

Board members present: W. James Griswold, Chairman; Frank W. Reinhold, Jr. and John R. LaCourse.

Others present: Caren Rossi, Planning & Zoning Secretary; Laurel Cox, Land Protection Administrator and Donna F. Eisenhard, Recording Secretary.

1. Chairman Griswold opened the Work Session at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Board approved a vacation request for the Code Enforcement Officer.
3. Land Protection Administrator Laurel Cox met with the Board to update them on the Stimulus Grants stating they are mostly USDA emphasis. She said she obtained a list of Business Cooperative Programs which listed some types of projects that would qualify. Chairman Griswold said the town's projects include paving Wednesday Hill Road, the three bridges, the Safety Complex elevator, Highway and Transfer Station equipment and road work. Mrs. Cox said Grant applications go through the Concord office and she had spoken with USDA official Greg MacPherson about the grants. Selectman Reinhold said all the programs are strong especially the cost-sharing. He said he did not know of any that were not cost-sharing. Mrs. Cox said if you submit a proposal, they will find a hole to put it in. If you don't qualify, there are 30-year loans available. Chairman Griswold said he saw the potential for energy and agricultural but what about an elevator. Mrs. Cox said she did ask. Chairman Griswold said to "leave no stone unturned" so as not to miss anything especially in regards to an elevator. Mrs. Cox said she would contact them again. She said the list of programs seem to be for businesses and listed some of those available. Selectman Lacourse said some are tied into populations of under 20,000. Mrs. Cox asked for a list of projects from the Board for when she contacts them. Chairman Griswold again stressed the elevator and the three bridges. Planning & Zoning Secretary Caren Rossi said \$300,000 each is our share for the bridges. Selectman Reinhold asked if solar or geo-thermo was an option for the new library or the rain-barrel option, which is agricultural, where you collect and store rainwater or have a reservoir. For athletic fields, you can have retention ponds for run-offs and storage tanks. Chairman Griswold stated it's a good project and underground water tanks are best. Selectman Reinhold suggested she contact Brooke Smart of the USDA as this could lead to project coordination. Chairman Griswold said to keep in mind an energy park and a cooperative of businesses.
4. Planning & Zoning secretary Caren Rossi met with the Board and informed them Lee secured a Grant from the Local Government Center which was fortunate as there were 25 applicants and only 4 got Grants of which Lee was one. She stated the Grant was for a Stair-Master machine for the exercise room at the Safety Complex and the machine had already been delivered and installed.

Ms. Rossi informed the Board there is a meeting of the Governor's Council on Health & Physical Activity on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. She said she asked the Safety Committee if they were interested in going and five members were

interested. She said she was asking the Board's permission for them to go. The Board granted permission and also asked that Chris be asked to put it on the web.

Ms. Rossi asked if the Board wished to support Bike To Work Day again. The Board agreed they did.

Ms. Rossi asked that, should the Board decide not to reappoint someone on the Planning or Zoning Board that they send them a letter informing them and she not be asked to do it. The Board agreed they would. The Board also agreed to table appointments to the Planning Board until after Town Meeting. Selectman Reinhold stated he had several volunteers who were interested in the Planning Board.

Ms. Rossi reminded the Board of the Department head meeting tomorrow morning at 7:15 a.m.

5. Selectman Reinhold updated the Board regarding the Dan'all Partners property on North River Road taken by tax deed by the Town. He stated he was called by owner Frank D'Annolpo's son Bob Stefano who asked to remove some of the personal property (miscellaneous construction equipment and tools) stored on the parcel. He said he told Mr. Stefano it is not his property and he has to prove ownership of the personal property. Mr. Stefano said his father was in a nursing home in very poor health but not declared incompetent. He said he was trying to save something out of all of this and realized \$350,000+ was owed in back taxes and costs and would have to be paid before the property could be redeemed. Selectmen Reinhold suggested meeting to discuss this. He said Mr. Stefano was aware the property was worth close to a million and did not want to see it go for taxes. He said he met with him Tuesday. Suggestions made were to get a court order to release the equipment and the barn full of stuff. Selectman Reinhold said he also suggested if Mr. Stefano wanted to redeem and develop the property, he contact Chin burg Builders or enter into arrangements with the town to either donate it for tax purposes or have the town buy it in order to salvage the property. The redemption deadline date is May 1, 2010. He said the son's dilemma is that the father owns it and will not negotiate. He also stated he does not think the town will eventually end up with the property.

Selectman Reinhold reported he still has heard nothing from the town's attorney regarding the Seth Peters matter.

6. The Board reviewed the Town Warrant and assigned people to read and speak to the various articles.

7. The Board briefly discussed appointment of a new Moderator. Dale Swanson will be resigning as he is moving to Portsmouth soon.

8. Chairman Griswold said he would like to give a brief "state of the union" address at Town Meeting. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed Chairman Griswold would put together the address and deliver it.

9. There being no further business, Chairman Griswold closed the Work Session at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Donna F. Eisenhard, Recording Secretary

Minutes accepted by:

W. James Griswold, Chairman

Frank W. Reinhold, Jr.

John R. LaCourse
Lee Board of Selectmen