about putting up a barricade this year. Mr. Woods indicated that he and his neighbors had spoken to Mr. Stickney, and would rather have a gate with a key then have the barn removed. Selectman Sharon Davis explained that in order for a road to be gated that it would need voter approval at the annual Town Meeting. Selectman Wheeler further explained that also in order to discontinue the road the same voter approval is needed. The Board indicated that they were also planning on putting up signs indicating that the road was a Class VI road and to travel at your own risk. The neighbors felt that this sign would attract more vehicles to use this road rather than the other way around. Selectman McGarr indicated that one of their other neighbors, Phil Brown has a well in the area of this road, and that his water supply must not be impacted by anything done on this road. David Stickney indicated that obviously if the citizens voted to put up gates and bars he could live with this. Mr. Stickney gave the Board some history from the days when former Road Agent Eddie Pattee replaced the old stone culvert with a steel one after the floods of the 1970's. The Board questioned Mr. Stickney about his plans to also carry gravel over this section of road with 10 wheeler dump trucks. They indicated that he did not mention this last week when he was in, just permission to bring the tractor over the road. Mr. Stickney admitted that he was taking it one step at a time, and was going to come back and ask to do this, but he is now aware of

the resistance from the neighbors. The Board asks him how many loads of gravel he was talking about, and he indicated about 15 loads on a weekend over a several week period. The Board was concerned about what weight limit should be on this road, and suggested that Mr. Stickney and Mr. Woods get together with the present Road Agent Butch Bain. Selectmen Wheeler indicated that no 10 wheelers should travel over this road right now, and the Town will hold off on the signs until the Road Agent and the neighbors have all had a chance to get together and try to work out a mutual plan.

The Board then went on to review their correspondence. Ann Marie explained that the NH Retirement representative for the Town employees now participating under this plan suggested that it be treated as a tax-sheltered plan. She explained to Ann Marie that the Police Retirement is not because Town Employees usually work more years before retirement than law enforcement officials. The Board needed to take a vote to approval this action. Selectman McGarr made a motion to make this plan tax-sheltered, and it was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and voted in the affirmative by all. Selectman Wheeler, as acting Chair, signed the paperwork. He also signed the paperwork for the Health and Dental Plans. Ann Marie was pleased to report that by the Town participating with the SAU as a group, the rates they quoted us back in March, have come back in at an even lower rate. A letter was received from Adelphia in response to a letter Ann Marie had sent them about cable service in the Sugarbush and Cider Mill Drive area. Adelphia indicated that the density of the neighborhood is 10.27 home, and the minimum requirement for Adelphia to come in is 15 homes per mile. Motions from Attorney Bates have been filed in reference to the Spritzes Beverage court case, and Attorney Bates has also sent a response to Attorney Cowie in reference to his client's concerns about the District's roads. The Town also received notification about a mortgage company's action to quiet a title on a property that they have a mortgage on. Attorney Bates indicated that we were notified since we have liens on the property. A letter from Neighborfest was received, signed by Chris Bolan, Diane Arsenault, and Darlene King-Jennings requesting guidance and input for their property, and working jointly with both Campton and Thornton to come up with a plan. They requested that they be placed on the agenda for the July 10th meeting. They also enclosed a list of potential people that they thought may be of some help in getting something underway. Road Agent Butch Bain had reported that some guardrail on Bog Road which was in poor shape was removed, and some posts put in place for now. He had gotten a quote on some galvanized steel beam guardrail which came in at over \$12,000.00. The Board agreed that they would hold off on any decisions until Selectman Cheney got back from vacation.

The minutes of the June 19th meeting were reviewed. Selectman McGarr requested one correction be made on page three. With a motion from Selectman Wheeler, and seconded by Selectman McGarr, the minutes were approved as amended by all.

Under other business, Selectman Davis distributed copies of a draft of opening and closing procedures and receipt of keys at the Town Office Building. She indicated that in view of all the security breaches seen on the news lately, and the privacy issues involved with so many documents, that the Town should have some internal controls over the keys given out, and the comings and going in the building. Each person who has a key would

be required to read, sign and abide by these procedures. There would also be a log book kept. Selectman McGarr made a motion to adopt this procedure, and Selectman Wheeler seconded it, and the vote was in the affirmative by all.

Under Selectmen's input, Selectman Wheeler indicated that he had spoken with Brian Donovan from Pike, and there was no survey done yet as Derek Hill had told him. Mr. Donovan did indicate that he would be meeting with the Board soon, but did not have a date yet. He also indicated that Pike would probably not be bringing their attorney to the meeting. Selectman Wheeler indicated that the Board would want to have our attorney present.

Selectman McGarr indicated that he would like to invite the Grafton County Assistant Attorney in to speak with the Board in reference to a property in Town recently involved in a meth lab raid. The other Board Members agreed to this.

Selectman Davis indicated that since we are half way through the year, she would like to review this year's budget at the next scheduled meeting. Ann Marie indicated that she had been planning to do that, and would have the information available for the next meeting. Selectman Davis also indicated that with the subject of what to do with the Neighborfest land, she had done some research into RSA 35-B in reference to public recreation and parks. The Town of Campton had at one time Parks and Recreation Commissioners, and this might be the way to enable both Towns to work together to make use of this land, and create a community recreation program. Selectman Davis also had one other request. She indicated that she was going to ask about appointing a Sexton and Superintendent of the Cemeteries, but noted that the appointment had been prepared for the Board's signatures, and placed in tonight's signature file. John Timson, Jr. was appointed to fill his father's position until March elections. She noticed that at the Cemetery, there is no water available to water flowers on a family grave site. Ann Marie indicated that John had advised her that there had been a leak which he had been unable to locate, and the leak caused the well to dry up. Selectman Davis would like to know what options Mr. Timson may be looking at. Selectman McGarr indicated that he had walked the line to the source of the water with Woody, and it was quite a ways in.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
Town Administrator