

Selectmen's Minutes

March 17, 2008

Present: Chairman Mark Lynch, Selectman Jeffrey D. Jones, Selectman A. Raymond Randall, Jr., Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, Selectmen's Assistant Pamela J. Witham.

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. in the T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library and announced that the Board would hear Public Comment. There was no one present from the public to offer any comment.

Mr. Zubricki presented a statement made by the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works that they are opposed to assuming responsibility for overseeing trench safety practices as mandated by the State due to an already overburdened staff. The Selectmen felt that this duty falls squarely within Board of Public Works' scope of responsibilities. Chairman Lynch will contact Chairman Rullo to discuss the matter further.

Mr. Zubricki reported that he had just been notified that the Board of Public Works employee who had accidentally hit Rhonda Savoie's car while plowing during a snowstorm in the middle of the night had received a nasty and abusive letter from Ms. Savoie. His young son had found the letter pinned to his front door in Rowley and had opened it and read it. The letter contained profanity. Mr. Zubricki showed copies of the letter to the Selectmen. It was decided that Mr. Zubricki would meet with the Police Chief, the DPW Superintendent and the employee to discuss the situation.

In other business, citing the need to discuss matters relative to litigation, Chairman Lynch entertained a motion for the Board to move to Executive Session. He said that the Board would be returning to Open Session and asked Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki to attend. The motion was moved, seconded, and per a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board moved to Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:03 a.m.

It was noted that a permanent event sign has been installed in front of the Town Hall. The sign is the gift of the Manchester Essex Rotary Club. Chairman Lynch and Selectman Randall were present at the dedication ceremony last Saturday. It is anticipated that the Youth Commission will use the sign to advertise various events. There is a box of letters in the Town Hall foyer to use for posting notices and the Selectmen's Assistant was given the keys to the sign. The Chairman asked Mr. Zubricki to check the Town Bylaws on the regulations regarding illuminated signs as it is hoped that the new sign can be lighted.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 a.m.

Prepared by: _____

Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____

A. Raymond Randall, Jr.