

MINUTES  
November 20, 2006

The Selectmen met for their weekly meeting. Present were Selectmen Sharon Davis, Jon Homer, James McGarr and Charles Wheeler. Selectman Cheney was not present tonight. The Board spent the first half hour reviewing and signing the manifest. They also signed two Intents to Build. Ann Marie also advised them that Stix Restaurant has filled out a sign permit for their new sign, and Compliance Officer Charlie Brosseau will be reviewing it for next week's meeting.

Selectman McGarr took over the duties of Acting Chairman, in Chairman Cheney's absence. He invited the 6:30 p.m. appointees to come forward. Present were Darlene Jennings, her surveyor, Kevin French and contractor, Dean Johnston of Dirt Designs. Also present were abutting property owner, Bruce MacDonald, and Road Agent Butch Bain. Darlene began by stating that there have been issues with King Road for the past three years with wash outs, and some sinkholes in the road. Her proposed subdivision's driveway has contributed some additional water on the road, but not these wash out problems. Darlene had been to the Planning Board, and they suggested that she speak with the Selectmen about the road issues. Selectman McGarr mentioned that he had been up on King Road two weeks ago, and there was a lot of silt on the road. Dean Johnston indicated that they had placed the silt fence in place last Tuesday. Kevin French brought out a map which showed that the two 24 inch culverts that the Town had in place at the bottom of the road and pointed out that they were very old, and not in the best of shape. Road Agent Butch Bain indicated that he had check out these culverts, and he could see that they were eroding and the old stone headers on them were not helping either. Kevin indicated that 24 inch culverts could handle the overflow. There will be a culvert across the driveway that will direct the water into these two culverts, and he suggested that they be replaced, and felt that the 24 inch would be adequate to handle the water. These culverts would direct the water down the side of the road, and avoid erosion on the other side of the road, where Mr. McDonald's property is located. Kevin French suggested that if the Road Agent is willing to work with their contractor that perhaps the Town and Dirt Designs could deal with the issue of these deteriorating Town culverts at the same time that they do the culvert work for Darlene's driveway. The Town will provide the culverts on King Road, and Dirt Designs has the equipment to help put them in place. The Selectmen asked the Road Agent if he had any problem with working with the contractor, and he indicated that this would be a good solution to take care of all the drainage issues. Abutting property owner Mr. McDonald was happy with the solution as well. It was also suggested that some time when the Town is looking at replacing guardrail that this road has some areas that could use some. Selectman McGarr indicated that the Highway Department has recently ordered a great deal of culverts, and is striving to complete that work first, but guardrails are something that could be looked at in an upcoming year.

Road Agent Butch Bain stayed on to discuss a few matters with the Board. He indicated that there was money in the budget to buy a generator. This would be a great help in the Town being able to thaw and clean out the culverts this winter and avoid some road damage. Butch had done some research, and found that Home Depot had the best buy, and the Town has an account so it would be convenient to get it there. The Board agreed to this purchase which would total

\$779.00. There was also some discussion about finding someone to fill potholes until Eddie Pattee was able to return to work, hopefully in the spring. Selectman McGarr volunteered to help do this on weekends. The other Board Members suggested that Butch check around to see if anyone else is interested in doing this. Ann Marie advised the Board that Butch has reached the status of Senior Road Scholar in the UNH Road Agents program. The Board congratulated him on this achievement. Butch also wanted to advise the Board that he had spoken with James Powers who is developing some lots in Meadowloft subdivision and has a Letter of Credit in place for the roadwork that he is completing up there. He was looking to have the Letter of Credit reduced, and had met with the Road Agent to discuss what had been done. Butch had a list of what had been done, and requested that the Letter of Credit be reduced to \$200,000. The Board agreed that this was an acceptable level.

The Board went on to review their correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that we had received information from Community Development Finance Authority about grant money for public facilities which benefit low and moderate income people. She had called on the off chance that a Town Office may be classified under this category, but unfortunately, it is not eligible. Some correspondence was received and reviewed by Town Attorney Tim Bates in reference to some ongoing issues. The latest stats from our website designer, Beverly Chappell was given to each Board Member as was the breakdown of the official 2006 tax rate, and previous year's rates as well. The breakdown is as follows: Town- \$3.63, School - \$10.42, County - \$1.31, State Education Tax - \$2.40 for a total rate of \$17.75. Precinct rates were as follows: Waterville Estates - \$15.40, Campton Village Precinct - \$.024 and Beebe River Village - \$4.12. Ann Marie indicated that in spite of some computer problems last week in the office, the tax bills were mailed out on Friday. Ann Marie reminded the Board that next Monday, in addition to the Building Committee's public hearing that the Town will also be having a public hearing as part of the betterment process for the Kati A. Lane and Millie's Circle road petition. Ann Marie had gotten some figures from Sue Hunt at the Northway Bank to use for the proposed roadwork, and estimated cost for each property owner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. With a motion from Selectman Homer, and seconded by Selectman Davis, the minutes were approved as written by all. Selectman McGarr made a motion to seal the Non Public minutes, and this was seconded by Selectman Homer, and voted in the affirmative by all.

The Board went on to other business and Selectmen's input. Selectman Davis had a draft of the request for qualifications for architectural and engineering services for the Town Office, Police and Fire and Town Garage complex. The Building Committee would like to get some professional evaluations done to see if it is feasible to place all the Town buildings on the Pike land which we have a purchase and sale on, and will own very shortly. Patrick Miller got some quotes from some firms, and believes that we need to budget around \$13,000.00 for these services. Selectman Davis had requested that Ann Marie see what the balance was in our Capital Reserve Fund for Building needs, and it was found to have a balance of \$10,607.00. The Board agreed that the balance could be taken from the General Buildings account of the General Fund. Selectman Wheeler made a motion to approve \$13,000 for the Request for Proposals, and it was seconded by Selectman Homer and voted in the affirmative by all. Selectman Davis indicated that part of this service would be for the successful candidate to provide a charette which could

be used as part of the budget and Town Meeting presentation for any building plans that the Board wishes to bring forward in the 2007 budget. Selectman Davis also thought that it might be time to activate the Town Garage committee which consisted of Road Agent Butch Bain, Dick Giehl, Dennis Prescott and Mike Dunklee. A letter will be sent inviting the men to come and speak to the Board the first meeting in December.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote  
Town Administrator