

Selectmen's Meeting
May 1, 2006

The Selectmen met for their weekly meeting. Present were Selectmen Jon Homer, Charles Cheney, Sharon Davis and James McGarr. Selectman Wheeler was not present tonight. The Board spent the first half hour signing and reviewing the manifest. They also reviewed and signed some abatements. They signed Intents to Build, residency applications, timber tax warrants, and a leave request form. Ann Marie commented to Selectman Davis that Fire Chief Tobine had mentioned that the Building Committee was meeting on Wednesday at the Fire Station at 5:30 p.m., and all the correspondence indicated 6 p.m. Selectman Davis indicated that Dick Giehl was going to call and let the Chief know that some of the committee members would not be able to make that earlier time as they work out of town, and could not be there by 5:30 p.m. Selectman Davis requested that Ann Marie call Dick, and see if he had spoken to the Chief.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board met with May Brosseau and Marsh Morgan. May wanted to get some direction from the Selectmen about starting the training with the GIS mapping project. Both she and Marsh felt that it would be important for the Planning Board to be able to have maps available for their meetings. May emphasized that she wanted to take this slowly so she would be sure that this is something that she is able to do, and that the Town will be able to use in the most appropriate way. She had contacted three different sources for this training. Terra Mapping who did our digitized tax maps and are located in Lebanon would work out a training schedule, and their fee is \$75.00 an hour. The University of New Hampshire also offers some GIS training, but May was unable to get a fee schedule from them. The third source was the North Country Council. May spoke with James Steel who does this training. He is currently working with Becky Newton in Lancaster on GIS training. North Country Council would charge \$50.00 an hour. Mr. Steel indicated that there would be no commitment as to the amount of training. He suggested that the best thing would be to start with 8 to 12 hours on ARC view, the medium level of this version. May has spoken with him on the phone several times, and felt comfortable after talking with him that he would work with her at her pace. May would like to give it a try and start out with Planning Board and Tax Maps as this is what she is familiar with. Selectman Homer indicated that the Town of Littleton has their Tax Maps on their website, and it is a great resource. May indicated that Mr. Steel would start her off with two, 4 hour sessions using our own data. Marsh indicated that since they have all the equipment that we could wait until after spring tax bills go out before investing a lot of money in the equipment. Selectman McGarr indicated that he has a workstation that he is willing to donate to the Town to use for this GIS mapping. At this point, there would be no reason to have it networked to the other programs. He looked around the office and indicated that we would probably have to move a few plants off the files to make room for it. Selectman McGarr indicated that we can look at the need for a laptop once we get things going. He is very familiar with the program, and there might be a way to plug into the UNH site. The Board gave May the go ahead to set up the training with James Steel at North Country Council. Before Marsh and May left. Marsh mentioned that the Planning Board is having Mitch Manseau come before them tomorrow to discuss a Capital

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Improvement Plan. Mr. Manseau did the CIP for the Town of Thornton, and Marsh had attended a meeting in Thornton when he presented it to the Planning Board. He put together a five year spreadsheet which indicates the Town's needs. Marsh felt that in order to put together a comprehensive plan that it would take more than volunteers from the Planning Board, and would like the Selectmen to consider hiring someone like Mr. Manseau to put this together. Selectman Davis indicated that some of this data would be helpful to the Building Committee as well, and they would like to spread it out over a 20 year span. Marsh mentioned that one of Thornton's Selectman, Lee Freeman complained at the meeting that he attended that the plan did not take into account the needs of the school. Marsh disagreed with him that the school should have been included as the Town and School's needs have been and should be kept separate. The Selectmen agreed with Marsh. Marsh indicated that the cost for this would be around \$3,000.00. While the Planning Board did not budget for this item this year, Marsh indicated that their budget usually has some money left over the end of the year, and if the Selectmen could find the rest of the money, they would like to consider using Mr. Manseau's services. The Board was agreeable to this. Selectman McGarr indicated that once we have a CIP, the Town could levy impact fees on new developments, and this would help the Town's infrastructure. Marsh mentioned that recent legislation was passed that the Town can require a developer to upgrade a Town road that provides access to his development. Marsh and May left with May promising the Board that she will keep them updated on her training.

The Board met next with Devon McIver and his wife. Devon is interested in buying a piece of land in Beebe River owned by Albert Nault. It is one of the lots that the Town has a letter on file with the Registry of Deeds indicating that it cannot be sold until the road is built or a bond in place. Devon has knowledge and access to equipment to put in such a road, and wanted to talk with the Selectmen to see what the Town specifications were for roads. He was hoping to work with Albert Nault, and his lenders to see if the purchase price could be negotiate if he did this work. He indicated that some of the road has been started, but he did not know what additional steps would be required. Selectman McGarr indicated that some core testing might have to be done to see how deep the material in place goes, and that it is up to Mr. Nault to finish the road and put up the bond. The Board cautioned him to move slow, and check out all his facts. They indicated that they could not guarantee that the lot would be released. Selectman Homer referred to some paperwork back in 2003 which indicated at that time about 1,500 yards of material would be needed, and the price would be much more with today's prices. The Board gave Devon a copy of the Town specifications, but even if the road is built to these standards, it would not become a Town Road until it was approved by Town Meeting vote, and had been inspected by the Selectmen and the Road Agent. Devon indicated that he was in the unique position to build the road, and he will certainly look at all his options before he goes too much further. He and his wife thanked the Board for their time.

Police Chief Christopher Warn came before the Board at 8:15 p.m. to discuss a Personnel issue. Selectman Cheney made a motion to go into Non Public Session

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under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), seconded by Selectman Homer and voted in the affirmative by all.

The Board came out of Non Public Session with a motion from Selectman McGarr which included sealing the minutes, and this was seconded by Selectman Homer, and voted in the affirmative by all.

Chief Warn spent some time discussing a recent case at the District Court. This past winter there had been incident at the Six Flags Mobile Home Park where a young man had been racing around the park on a snowmobile and hit a mobile home. The oil tank was hit, and oil dumped onto the ground. The woman who owned the mobile home came out to see what happened, and fell on the ice, and broke her leg. The young man took off, but the Police later found the snowmobile, and were able to determine who did the damage. When the Police took the case to the Court, the Judge found the young man guilty and fined him \$300.00. He did not, however, include the amount both the State and Fire Department had to pay out to clean up the oil spill, or any of the woman's medical bills and told the Police it was a civil matter, and they would have to go way to recover these losses.

The Board then continued with the review of their weekly correspondence. Ann Marie pointed out that she had placed copies of the latest Pemi River Local Advisory Committee minutes in each Board Member's box. The Town received an Action Alert email on a vote that was coming before the House this week in Washington on a bill which would limit the benefits of broadband-video competition to a few well-to-do neighborhoods, and undermines the ability of local governments to protect consumers and manage public rights-of-way. The email urged local officials to contact their congressman, and ask them to vote on the Communications, Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement Act of 2006 (COPE). Selectman Cheney felt that a no vote was the way to go, and the other Board Members agreed as well. Ann Marie will send a letter from the Town of Campton urging them to vote no. Ann Marie also advised the Board that she had two new items on Beebe River. The Town has been pulled into the lawsuit between the State and Chris Clarke's business, KC Tire, with Attorney Anderson asking the Court to include the Town, Speare Brothers, and the Department of Environmental Services in the case. Also, another set back in the grant for the Feasibility Study. Donna Lane had contacted Ann Marie, and advised her that the Laconia Citizen had again not put the public notice in on the correct day. They were suppose to run it on March 30, but did not, and then ran it for the next three days. They indicated that they would not charge for the advertisement, but the deadline to put the notice in the newspaper for the public hearing was March 30th, and the State cannot allow any exceptions. The Board was upset with this happening again. Selectman McGarr was going to call Donna. Ann Marie indicated that Donna's father was not well, and she might also just be worn out on this whole Beebe River project. Selectman McGarr indicated that he may look into putting the grant together himself. The Verows had sent a letter to the Road Agent thanking him for the sweeping on the road. They also wanted to make sure that he put Summit Drive on his list of roads to be done this

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year, and wanted a copy and schedule of his roadwork for this year. Ann Marie mentioned that Road Agent Butch Baine that spoken with Pike, and has found out that their prices have gone way up with the price of oil. He has been reviewing the conditions of the road, and will meet with the Board once he determines what roads he wants to recommend to them to be paved this year. An Marie also advised the Board that the Town Office carpets are going to be cleaned on Saturday, May 13th. The Board approved the purchase of the four air filters from Lyndonville. Ann Marie also indicated that RPF Associates will send us a quote on the air quality test, and will include a survey for the employees experiencing headaches to fill out. RPF suggested that the testing be done after the carpets were cleaned. They also hoped the surveys would help them determine the best time of the day to conduct the tests.

The minutes of the April 24th meeting were reviewed. Selectman Homer wanted include a sentence about his recommendation to Butch that he put together an inventory of the Highway's Department equipment so we will know what we own and where it is located. Selectman McGarr made a motion to approve the minutes with this amendment, and Selectman Homer seconded it, and all voted in favor.

Under other business, Selectman Davis inquired about the status of the purchase and sales agreement with Pike. Selectman Homer indicated that Selectman Wheeler would have that information. Selectman Davis asked Ann Marie to ask Selectman Wheeler about this. Selectman Davis also mentioned that perhaps in June, the Board should again look at addressing the hours at the Town Office. Overtime put in by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector was also mentioned, and the Board requested that Ann Marie advise her in a memo that she needs to get approval from the Board for "planned overtime" like scheduling an appointment or doing month-end work. Neighborfest representatives were going to be meeting this week after Tom Mullen's visits to both Campton and Thornton's Selectmen about the best way to handle management of their land, and whether they should give it to Owl's Nest.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
Town Administrator