

**Board of Selectmen
29 October 2007
Minutes**

6:10 p.m. - Chairman Brian Forst called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Forst, Selectman Don Guarino, Administrative Assistant Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne. Selectman Clairmont was not in attendance.

Places Mill Road – Robert Potter, Sr., Robert Potter Jr. and Melissa Potter were in to request a reduction of their bond for Places Mill Road. After a brief discussion on the road, and the work that has been completed, it was agreed that Tim Warren would send a letter to the bond company authorizing them to reduce the bond.

Fire Department Issues

Steel Building – Possible new Fire Station – Fire Chief Tim Robbins addressed the Board of Selectmen regarding, what he felt was confusion about the possible purchase of a steel building in Laconia that had been suggested as a possible new fire station to be placed on the land the Town purchased for a safety building. Chairman Forst stated that he had looked at the building last Monday afternoon, and had felt there were pros and cons about getting the building, but a member of the fire department had come to last week's Selectman meeting, and it was reported that members of the fire department had met, and had agreed that they were not interested in the building.

Chief Robbins stated he feels the building is workable for the department, and had asked people about the meeting, and it was denied that it was ever said that they weren't interested in the building.

There was considerable discussion on the building, its size and suitability. Selectman Guarino said, as a resident of the Town, he had spoken with the building department in Gilford, and they felt there were plans for the building, and its current foundation on file. Chief Robbins will try to get plans of the building, and will speak with the owner of the building to see if they could wait until after Town Meeting to remove the building. The Selectmen will need to check the engineering plans of the building to make sure it will meet code. A warrant article would have to be written for Town Meeting.

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NH Statewide Fire Mobilization Plan – Chief Robbins asked approval of the Selectmen to renew our participation in the Statewide Fire Mobilization Local Emergency Operation Plan; we had joined last year. Chief Robbins said there is a structure task force, a forestry task force and an EMS task force. He said this is a program that in the event someone needs resources for an extended amount of time, we would send some of our people to help, and, likewise, if something major happened here and we needed assistance, we would receive it. There was a brief discussion of the program, after which, the Selectmen agreed Chief Robbins should sign the agreement.

Ameri-corp Volunteer - Chief Robbins said he had been going to ask for another fire fighter next year, but felt because of the budget, he wouldn't be able to get one. Tim said he had done research, and had applied and been approved for an Ameri-Corp volunteer. He said he had to find a project for them to do; the project he has would be volunteer recruitment and retention, and if he can't get them certified they could also help out with other things he might have for them to do around the station. Chief Robbins said the volunteer gets a stipend from Ameri-Corp and we pay 50% of it. Chief Robbins added that the volunteer would work for eleven months and could work 40-hours a week, and would only cost the Town \$6,300.

There was a brief discussion of the project, and that a grant could possibly be obtained every year, but we would have to apply for the grant each year. Chief Robbins felt he has money in his budget this year because he didn't have any heavy vehicle maintenance costs. Chief Robbins was told the Selectmen have no objection if he wishes to try it for a year.

Fire Truck Refurbishment – Chairman Forst asked if Chief Robbins had any idea how they were coming along on the fire truck that had been sent out to be refurbished. Chief Robbins felt the truck would be ready around Christmas time.

7:00 p.m. – Public Input – There was no one present for public input.

Approval of Minutes – The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of last week's meeting.

MOTION – Chairman Forst moved to accept the minutes of 22 October 2007 as amended. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

FYIs & Other Business

Site Walk – Crystal Lake Farms – The Selectmen were supposed to do a site walk at Crystal Lake Farms last Thursday following the Places Mill Road site walk. It was late after the Places Mill Road site walk, and only one selectman was present so they did not do the Crystal Lake Farms site walk. Tim Warren asked when they wanted to reschedule the site walk. The Selectmen were unable to find a convenient time to go as a board, so it was determined that they would go individually to view the site.

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Tonnage to Penacook – Tim reported that the tonnage the recycling center sent to Penacook for September was 121.96 tons, up from 121.8 tons in 2006.

Tim said Doug Kapplain had told him that at the last meeting they (Penacook) had been discussing building a new plant, and going to “single-stream recycling” so towns don’t have to separate their recyclables; they would all go in one load.

There was a brief discussion about how that might affect the town if that were to happen. It was felt we might not receive as much income from our recyclables, and it might affect the number of attendants needed at the center.

Tim reported that Thomas Teague was back to work at the recycling center with a full release from worker’s comp.; they now have a full staff.

Cell Phones – Tim informed the Selectmen that he had met with Chief Robbins, Chief O’Brien, Sgt. Rector and a representative from Verizon to discuss cell phones. Tim said we could put all the phones on one plan, and it would cost about half of what we are paying now for each phone per monthly rate. He said there would be a start-up cost because you get new phones. Tim said the phones would have a hands-free kit in each vehicle with an external antenna; the total start-up cost is about \$1,500, which includes the phones, chargers, antennas and hands-free kit for nine phones. The phones would be for the fire, police and highway departments. Tim said we would be getting more phones and better service for less money than we are getting now. He said if one department doesn’t use all their minutes, they could be used by another department.

Tim said all the department heads feel it is a good idea, and they could get the money out of their budgets this year.

Cat Alley – Tim distributed copies of RSA 236-13 that he had referenced when talking about the Lake property on Cat Alley a couple of weeks ago. He said this is the RSA that LGC had told him we could use regarding the water problem on Cat Alley. Tim said he had spoken with Town Counsel today regarding this, and had informed him that we had not received any information from Ms. Lake’s attorney. He said Walter wants the information, and he would call Ms. Lake’s attorney.

Plourdes Way/Stony Point – The Selectmen had discussed changing the name of Plourdes Way to Stony Point, at a request from, and several meetings with Linda Hamilton. They ultimately agreed that she could change the name, but she would have to pay all costs incurred in doing so. They also had to get the name approved by 911.

Tim stated that the name Stony Point had been approved, and they needed a motion to authorize the name change.

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MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to authorize the change of Plourdes Way to Stony Point. Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Budget Schedules – Tim warren distributed copies of the budget schedule to the Selectmen.

SAU Office – Chairman Forst stated that at the last budget meeting he had learned that the school superintendent and SAU would be retired at the end of the fiscal year. He said there had been a discussion about a task force or group to study the feasibility of Gilmanston continuing with their own SAU. He said there had been quite a bit of discussion about whether there needs to be a committee formed to look into alternative measures and costs. He said there was talk of forming a committee with school board representation, selectmen representation and public representation. Brian felt this would be a heated topic through the whole budget season.

Health Insurance – Tim informed the Selectmen that he had received the new rates for the employee's health insurance. He said there would be a 10 % increase. There was a very brief discussion on the insurance.

Tax Rate – Tim reported that the DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) is waiting for two forms before they can set the tax rate for the Town. One is from Sawyer Lake and one is from the Corners. Tim felt there is a possibility that the rate could be set the end of the week or the first part of next week.

National Flood Insurance Program – The Selectmen signed a resolution for the National Flood Insurance Program that was adopted last year by Town Meeting as a zoning amendment, and was recently adopted by the Planning Board as part of their Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations.

Dam Reconstruction – Tim had a letter from DES (Department of Environmental Services) notifying the Town that they had received a dam reconstruction application from Sawyer Lake to repair their dam.

Septage Survey – Tim had a survey that had been sent to all the Lakes Region communities requesting they fill out the survey in an attempt to get a more detailed investigation relative to septage treatment with satellite D treatment systems. With the help of the Selectmen, Tim completed the survey.

River Road Bridge – Tim informed the Selectmen that we had received the final reimbursement from the State for the River Road Bridge project. We received a check for \$164,696.

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Application & Participation Agreement – Tim had an Application & Participation Agreement that needed Chairman Forst’s signature. The program locks us into a no more than 9% increase in any insurance cost, excluding health insurance, for a period of three years. We also get credits and discounts for having the three insurances through LGC, property liability, worker’s comp, and health insurance.

There was a brief discussion on the agreement, after which, Chairman Forst signed the agreement.

Swearing-in-Ceremony – Tim reminded the Board that there would be a swearing-in-ceremony for police officer Evan Boulanger next Monday at 6:00 p.m. Officer Matt Currier will receive his Sr. Patrolman stripe immediately following the swearing in.

Mold – Basement of Academy Building – Tim reported that the one estimate we had received so far to get the mold in the basement of the Academy Building cleaned up was \$8,000. Tim added that we need to get the outside drain fixed first.

Proposed Budget – Tim distributed copies of the proposed budget form for next year. There was a very brief discussion of a few items on the budget. Tim said we are looking at a 2% COLA increase.

8:37 p.m. Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

Selectman Guarino moved to Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) - Dismissal, promotion or setting compensation for public employees or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected has a right to a meeting or requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectmen discussed a fire department personnel issue.

8:42 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Guarino moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Building Inspector – Tim informed the Selectmen that Building Inspector Bob Flanders, who has been out with knee surgery, would be in for a while tomorrow, and plans to be back to work next week.

8:50 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Selectman Guarino moved to Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) - Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person unless such person requests an open meeting; however, this cannot be used to

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protect a person who is a member of your Board, Committee or Subcommittee.
Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectmen discussed a contractual issue.

9:05 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Guarino moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

9:06 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

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The Selectmen discussed a recycling center personnel issue.

9:28 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Guarino moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

**9:28 p.m. – MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to adjourn the meeting.
Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

