

**Board of Selectmen
19 November 2007
Minutes**

6:05 p.m. - Chairman Brian Forst called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Forst, Selectmen Don Guarino and Rachel Hatch, Administrative Assistant Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne.

Protective Easement – Mary Butler Lane

Virginia Stanley and Candace Daigle met with the Selectmen to sign an easement for land around the Mary Butler Monument, an historic landmark, on Mary Butler Lane. Mrs. Stanley is giving the land to the Town in order to keep the monument from being encroached on in the future, and to preserve the history of the monument for the Town.

Tim Warren stated that Town Counsel had reviewed the language of the deed, and after one minor word change had approved it.

Mrs. Stanley stated that Candace Daigle and Paul Darbyshire had worked hard to bring about this easement; Candace researched the records and Paul had surveyed the land at no cost to anyone.

Mrs. Stanley presented the Selectmen with a bound booklet of the easement, to be kept in the Selectmen's Office, that has a picture of the monument along with the historic significance of the monument, and a history of Mary Butler. The Selectmen reviewed the booklet, and were very impressed with it.

Mrs. Stanley said the Town owes Candace an extra "Thank You" because Candace had done all the research and put together the information and had made up the booklet.

Mrs. Stanley stated that there used to be a Mary Butler Lane sign on Route 140; it is not there any more. She asked that if the Town has the sign, they could put it up on the Currier Hill Road end of Mary Butler Lane and make a new one for Route 140.

There was a brief discussion if a street sign could be put up for a Class VI road. It was decided they could put up a sign, but they should also put up a sign indicating that it is a Class VI road so people won't try to drive through the road.

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MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the Mary Butler easement as presented. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

All parties signed the easement, and Tim Warren notarized it.

Approval of Minutes – The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2007.

MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to accept the minutes of November 5, 2007 as amended. Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Selectman Hatch did not vote, as she had not been a Selectman at the time of the last meeting.

Appointment to Boards

Planning Board -The Selectmen appointed Don Guarino as Planning Board Representative to replace Dave Clairmont.

HDC – The Selectmen appointed Rachel Hatch as representative to the Historic District Committee to replace Selectman Guarino.

Taser Demonstration – Present for the demonstration were Chief O’Brien and Officer Boulanger of the police department, and Deputy Wright from the Sheriff’s department.

Police Chief Philip O’Brien stated that an anonymous donor had offered to provide the funds to supply the police department with five tasers.

Deputy Wright, who is a taser instructor, showed films explaining the use of taser guns, and actual footage of tasers being used. The film explained that it has been demonstrated that tasers do not cause death, or heart failure and have no effect on pace makers. The tasers are felt to be a tool that could save officer’s lives.

Officer Boulanger had volunteered to be tazed to demonstrate the guns, but after seeing the film, the Selectmen didn’t feel they wanted to see him be put through the tasing. Deputy Wright explained that any officers who use a taser gun have to go through training, and part of that training is that they have to be tased, and if Officer Boulanger were tased tonight, it would count for his training. Since Officer Boulanger would have to be tased anyway, a demonstration was done.

There was a brief discussion during which it was stated that officers have to have training every year on taser use, possible liability issues and that tasers require common sense use, and should not become habitual use.

7:30 p.m. – Public Input – Since the taser demonstration lasted past the time for public input. Public input was held at 7:30.

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Israel Willard had some issues to discuss with the Selectmen.

Selectmen's Appointment to Board – Mr. Willard was a bit disconcerted when he heard that Rachel Hatch had been appointed to the Board of Selectmen. The only reason being that Rachel's name was not one of the names mentioned as a possible replacement when, a couple of weeks ago, his wife had asked what the Selectmen were doing to fill the position. Mr. Willard added that he had supported Rachel when she was running for Selectman, and felt the Selectmen had made a good choice in appointing her.

Christmas Tree – Academy Building – Israel Willard had previously requested, and received permission to form a committee and erect a Christmas tree outside the Academy Building. Israel said Glen and Nancy Lines had donated a tree, and Israel asked and received permission to put the tree up on December 1st. Mr. Willard said Bonnie Whalen would like to put up a couple of wreaths.

ID Badges – Israel stated that he had come to the board six months ago about ID badges for members of the Town boards. He asked where the badges are. Tim said the man who is making the badges has told us twice that he has got the badges ready, but Tim didn't know why we haven't gotten them yet. Tim will find out what is happening with the badges.

Toys for Tots – Israel asked if the Town had a "Toys for Tots", or anything for residents who need help at Christmas. Rachel said the school has a program "Adopt a Child", where the student is identified by a number; Betty Lines would have the list.

Tax Bills – Israel questioned why the tax rate is so late in being set. He felt the Town is losing money by getting the bills out so late. Tim said the Town had asked for an extension due to the remapping of the town, so we could be sure to get the changes to properties included. He said he had received a call from DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) that the Village District and Sawyer Lake District had not gotten their information in to the State. Tim said that information has since been received, but the Sawyer Lake District had asked for an emergency appropriation for roadwork, so that has also postponed setting the rate. He said he had spoken with DRA today, and the Selectmen will discuss it later, and are looking for the tax bills to be going out the last week of November, and being due the last week of December. Mr. Willard felt we didn't have this excuse last year, and that he hadn't had a tax bill on time in ten years. Tim replied that a lot of the hold up has to do with getting the information in from the two village districts.

7:45 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

Selectman Hatch 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

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requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Motion passed 3-0.

At a work session last week the Selectmen had done evaluations of some of the Department heads. Tonight they met with Police Chief O'Brien to review his evaluation with him.

After review of the evaluation, Phil and the Selectmen signed it.

8:12 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

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

Fire Truck Refurbishment – Chairman Forst stated that he had been in Bradford, NH and had stopped by where the Town's fire truck was being refurbished. He said they were doing a great job on the truck.

8:15 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

Selectman Hatch 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. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen met with Fire Chief Tim Robbins to review his evaluation with him.

After review of the evaluation, Tim and the Selectmen signed it.

9:20 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

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

Crisis Intervention Representative – Rachel mentioned that Dave Clairmont had been the Selectmen's Representative on the Crisis Intervention Program, and stated she would be willing to be their representative unless one of the other Selectmen wished to do so. Rachel was appointed as the Selectmen's Representative to the Crisis Intervention Program.

9:24 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

Selectman Hatch 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. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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The Selectmen reviewed Tim Warren's evaluation with him.

After review of the evaluation, Tim and the Selectmen signed it.

9:31 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

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

FYIs & Other Business

ID Badges – Selectman Hatch asked what was going on with the ID Badges. Tim said the individual doing the badges was someone that Sergeant Rector had “hooked” us up with, but the man seems to have disappeared. Tim will check to find out what is going on, and if we can't get them to make other arrangements.

Berry Ave. – Tim said he had spoken with John O'Shea regarding the problems with the lots on Berry Ave. He said Mr. O'Shea is going to review all the information we have, and then advise us what we should do. Tim said Mr. O'Shea works for Mr. Morrissette, who has power of attorney for the properties, so he could draw up any paperwork for us.

Stony Point – Tim reported that the Stony Point Road sign had been put up, but the name is spelled wrong. He said Ms. Hamilton had sent us a letter informing us of the misspelling, and he had sent her a letter telling her that we had ordered a new sign, and when it came in, it would be put up, and at that time we would be sending her an invoice for the cost associated with the changing of the name.

Cat Alley – Tim said he had talked with Town Counsel regarding the situation with Allison Lake on Cat Alley. He said Walter had looked at the information, and asked if we were concerned with just the drainage, at this point, or the HDC issue as well. Tim said he had informed Walter that it is the drainage, and Walter would call Ms. Lakes' attorney.

Culverts - Tim informed the Selectmen that he and Paul Perkins would be going to DES on Wednesday morning to speak with Jocelyn Degler because they still have questions with the culverts on Middle Route, and she felt it would be easier for them to sit down and discuss them. They will also be discussing the culverts on Places Mill Road.

Thanksgiving Turkeys- Tim reported that he and Cindy Bedford would be picking up the Thanksgiving turkeys for the employees in the morning, and the employees would be picking them up sometime during the day.

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Old Computers – Tim said he had received a call from Jack Wigandt of Places Mill Road. Mr. Wigandt's son, and a friend of his son have been taking old computers apart, recycling the components and making new computers. Mr. Wigandt asked if the boys could get three or four old computers from the recycling center to make into new ones.

After a brief discussion, the Selectmen felt residents are paying to have us dispose of them, and we are responsible to be sure it is done properly, and were concerned about what might happen if the hard drives had not been disposed of properly. It was unanimously agreed to not allow the computers to be removed from the recycling center.

Firefighter Resignation – Tim informed the Board that Firefighter Tom Young had resigned effective December 2nd.

Tonnage – Tim reported that the tonnage the recycling center sent to Penacook for October was 115 tons, down from 127 tons in 2006.

Trash Disposal – Selectman Hatch asked if Ralph Goodwin gets charged for the trash he takes to the Recycling Center. She was told he doesn't because the trash comes from residents who are allowed to dump their trash; he is just a vehicle for getting the trash to the recycling center.

Recycling Center Tour - Tim informed the Board that the recycling co-op had invited the Selectmen to a tour of a facility in Portland, Maine that does single-stream recycling on November 27th. The Co-op is considering going to a single-stream system (no separation of recyclables).

Steel Building – Tim Warren had information Chief Robbins had gotten on the steel building in Laconia that is being considered as a possible fire station. He said there wasn't any rush in removing the building, as they didn't expect to be doing any earthwork until May. Tim said he didn't see any information in the papers Chief Robbins had gotten on the snow load of the building. Selectman Guarino will contact the manufacturer of the building to try to get that information. Chairman Forst stated this would allow us to get a warrant article for Town Meeting.

Tax Rate – There was a brief discussion on the setting of the tax rate. Tim will be speaking with DRA tomorrow.

Rollins Pond Dam – Tim had a letter from the state requesting a registration fee for Rollins Pond Dam. The ownership of this dam has been in question for several years, and it was felt it had been straightened out last year. Tim will send a letter to the State with the information we had sent them last year.

Tasers – The Selectmen discussed accepting the anonymous donation to provide tasers for the police department. There was concern that even Chief O'Brien doesn't know who

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the donor is. Tim Warren will discuss the matter further with Chief O'Brien, and get back to the Selectmen before the Selectmen make a decision on accepting the donation.

Places Mill Road – The Selectmen discussed the grading of Places Mill Road. They didn't feel the road agent should have to grade the road; the contract for the upgrade of Places Mill Road called for the road to be finished so that would be ready for paving if the Town wanted to do so.

10:46 p.m. – MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk