

## **MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2009 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman David Canada, Selectmen Bruno Federico and Tim Copeland, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

There was no posted agenda due to a computer failure.

The meeting was opened at 7:33 PM.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Town Treasurer Kevin Peck reported he had \$2,287,039.89 in the general checking account with \$2,500,000 invested.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Highway:** Mr. Hutton reported that 280 tons of wood debris material were removed to date of as a result of the December ice storm. There was some material left to be disposed in the yard so he estimated the total amount of debris from the storm to be approximately 300 tons. Mr. Hutton reported that Bell & Flynn and the department have raised all the catch basins in the Crockett Farm subdivision in preparation for final paving. He also reported that the roadside mowing has started. They hope to begin moving fill material to Stevens Field as soon as it all dries out.

Mr. Hutton presented the results of the water tests at the Highway Garage. He also showed the Board an anode rod taken from the hot water heater, which was all corroded. Mr. Hutton said that they have to replace the rod every four months due to the corrosive nature of the water. Mr. Canada pointed out that was the intended purpose of having an anode rod in a hot water heater and this appearance was normal. The discussion continued on the need for a treatment system or providing bottled water. The well test did not provide conclusive evidence of any specific problem other than several secondary drinking water standards were not met. Mr. Hutton will at least purchase the half-liter bottles of water from Shaws rather than from the current provider at a much lower rate.

Mr. Copeland asked about damage to the newly paved section of Meadow View Drive caused by a contractor who off-loaded equipment on the fresh pavement. Mr. Hutton said that he saw it but it would cause more damage to repair it than to leave it alone. Had the damage been more extensive, an overlay would have been necessary.

Mr. Hutton asked if it was okay to have the fair use Town equipment during off hours. Members of the Board said it was okay. Mr. Canada asked who pays for the fuel use. After Mr. Hutton explained the past practices, the Board asked that the equipment be filled beforehand and then filled after the fair's use and then charge them for the resulting use.

Mr. Hutton reported that Tim Slager had passed his Class I Landfill Certification.

**Administration:** Mr. Deschaine handed out drafts of the challenge statements that Mr. Copeland had compiled from last Wednesday's meeting. The Board continued to edit and re-draft the statements.

Mr. Deschaine distributed an email that did not get out due to the computer problems that the Town Office had experienced. The email was from Lissa Ham concerning the Transportation Enhancement grant application. The email asked what the Town's next step was. The Board discussed various options. Mr. Canada said that he saw this as a Planning Board function. Mr. Federico will bring the project application to the Planning Board for their consideration.

Mr. Federico asked that the budget printout for midyear be sent to him via email. Mr. Deschaine said he would.

Mr. Canada asked Mr. Copeland if he had contacted Stan Walker about fixing the gate at the Park. Mr. Copeland said that he had not as of yet but will shortly.

Mr. Canada asked if Mr. Copeland had contacted Francis Frasier to become part of the Police Chief's search committee. Mr. Copeland said he had but had not heard back from Mr. Frasier.

A general discussion commenced regarding Colleen Lake's or one of her contractors' use of the access driveway from Portsmouth Avenue to the firehouse for parking vehicles. The Board considered that unacceptable. Mr. Federico volunteered to approach Ms. Lake about the issue.

At 8:49 PM, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel matter, the potential hiring of a public employee and negotiations for potential acquisition of land. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. At 9:32 PM, Mr. Canada moved and Mr. Copeland seconded to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the nature of the discussions concerning personnel, hiring of a Town employee and negotiations on a potential property acquisition. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED THIS WEEK/MEETINGS TO REPORT ON:**

Mr. Deschaine reported on the meetings scheduled this week. Mr. Canada reviewed the meetings held during the previous week.

**PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:**

The following request was approved:

Verna Ball for use of the Municipal Center on September 26, 2009 for a baby shower.

At 9:34 PM, Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed By,

Norma Corrow  
Recording Secretary

Paul Deschaine  
Town Administrator