

WORK SESSION

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PRESENT: L.M. Smith, Chairman; J. E. Ziolkowski, Vice Chairman; R.P. McDermott, Selectman; L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator; S. Ayer, Secretary

One Linden Road resident's comment received in response to the recent painting of fog lines on the sides of some Town roads prompted a brief discussion on the topic. Road line painting will be put on the agenda of the September 21 Selectmen's meeting.

**DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN:** L. Ruest explained reasons why a Plan has been postponed. Fire Inspector Jon True added that fire departments are working regionally to prepare for events that require evacuation; he said the main issues to consider are where to go and what to take along. He said consideration should be given to what items would be necessary for the Town to function temporarily from a different location.

The State template for Disaster Recovery is not yet completed; drafting a Town plan will be put on hold until the State template is available for guidance.

**FIREWORKS ORDINANCE:** The Chairman took this topic out of order to include J. True in the discussion.

Discussion took place about the option of placing articles on the Warrant to poll residents if they would be in favor of banning fireworks or if they will consider limitations to use. It was decided to go forward with a draft ordinance to bring to a Public Hearing.

The Selectmen reviewed the "Model Permissible Fireworks Ordinance" with amendments brought forward at the January 13, 2016 work session. J. True said that in looking into ways to limit the size of fireworks, he found that there is no way to effectively do this. However, he said that the amount of fireworks a person can store has significant limitations, already defined in State code. He added that the State Department of Transportation limits what can be carried over the roadways, which is another limiting factor.

Two other safety issues were identified: limiting the lighting of fireworks when conditions are dry, and limiting the amount stored. Ways to monitor storage were discussed, including that after the fireworks have been burned, the debris will indicate the number set off. J. True said that he will be working with Fire Marshalls to get more information on how to apply size limits.

A few minor changes to the draft Fireworks Ordinance were made, and a 14<sup>th</sup> step, notification of abutters, was added to the procedure to obtain a permit.

It was agreed that a basic ordinance that the Police and Fire Departments can use for enforcement of the permitting process is important, and that it can be built on as needed. Fines are dictated by State Statute.

**SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:** The Selectmen reviewed amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance. Proposed changes include a new fee schedule for items brought to the Brush Dump, various fees based on vehicle size when bringing large loads of acceptable wood, and a change to the dump sticker requirement. Dump stickers will no longer be required for Household Waste Disposal Days, however, will be required to bring brush to the dump. These changes will not take effect until they have been voted on at the 2017 Town Meeting.

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Signs at the Brush Dump were discussed with regard to visibility, and the addition of lightweight temporary signs for collection days, to be stored in between. The Board approved the ordering of a sign noting prohibited disposal.

**AVESTA HOUSING PROJECT:** L. Ruest updated the Selectmen on the progress of the Avesta Housing project on Brown Road. The Selectmen discussed the financing of inspection services for the project, and ensuring that the Town gets enough to cover the cost of paying Town employees' inspection services.

**PAINTING – TOWN HALL HALLWAY:** Two bids for painting the hallway of the Town Hall have been received:

- Silver Brothers Painting and Carpentry, LLC - \$1,260.
- Connor Painting, LLC - \$2,100

The budgeted amount for the project is \$2,000.

It was decided to hire Silver Brothers for the project, and ask if the foyer could be painted as well for a total not to exceed \$2,000.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.**