

## Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

21 August 2007

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, JoAnn Brown and Lynn Sweet.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Chris Bane and Stephanie Gray were among those present.

Greg Messenger (Road Agent) and Mark Messenger attended to discuss operating budget, storm damage costs and partial reimbursement from FEMA. We have received \$36,124.95 to date, that will be used to help offset "storm" expenditures. An additional \$60,000.± is anticipated, but we have no indication of when. Board advised the Road Agent to proceed with work that needs to be done.

Board also suggested that the Road Agent include funding to limb trees when developing his 2008 budget.

Recommendation from Conservation Commission to add 1 ½" to 2" stone to dock as a temporary safety measure was discussed. Greg will check on cost.

Chris Bane discussed the actual "charge" and the progress of the Facility Needs Committee. Discussion that took place at the prior Selectmen's Meeting was reviewed. The individual projects (Town/School) were discussed. Tentative date for public forum is September 18, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Both Town and School will present their projects separately, with time allowed for addressing questions. School is planning a bulk mailing. Selectmen opted for newspaper notices and web site to notify the public. The importance of support from the committee members was stressed. Possibility of contacting other contractors and giving them a price (without site work), to see what they can provide for a building was discussed. Board agreed that this could be done.

There was discussion regarding a request for "Deer Crossing" signs on the Northwood Road. Town does not post the roads for "Deer Crossing". It was noted that the number of areas that deer cross would be too numerous to post and would detract from the rural countryside.

Health Officer has requested a deputy and after short discussion, Board agreed to the request. Information will be sent to Community Calendar making public aware that Duncan Chaplin is our new Health Officer, and he also serves as our representative to the Northern Strafford County Health and Safety Council.

After review a motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the minutes from the August 7, 2007 meeting of the Board.

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Correspondence was read.

Question was raised regarding the existence of an energy committee established by Town Meeting to understand and address global warming issues. Consensus was there was no committee established.

Question was raised regarding use of gates on Class A Trails. Consensus of Board was although gates could be used, they could not be locked. A suggested alternative was a load of gravel (unspread).

Question was raised regarding building on class VI roads. Mr. Leighton advised that there is still a moratorium. Planning Board has not had opportunity to work on criteria due to lateness of their last meetings (i.e. 11:45 PM). Believes will end up like Barrington's requirements.

Question regarding work on budgets. It was noted that Barrington has been working on theirs. Mr. Leighton advised that that is because they have a budget committee. In his opinion our procedure is better. Department heads prepare their budgets and submit them in December, Board reviews them and supporting information and if necessary, gives them back to be reduced. He also noted that by doing this closer to the end of the year, we are working with more up to date information.

There was a general discussion regarding some class VI roads that may have to be re-opened for health and safety services.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.