

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 25, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carolyn Webber, Margaret Crisler, Christopher Doyle and Roger Hohenberger. Galen Stearns was excused. David Sullivan, Town Administrator was also present. Meeting commenced at 7 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs. Crisler reminded the residents that Candidate's Night will be held on March 6th at the Town Hall. It will also be cablecast.

Mrs. Crisler also stated that the Windham Garden Club had an exhibit at the NH Orchid Society's Show last weekend. The NH Orchid Society meets monthly, on the second Saturday at noon at the old Bedford Town Hall.

LIAISON REPORTS: Mr. Hohenberger attended the Recreation Committee meeting and stated that the Easter festivities will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, which is a week before Easter.

Mr. Hohenberger also reported on a recent DOT meeting with the Interstate 93 Resource Agency which includes the EPA, DES, Army Corps and others. Discussion included a list of properties that would be used for mitigation impacts. Also, the EPA discussed redistributing some mitigating funds from corridor towns, such as Windham, to towns that will have secondary impacts.

Mr. Hohenberger stated that he is strongly opposed to the redistribution of mitigation funds to towns with secondary impacts and ask the Board to write a letter concerning this to our US Senators and Representatives, our Governor, NH Senators and Representatives, Office of State Planning and the Rockingham Planning Commission. The Board agreed that this letter should outline their opposition to the redistribution of these funds as well as stating our loss of tax base due to the commercial property losses, our need to have open space to compensate for some of this loss, that Windham is affected more than any other corridor town, our estimated loss of assessed evaluation is estimated at 8 million dollars and the possible negative impact of property values due to increased traffic. Mr. Hohenberger noted that the expansion of Interstate 93 as proposed would add approximately 18 acres of pavement in town.

Mr. Hohenberger also stated that the Planning Board is also sending a letter expressing their opposition and concerns.

MINUTES: Mrs. Crisler motioned and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to approve the minutes of February 11, 2002. Passed unanimously.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Sullivan addressed the following items with the Board.

- Mr. Brillhart from the DOT wishes to met with the Board next month to discuss the proposed Route 111 By-Pass. The Board agreed to schedule this meeting for their next meeting on March 11th.
- Mr. Sullivan received a complaint from a resident regarding dogs running out of control at Griffin Park. Mr. Sullivan noted that the Town has an ordinance which states that dogs must be in control by their owners at all times. The Town will enforce this law and impose applicable fines. Mr. Sullivan also noted that after Town Meeting, the Board and the Recreation Committee will meet and establish rules for Griffin Park. Residents were reminded to control their dogs.
- Mr. Sullivan and the Board agreed to hold the annual Public Hearing on changes to the ambulance fees to coincide with Medicare rates on March 11th.

- Mr. Sullivan asked the Board to vote to approve Nault's Honda acting as a boat agent. He noted that they have done this successfully in past years. Mr. Doyle motioned and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to approve Nault's Honda as a boat agent for 2002. Passed unanimously.
- Mr. Sullivan told the Board that the motor in the Jaws of Life tool has broken. This motor is 20 years old. There are two options - retro fit the jaws at a cost of \$2,500 or replace with a one year old demo including motor and pump for a cost of \$3,600 which would include a one year warranty. Mr. Sullivan stated that both he and Chief Fruchtman recommend the second option with funding to come from the equipment maintenance budget line. Mr. Doyle motioned to approve replacement at a cost not to exceed \$3,600 and to keep the old set for possible parts replacement. Mrs. Crisler seconded. Passed unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS: Mr. Hohenberger motioned and Mr. Doyle seconded to go into non-public sessions in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, IIa and c. Roll Call Vote - all members - yes. The subjects were personnel and hiring. The Board and Mr. Sullivan were in the first session and Chief Moeckel joined them in the second session.

Mr. Doyle motioned and Mrs. Crisler seconded to approve a retroactive payment of \$165 for the Searles Coordinator. Said increase is for the months of November and December of 2001. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Doyle motioned and Ms Webber seconded to authorize Chief Moeckel to proceed with hiring 2 patrol officers to fill present vacancies conditional on successful background and medical checks. Passed unanimously.

WORKSHOP WITH DAVID POULSON, TRANSFER STATION MANAGER: The Board, Mr. Poulson and Mr. Sullivan discussed operation of the Transfer Station and development of a strategic plan. Said discussion included the following elements of the plan: renovations, equipment, waste removal and recycling.

The following topics were also discussed and follow up will be ongoing:

- Account Customers
- Commercial Hauler Agreements
- Demolition Waste Procedures
- Operational Hours
- Tuesday Evenings
- Out-of-Town Waste Policy
- Select Waste and Charges
- Compost Procedures
- Operator Position and Staffing
- Swap Shop

NON-PUBLIC SESSION - CONTINUATION: Mr. Doyle motioned and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to authorize Chief Moeckel to make offers of employment to additional qualified candidates as necessary to fill the two patrol vacancies. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Doyle motioned to adjourn. Mr. Hohenberger seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Davis
Administrative Assistant

NOTE: These minutes are prepared in draft form and have not been submitted to the Board for approval.

