

Selectmen's Meeting
April 3, 2006

The Selectmen met for their weekly meeting. Present were Selectmen Sharon Davis, James McGarr, Jon Homer, and Charles Cheney. Selectman Wheeler was out of Town this week. The Board spent the first half hour reviewing and signing the manifest. They also signed residency applications for four new residents.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board went into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter. A motion was made by Chairman Cheney, and seconded by Selectman McGarr to do this, and it was voted in the affirmative by all.

At 7:40 p.m., the Board came out of Non Public Session, and met with Road Agent Butch Bain. Butch advised the Board that he and Makie Avery had been going around Town and checking the culverts, and making a list of ones that needed attention. Once he completes this, he will decide which ones take priority to fix this year. Unfortunately, there are more culverts than time to complete this year. He also mentioned that the 2006 budget does not have as much money as previous years for contracting road sweeping so he went out this weekend and did some sweeping with the Town's broom at Deer Run, and it worked well. Some roads like those in the Estates may need to be done by a contractor with a big machine. Selectman Cheney advised that Butch should come up with a list of roads that need the bigger machine, and figure out how many miles of road this includes to figure out how much the budget can support. Butch had a few things he needed to discuss with the Board about purchasing. First, he indicated that none of the trucks have spare tires, and would like to purchase at least 2 tires, and 2 rims for the newer 2001 truck. He was familiar with a company called GCR that sold them at the state bid price. Selectman Davis made a motion to approve this purchase, and Selectman Homer seconded, and all Board members agreed, and signed a purchase order for the tires. The other item that Butch wanted to discuss was a particular saw for cutting asphalt as a number of the culverts that they will need to repair are under asphalt. Selectman Homer mentioned the different kind of saws available, and mentioned one called a pizza cutter. A walk behind one was considered to be very heavy, and limited as to what it could be used for. Both Dick Giehl and Mike Dunklee who were present mentioned some names of brands that they liked and did not like. The Road Agent will get some quotes, and get back to the Board on what he finds out. Another need that Butch mentioned was some torches. It was agreed that once we actually have a garage that these will certainly be useful, but perhaps for the time being, this purchase should be put off. Dick Giehl, who as the Interim Road Agent, indicated that the Highway Department does not have a lot of equipment, and will need to equip the garage once it is built, but there are only some old trucks and trailers that are available for storage right now. Butch also reported that the grader needs some work, and he thought that he could do some of the work himself. Dick Giehl suggested that the Town have Nortrax evaluate it first, and the Board agreed that this might be

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a good idea. The Road Agent and the Board also discussed putting magnesium or calcium on the gravel roads to keep down the dust. Selectman Homer wanted to know what the cost of this was per gallon. Ann Marie indicated that she did not know off the top of her head, but would look up last year's bills, and give the information to Butch. As for which roads were previously done, they are not listed on the slips, but the Board named some roads that they were familiar with having been done in the past. Butch mentioned that a compactor would also be helpful in getting the roads into shape, and the Board suggested that he look into one of these. Another issue that the Selectmen and Butch discussed was a section of Beech Hill Road that is always difficult due to a spring in the area, and lack of sun to dry out the road. This section often ices off, and causes problems in the winter and early spring. Selectman Homer suggested that Butch look at the Tax Maps, and determine who owns the land on the side where the trees are located, and just give the owners some notice if Butch decides to cut them. A request from Chris Bolan about the Town's ditchline on Vintinner Road was discussed. Butch will go over and talk to Chris and see what he is concerned about. A letter from some owners in Waterville Estates who have been corresponding with the Board over the past year about last year's paving job was brought to the Road Agent's attention as well. They wanted Butch to be aware of what was going on with this matter. Selectman McGarr explained that last year, both he and Selectman Wheeler, had met the owners, and rode over the roads with them. It was clear that Summit Drive did not have any paving done on it, and Selectman Cheney has been contacting GMI, the company who did the work for the past several months. It was also confusing as to why the owners were so concerned about this road as they had no need to travel over it from their homes. Selectman Cheney explained that GMI indicated that they did what the former Road Agent had requested last August. He volunteered to contact Ray, and see what he recalls from this project. The Board looked over the bid that they sent out, GMI's bid, and the bills, and it did indicate paving on Summit was to be done. The Road Agent will get his quotes for the equipment he wishes to purchase, and will either give it to Ann Marie or come back to see the Board again if necessary. He will also work with Ann Marie on getting a job description for the other full time person included in this year's budget. Butch mentioned that both Malcolm Avery and Dick Giehl have been very helpful in getting him up to speed on the roads. Ann Marie also mentioned a letter from Peter and Maria Demarco indicating that their roads were ready for inspection. The Board and the Road Agent will make a time and day to look at them, but need to wait a few more weeks for winter conditions to be gone. The Demarcos thanked the Board for the recommendation on their roads at Town Meeting in their letter.

The Board then continued the meeting by reviewing correspondence. Attorney Bates advises that he has been in touch with Attorney Cowie, but as of now, he and his client have made no decision about whether they will continue or drop their lawsuit in relation to the road issues at Beebe River. In another

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correspondence, Lee Freeman has requested that the Selectmen consider taking his property out of the Beebe River District due to the fact that he was unable to connect to the water and sewer lines. Ann Marie was requested to speak with Rick Davis about this, but the Board also agreed that with Beebe getting back on its feet again that now is not the time to start pulling properties out of the District. Jane Kellogg has submitted the paperwork to continue on the Pemi River Local Advisory Committee, and at the same time the Board received a letter from the State's DES commissioner, Michael Nolin looking to have three people on the committee. Ann Marie indicated that she had spoken to Cory Smith, but he felt that he had too much on his plate at this time to take on this committee. Martha Aguiar's name was mentioned as she and her husband own property on the river. Also Selectman Homer mentioned that perhaps Jess and Melissa from the Conservation Commission may be interested in being on the committee. Ann Marie will contact all three ladies. Ann Marie gave the Board some information about some Selectmen's workshops and training programs. Treasurer Mary Durgin had wanted the Board to know that we have earned over \$10,000 in the first two months of the year from the New Hampshire Public Investment Pool. Selectman Davis inquired as to what the interest rate was now. Ann Marie indicated that the statements reflected a daily rate of 4.22%. Police Chief Chris Warn sent a memo to the Board advising them that Officer Kimberly McGhee has tendered her resignation effective immediately. She is moving out of state. The Chief accepted her resignation with regret, and wished her well as did the Selectmen. We also received a letter from the DOT advising us that US Rte 3 will be shimmed from Campton to Woodstock this summer.

The Board then reviewed the minutes from last week's meeting. Selectman McGarr had one correction to make, and Selectman Davis felt that the last paragraph under the Non Public Session should be put in under the public minutes. With a motion from Selectman McGarr, and seconded by Selectman Homer, the minutes were approved with the corrections.

Chairman Cheney then asked Mike Dunklee if he had anything that he wanted to discuss with the Board, and he came forward with a drawing that he had done of a potential Highway Garage. His drawing consisted of a 60' x 60' building of which 60' x 46' of it would be heated. The other section would be to keep the grader and backhoe under cover. He also suggested that the garage should have 14 feet high doors to get the trucks in and out easier. He felt strongly that a wooden building rather than a steel building would be the way to go. He mentioned a State Garage in Wentworth, and Jon Homer indicated that he had spoken to one of the State workers when he was out on his project in that area. Mike also mentioned as he had last week that radiant heat does not work well in a steel building. Selectman Homer thought that Mike's idea of volunteers might work up to point in the project, but then there might be a point where that would stop, and then the work would go to bid. Selectman Davis indicated that where Mike wants to help on the Town Garage and that building has not been included

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in the scope of the building committee, that she would like to propose a separate committee for the Town Garage. Selectman Homer agreed with her. Selectman Davis made a motion to create a second committee for the Town Garage consisting of Mike Dunklee, Road Agent Butch Bain, Dick Giehl, and Dennis Prescott. This motion was seconded by Selectman McGarr. The motion was also amended that this committee would start contingent upon a purchase and sale agreement with Pike for the land where it is to be located. This motion was voted in the affirmative by all four Selectmen.

The Board then went on the Selectmen's input. Selectman Davis began with a proposal she had put together on what the Building Committee purposes and guidelines should be. She had faxed a copy that she had put together last week while away, and had revised this somewhat based on the letters from the people interested in being on the committee. She suggested to the other Selectmen that all the people who submitted letters be part of the committee, either as actual members or alternates on the committee as she would hate to say no to anyone willing to volunteer to help the Town. She indicated that many times someone starts out on a committee, and for one reason or another has to drop out. This way the committee will not lose too many members, and can continue with their work. One of the stipulations would be that if a member misses three meetings that member will be replaced by an alternate. The Committee will elect a Chairperson, ViceChairperson and Secretary and any sub-committee as the Committee sees fit. She also would like to be considered by the other Selectmen to be the ex-officio for this Building Committee. Selectman Homer made a motion to have Sharon Davis be the ex-officio on the committee, and this was seconded by Selectman McGarr, and voted in the affirmative by all. Selectman Davis had also prepared a matrix where she listed all the applicants for the committee, and made her recommendations for the committee, and the alternates. Each Selectman in turn made their recommendations. The Board then put their recommendations together along with Selectman Wheeler who had emailed his list as well. The results were as follows: On the committee: Candy Andrew, Cliff Barber, Ted Hammond, Brian Hilliard, Kathryn Joyce, Craig Keeney, William Lambert, and Patrick Miller. Alternates will be Richard Giehl, Harry Hughen, Darlene King-Jennings, Tim Kingston, Bruce McKenzie, and Terri Qualters.

The Board also agreed that there was no need to have the committee involved in the Fire sub-station as Mike Piazza has already designed this building, and we already have the land. The Board did want to have Mike come in, and get the process started for putting out the bids for this building. Ann Marie will contact him.

Selectman Davis also wanted to bring up some questions she had about the Neighborfest land. She wanted to know if any environmental studies had been done on the site. Selectman McGarr indicated that the Owls Nest which had

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bought the adjoining land had done some studies, and this land is actually on an aquifer, and could be valuable if in the future the Town ever needed an additional water supply. Selectman McGarr also indicated that the Wetlands Board is always very happy to see someone reclaim a gravel pit which by putting a ball park and outdoor recreational area would do to it. He also indicated that even though this land would be property of the Town of Campton that the area would not be restricted to Campton residents only, and that residents of Thornton would certainly be welcomed to come, bring their kids, and play on the fields. Selectman Cheney was bothered by the idea of accepting land in another Town, and had some concerns. All the Board agreed that they did not want to do anything to hurt their relationship with the Town of Thornton as they work together well sharing the Fire and Transfer Station together. The Board also mentioned that they hoped that Neighborfest would take down their sign.

Selectman Homer was next with his input. He mentioned that he had spoken to Jane Kellogg, and she was planning on a future Conservation Commission meeting in relation to helping people put conservation easements on their property, using the Land Use Change Tax money that the Commission receives to help people keep their land in open space. He did not have a date at this time. He also indicated that Jane wanted to have some of the Commission be involved in the GIS mapping training, and wanted to know when the equipment is going to be purchased. Selectman McGarr indicated that first May has to be trained on the arc view before anything else, and the other problem was where the equipment would go as the space is limited in the office. Selectman Davis asked about some way to provide some additional storage space in order to get some of the boxes and files out of the Selectmen's office. Selectman McGarr indicated that last summer the Board had discussed the idea of putting some files that we have to keep, but don't use, down in the Fire Station's basement. Selectman Davis volunteered to talk to Chief Tobine about this.

Selectman McGarr then had some input on some matters as well. He inquired as to where we were with the mold and mildew issue in the Town Office. Ann Marie indicated that Selectman Davis had gotten her the name of some companies that did some of this work at the bank, and she has them scheduled to come in next Monday to look at the basement. Ann Marie also mentioned that Butch Burbank had called her back from the Local Government Center, and advised that the water issue has to be addressed first as the mold and mildew will only return unless the water getting into the basement is eliminated. Selectman McGarr also mentioned that in his role as Health Officer he has been getting a lot of material and information about mosquito control, and products to help, and testing that people can do on their property. He indicated that mosquitoes do not travel far from their breeding grounds. He would like to get something out to people in Town. The website was suggested as an area to explore for this purpose. The avian flu is also getting a lot of notice lately, and mosquitoes are also seen as carrier of this virus. Selectman Davis inquired as

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to whether we have disaster recovery plan in the Town. The other Selectman indicated that Fire Chief David Tobine is the Emergency Management Director, and he has developed this plan. Ann Marie indicated that Chief Tobine has recently updated this plan, and will be making an appointment to discuss this with the Board in the near future.

Ann Marie reminded the Board that we will be meeting next week at the Old Town Hall for the public hearings, and any other items on the Selectmen's agenda. She also passed along information about State Representative Robert Barker's burial service on Friday at the NH Veterans Cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
Town Administrator