

**Board of Selectmen  
30 March 2009  
Minutes**

**6:00 p.m.** - Chairman Rachel Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Hatch, Selectman Don Guarino and Clerk Lois Dionne. Selectman Betty Ann Abbott and Town Administrator Tim Warren were not in attendance.

After attendance, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing – Renaming and Renumbering a Portion of Bean Road** – Residents present for the hearing were Israel and Candace Willard, Steven & Veronica Lende, Corrine Hartford, Graham Wilson and Mr. Hughes.

Chairman Hatch turned the hearing over to Fire Chief K G Lockwood, and asked him to explain the reason for the hearing and why we wanted to rename a portion of Bean Road.

Chief Lockwood explained that he is new in Town, and one of the first things he had discovered when trying to find his way around town is that there are some very confusing road names. He said there are roads that don't meet that have the same name, roads that have the same name but are miles apart; in addition to being confusing, it is against state law. He said that came about because about ten years ago in Swansea they had three roads with the same name-Swansea Center, East Swansea and West Swansea. Chief Lockwood said it had been brought to their attention (town) that there was a problem, and the selectmen held a public hearing, but because of public outcry, they didn't change the name, and a few months later a baby's life was lost in a house fire, and Swansea paid out millions of dollars in a settlement.

Chief Lockwood said once a problem is brought to the attention of a Town Official, the Town has a duty to act on it. He said there are a lot of addresses that have been changed where there is only a single home. There is an instance where a house is situated on one road and is accessed by that road, but has an address on another road. He said these things are confusing, and they are trying to clean up things like that to make it safer. Chief Lockwood said you couldn't take a road that doesn't connect, such as Bean Road, and make it North Bean Road and South Bean Road; it doesn't solve the problem, especially for someone out of town (a truck from another town covering for us) who has to try to find the road. Chief Lockwood said his responsibility was to bring it to the attention of the Board of Selectmen, which he did, and give them suggestions on how to

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change it. He felt Bean Road should be split at the beaver pond because he didn't think that area would ever be able to be developed.

Bean Road is accessed from Rt 107 on one end, and from Loon Pond Road at the other end. Chief Lockwood thought the side from Rt 107 should remain Bean Road, and the end from Loon Pond Road should be renamed and renumbered. He said whatever happens, the road on Loon Pond Road end would have to be renumbered, because the numbers are backwards. Chief Lockwood added that ultimately it is the Selectmen's decision on the naming of the road.

Mrs. Hartford asked why Chief Lockwood had come to the decision that the end at Rt 107 should be Bean Road. He replied it was because that end wouldn't have to be renumbered. Chief Lockwood said if the name were changed on the Loon Pond End, they would still have to be renumbered because the numbers don't increase from the access end. He said the renumbering is something the State would do. Chief Lockwood explained how numbers are assigned in 50' increments.

Mr. Lende questioned the numbers on the road. Mrs. Lende said the numbers had been changed five years ago by 911; she thought it had all been figured out, now it is going to change again.

Chief Lockwood said it probably would have been set if he hadn't gone down their road. He said when he was hired, part of what he had been hired for was risk management, and he brings the things he finds to the Selectmen for them to act upon.

Mrs. Hartford asked if the houses on the Rt 107 end of Bean Road were fairly new. Mrs. Willard said their house has been there since 1987. Mr. Willard said the houses on the other end of Bean Road were camps that have been upgraded.

Mr. Lende said his house is the second oldest house in Town; it is not a renovated camp. It is a cape that was built in 1740 before this was even a state. He said he would like to see the road stay as Bean Road on his end (Loon Pond Road end) because of the historic aspect. He felt his house warranted that. He said he had come here about twenty years ago to find out more about the road, and it had qualified as an abandoned road from the late 1800's because of the beaver pond. Because of the age of his house, he felt he should have first choice about changing the road name.

Mr. Willard stated that he has lived in town all his life, and his great, great grandfather had lived on Bean Road since the early 1800's, (the cellar from his house, which burned down, is on Mr. Willard's property), so said he takes exception to someone moving into town twenty years ago telling him to change the name of his great, great grandfather's road.

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Mr. Wilson said his property is bounded by Bean Road (Loon Pond Road end) so he doesn't have a big stake in it like his neighbor's do. He said he had spoken with Chief Lockwood about what a change name would mean in practice. He was concerned that in an emergency, whatever happens legally, in the minds of the people who have lived here for a long time, the road would always be Bean Road. Mr. Wilson asked if there could be a compromise and have one end named Upper Bean Road and the other end Lower Bean Road.

Chief Lockwood said that would be better than the current situation, but it would only partially solve the problem.

Mrs. Willard asked why they couldn't make the road 107 side and Loon Pond Road side, and not change the name.

Chairman Hatch asked if the houses would still have to be renumbered if they went with Upper Bean Road & Lower Bean Road, or 107 side and Loon Pond Road side. KG said the Loon Pond Road side would still have to be renumbered because they are backward.

Mr. Willard didn't feel that should make a difference because many roads are accessed from two different roads, so the numbers would always be backward when accessed from one of the roads.

Chief Lockwood felt the difference is that you could travel the entire length of the road from either end, whereas, on Bean Road you cannot get through from one end of the road to the other because of the beaver pond.

Mr. Hughes said when he was on the volunteer fire department, everybody was old timers, and knew what you were talking about, so he understands what the chief is talking about when he said it could be confusing to new people. He said he owns land on Bean Road on the Rt 107 end. Mr. Hughes said in the 1970's if there was a fire drill, they would have said Loon Pond end, and they would have known where to go.

Chairman Hatch noted that this is not just for the fire department, but also for the police and others.

Mr. Hughes asked if when there is any road change, it affects deed, etc. It was unsure if deeds would have to be changed, but other things such as driver's licenses, etc. would need to be changed.

Mrs. Willard stated that in the chief's mind the Loon Pond Road end is numbered incorrectly because he thinks of Bean Road as two roads, but the residents on Bean Road consider it one road, so the numbering is correct.

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There was considerable discussion, which included whether the road is numbered incorrectly because if the beaver pond didn't split the road, there would be no questioning the numbers. It was also stated that when there is a fire, the information for the address is brought up on the computer, so the fire department would know which end to go in from. Chief Lockwood said Sawtooth Road is another road that had been separated by a beaver pond, and the road coming in from the Middle Route side of the beaver pond had been renamed and renumbered. There seemed to be confusion about Chief Lockwood's explanation of the renumbering of Bean Road. Chief Lockwood felt there had been some unique questions asked tonight, and he needed to talk with the State's 911 and ask them if they would renumber Bean Road to the pond.

Chairman Hatch thanked everyone for coming, and for expressing their comments and concerns, and said they would be taken under advisement. She said the Selectmen would not make a decision tonight, but would wait until Chief Lockwood had a chance to speak with the State. Rachel stated that any discussions or decisions they make would be put in the meeting minutes so everyone could be kept up to date.

Israel Willard asked if the Selectmen could have another public hearing. The request was seconded, and Chairman Hatch said they would certainly consider it.

### **6:45 p.m. – Break**

### **6:50 p.m. – Back in Session**

#### **6:51 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 Hatch seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectmen discussed a recycling center personnel issue with Justin Leavitt.

#### **7:02 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session**

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

### **Public Input**

**Culvert – Shellcamp Lake** - Andrew Hook, president of Shellcamp Association brought in pictures to show the Selectmen that the culvert on second beach in Shellcamp had blown out. The culvert was installed two years ago. Mr. Hook said that Road Agent Paul Perkins had looked at the culvert, but said it was not the Town's responsibility. Mr.

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Hood stated that it is the Town's culvert. After a brief discussion, and review of the pictures, Selectman Guarino said he would go look at the culvert.

#### **FYI's & Other Business**

**Sprinkler System – Academy Building** – Chief Lockwood explained that he had been called to look at the sprinkler system in the Academy Building over a week ago when the fire protection company had come in to test the sprinkler system. He said when they flushed the system, it kept tripping the breaker, and as a result he (KG) had called Wayne Ogni, who was on vacation, but had checked the system when he came back last week, and felt he might have a plan to fix the system. KG stated that today he, Wayne and Bob Flanders went downstairs to test Wayne's plan. He said they had moderate success, but the system had been wired when it was installed 20 + years ago and does not have the proper size wires. He said they had "upped" the breaker size, and it didn't trip the breakers, but the wires aren't the proper size to keep it going. He said the pump itself sounds like it has a bearing going, so the issues are rewiring the pump itself with heavier wire, but that can be fixed, and getting the pump fixed. KG said Wayne is working out a price for him. He had given him a price of \$2400 to tap into the panel and put another box on the main panel, but Bob Flanders had informed them that the boxes need to be three feet apart, so we will need to buy another box.

Chairman Hatch asked if there was a reason why the chief had chosen this particular electrician. Chief Lockwood replied that when he first came here Tim Warren had told him that Wayne Ogni was the town electrician. Selectman Guarino said the things the chief had done at the fire station had been small jobs, but this is a pretty big project, so it should be sent out to bid. He asked Chief Lockwood to get together with Bob Flanders and come up with specs for the project so it could be put out to bid.

KG said we do need to get the bearing fixed, and he had been given the name of a couple of companies who could fix it. He will call and get prices. KG added that the pump is leaking all the time now. Chief Lockwood said that he would like to see a change in the way the system is flushed. He would like to hook a hose to the fire truck and pump water from the truck so the system would be flushed with clean water.

**Assistant Health Officer** – Chief Lockwood asked if, now that Bob Flanders is working only two days a week, he should be appointed Assistant Health Officer, in case of emergencies.

There was a brief discussion, and Chairman Hatch said she didn't want to add to Chief Lockwood's already overburdened responsibilities. He felt he should only do it in the case of an emergency.

**MOTION** – Selectman Guarino moved, under the advice of the Fire Chief, that in an emergency situation that Chief Lockwood should have the authority to be the

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**Assistant Health Inspector.** An emergency situation would be one that has to be dealt with and couldn't wait to be addressed on one of the two days that Bob works. **Chairman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**

**Supervisor Training** – Chief Lockwood informed the Selectmen that he would be in Concord tomorrow for Primex training for supervisors to enable him to stay certified as a supervisor.

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

**MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to accept the minutes of March 23, 2009 as amended. Chairman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**

**Fuel Oil** – Lois informed the Selectmen that Dutile & Sons had called and offered to allow the Town to pre-buy fuel oil for next year at \$2.15 per gallon. He said he could offer this price for a limited time. The Town usually sends out requests for fuel oil bids in August for the coming year. After a brief discussion, the Selectmen felt they should follow procedure, and send out for bids.

**Blue Bags for Earth Day** – Lois had a post card notifying us that the blue litter bags have arrived for earth day celebration. She will find out how to go about having them picked up.

**Small Wind Energy System Ordinance** – Lois had a letter from the Town of Alton informing the Selectmen of a presentation by Eric Steltzer, NH Office of Energy and Planning, on Small Wind Energy System Ordinance to be held at the Alton Town Hall on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A copy will be forward to energy commission chair, Amy Russell.

**Thermostat – Academy Building** - Lois had a copy of an email that Tim Warren had forwarded from Mike Griffeth. Mr. Griffeth said he had been in the town hall to register his vehicle and noticed that the thermostat was set at 80 degrees. Mr. Griffeth asked if this was common practice for the thermostats in town buildings to be kept so high, especially with the high cost of fuel, which is being paid for by taxpayer dollars. He said the building was extremely hot and uncomfortable, and suggested that a locked box be put on the thermostat.

Lois explained to the Selectmen that when she received the email, she, Deb Cornett and Annette Andreozzi had checked all the thermostats in the building. The thermostats in the Selectmen's office and the conference room were set at 70 degrees, the one in the planning board office was set at 68 degrees and the one in the town clerks office was set at 73 degrees. The reason for the one in the town clerks office being higher is because the pipes had frozen in there a couple of times because they are right over the furnace room, and there is no insulation. The thermostat in the hall was set at 65 degrees, but has

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been off for a couple of weeks. Lois pointed out that the temperature that you see on the thermostat is the actual temperature of the room, not the temperature the thermostat is set at. (i.e. when checked, the temperature in the conference room tonight at the Selectmen's meeting was 76 degrees, but the thermostat was set at 70 degrees), so the temperature Mr. Griffith had noted was the temperature in the building, not the thermostat settings. The thermostats are also set to go down to 60 degrees at night. Lois will respond to Mr. Griffith's email.

**Master Plan** – At Town Meeting Thomas Scribner had noted that the Town had not updated the Master Plan since it had been adopted, and that it was supposed to be done each year.

Planning Administrator Lynne Brunelle sent Mr. Scribner a copy of the Master Plan, and said that updates to the plan are recommended to be done every five to ten years. Mr. Scribner sent a letter in response to Lynne's memo, a copy of which he forwarded to the Selectmen.

The Selectmen will discuss this correspondence at a meeting when all the Selectmen are present.

**Trustees Seminar** – Lois informed the Selectmen of an invitation from the Attorney General's Office to attend the Twenty-fourth Annual Seminar on Trust Fund Administration and Statutory Filing Requirements to be given by the Department of the Attorney General, Charitable Trusts Unit, and Department of Revenue Administration, Municipal Services Division. The Seminar will be held in Concord on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Copies of the letter will be sent to the Trustees of Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees.

**House Bill 351 (HB351)** - Lois gave the Selectmen a copy of a memo from Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deb Cornett regarding HB351 that passed the floor of the House, as amended on March 24<sup>th</sup>. This bill reduces the interest rates on delinquent property tax payments and subsequent payments.

Deb felt there are unanswered concerns as to how this would affect current tax liens, and that it does not address the interest of Yield Tax (timber), Current Use Penalties or Gravel Tax.

The NHTCA (New Hampshire Tax Collectors Assoc) feels this bill will probably pass the Senate, and they also feel it is not a tax collectors issue, but they feel the Boards of Selectmen, Assessors and Treasurers should pay attention to this bill as it will have an impact on revenues for towns.

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The crossover date for bills is April 9<sup>th</sup>, and it is unknown which Senate Committee the bill would go before. It was suggested that the Board might want to contact LGC and/or DRA to see what stance they would take on this bill.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that Chairman Hatch would contact LGC

**8:15 p.m. – MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Chairman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne  
Recording Clerk