

Selectmen's Meeting
October 17, 2005

The Selectmen met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Selectmen James McGarr, Donald Johnson, Jr., Jon Homer, and Charles Wheeler. Selectman Cheney was not present. The Board spent the first half hour reviewing and signing the manifest. They also approved several Intents to Build, an Intent to Cut, and five new residency applications.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board met with a taxpayer under RSA 91-A:3, 11(c) to discuss a tax matter. Chairman Wheeler made a motion to go into Non Public Session under this RSA, and it was seconded by Selectman McGarr, and voted in the affirmative by all.

The Board came out of Non Public Session at approximately 7:45 p.m., and met with Interim Road Agent Richard Giehl. Dick had a few things he needed to run by the Board. With the heavy rains over the weekend, he ran into several culvert problems which needed to be addressed. The first problem involved the triangle piece of land owned by the Town where the road was discontinued at the lights by NH Rte 49 and NH Rte 175. Former Road Agent Ray Mardin had filled this sinkhole last spring, but now there are more holes, and Dick indicated that a section of the culvert needs to be replaced going to the sluice way. He has contacted Dig Safe, and got a number from them so he can do the work. He also would like to call Butch Burhoe who handles the Campton Village Precinct water system, and David Moulton, the DOT Supervisor in this area. The Board agreed that the work needed to be done, and gave their approval. Tom Mullen, the property owner of the Campton Falls Marketplace which abuts this area, and whose property was affected by the culvert as well offered to provide material from the Owls Nest gravel pit if needed. Selectman Wheeler requested that Mr. Mullen be notified when the work will be done which Dick anticipates doing next week. Ann Marie will call Mr. Mullen. Dick then indicated that there is another problem with a culvert in the same general area at the corner of Pond Road. Mrs. Anderson who lives on the corner had a flooded basement after the storm this weekend, and had to have it pumped out. Dick indicated that this culvert has no bottom to it, and it is caving in. He estimates that he will need 86 feet of 24 inch culvert. He also indicated that Waterville Estates has some dirt roads that need to be graded, but it did not make sense to do them until the frost came. He also needed to find a way to compact them after grading them, and will see if he can find a roller to borrow from another Town. Selectman Johnson indicated that he could use a loader if he put some weight in the bucket. Dick also indicated that grader has three cylinders that are leaking and will need to be fixed shortly. The one ton Highway truck has both fuel tanks leaking, and he is going to get one fixed, and wait on the other until the new budget year. Another item that he needed was a chain saw. Apparently, the Town does not own a chain saw. One other item which he mentioned to the Board was that there are no toilet facilities available to the snow plowers down by the salt shed, and he would like to get a chemical toilet for that area. The Board was agreeable to these requests. Dick indicated that he also had some culvert work to do on Miclon Road and Livermore Road. He had made arrangements with Chief Tobine to blow out some culverts with the fire truck in order to clean them. The Grafton County Jail prisoners are scheduled to come and pick up

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trash on the roadside up to Waterville Estates tomorrow. There is no charge to the Town, and they will pick up the trash, and the Highway crew will have to bring the bags to the Transfer Station.

Fire Chief David Tobine and Deputy Chief Michael Piazza were scheduled next on the agenda. Chief Tobine wanted to know if the Selectmen had any plans for the land that we purchased from Luther Hartz for the Fire Substation as the State issued driveway permit is due to expire shortly. Selectman Johnson indicated that we would need an excavator to do the work, and some trees would need to be cut as well. He estimates that it would cost between \$2,000 to \$2,500 to do it. There is some money left in General Government Buildings budget under miscellaneous repairs. Selectman Wheeler suggested that the Chief get a price, and get back to the Board so they can determine if it is possible to get it done before the end of the year. Chief Tobine also wanted to know if the Board wanted him to put something together for Town Meeting on the building itself. He indicated that he has no problems doing it, but wanted to know that he had the support of the Board before doing all the work. Selectman Johnson indicated that the Town needs a Highway Garage first. Selectman Wheeler asked him what they had in mind for a building. Chief Tobine showed him the plans that they had from last year when they first proposed the substation. Mike Piazza indicated that current building costs run between \$87-\$93 a square foot. and this building is about 1,670 s/f. Selectman Wheeler indicated that he is in favor of it, but also mentioned that he knew that the Campton School had some major renovations planned for the coming year. Selectman Homer also indicated that he was in favor of the substation. Selectman McGarr indicated that we need a Capital Improvement Plan. Selectman Johnson indicated that the Town Garage needs to be given priority. Chief Tobine commented that the Town Departments have always taken a backseat to the school, and now we are playing catch up. Selectman McGarr suggested that maybe what the Board needs to do is put together a package that addresses all the Town Departments needs, a Town Garage, new Town Office, the Fire Department Substation, and whatever expansion needs the Police Department needs. The Selectmen could bond this whole project rather than ask for monies one year for a Town Garage, and come back in a year or two for a Substation or Town Office etc. Police Chief Warn commented that all the Town Employees could work together for their common needs. The Selectmen agreed that a lot of work and preparation was necessary to put this all together. They decided that they will have a meeting on October 27th at the Fire Station inviting the Department Heads to give their input on what their needs are, and do some brainstorming to come up with plans and costs to present to the voters for the budget hearing and Town Meeting.

Before Chief Tobine left, Ann Marie asked him if he knew anything about the Emergency Management Mitigation program that the Town of Thornton was inviting surrounding Towns to. The Chief indicated that he has an updated Emergency Plan that he is working on and planning on presenting to the Board within the next few months. He indicated that we have a mutual aid Task Force within the State, and that members of our Department had gone down to Alstead to help with their flooding

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situation, and Towns in the southern part of the State would be available to come up here to help us in the event of a disaster in this part of the State. In other words, there is already something in place to address these issues.

The Board then went over their correspondence. Another letter was received from the Verrows about the paving of Summit Drive, and work done on Brayman Road. Selectman Johnson pointed out that the work on Brayman was emergency work. The Board agreed that if the Verrows have any further issues that they need to come in and address them with the Board in person. Ann Marie gave the Board Members copies of the agenda for the Local Government Center Conference in November. May and she will be attending the conference on November 16th. Ann Marie advised the Board that we are waiting for the Campton Village Precinct to get some paperwork into DRA so we can get a tax rate setting date. She was hoping to hear from Gary Benedix within the next day or two. A request was received from Attorney Cowie to get a copy of the CDBG grant.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 3rd meeting. Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve them as written, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and voted in the affirmative by all.

Under other business, Selectman Jon Homer indicated that he was resigning from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He indicated that unfortunately he does not have the time necessary to give this position right now. He felt that they had a good Board, and recommended that Cheryl Johnson who was the alternate be brought up to a full voting member if she was willing to do so. Selectman Johnson will ask her. Selectman Johnson wanted to let the Board know that he was meeting with Pike tomorrow again, and will see if they have any further information about the land for the Town Garage. Selectman Wheeler indicated that Terry Roper had contacted him about the Vintineer Road land owned by Donald Haas, and that they were considering coming down in price on their land. He will contact her, and see what the new price is. Selectman McGarr mentioned that the Campton School was able to get a good price on some laptop computers from a vendor in Exeter, and that we should keep this in mind for the Town if we are looking to get any laptops in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
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