

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2003**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Galen Stearns, Alan Carpenter, Roger Hohenberger, Christopher Doyle and Bruce Breton. David Sullivan, Town Administrator, was excused. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Annual Christmas Tree lighting will be held on December 13, 2003 at the Town Common at 4:00 pm.

Shirley Higgins, Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Bass, can be reached at 226-0249 and will be in the Town Hall each month for a half hour beginning in January 2004.

Slogans can still be submitted via the web site until midnight tonight.

Mr. Carpenter stated that a letter was sent home to Golden Brook parents by Superintendent Cutler stating the meeting dates for the proposed high school – December 2, 2003 the School Board's first agenda item would be devoted to an explanation of the current AREA agreement with Salem and time for questions. Also, on December 4, 2003 at 7:00 pm a Deliberative Session will be held at Golden Brook School to discuss the Articles of Agreement regarding the Pelham Windham Cooperative High School and on January 8, 2004 voting on this will be held at Golden Brook from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Chief Messier demonstrated the new evacuation chairs, RIT packs and air packs that were purchased through a grant.

LIAISON REPORTS: Mr. Stearns reported that the CIP completed their report and the final presentation would be December 3rd at 7:30 pm.

JACK MCCARTHY – POSSIBLE SANDER: Mr. Doyle motioned to approve the Highway Agent expend up to \$4,500 to the purpose of purchasing a used sander. Mr. Breton seconded. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – HOMELAND GRANT: The Board held a public hearing for the purpose of accepting a homeland security grant for the fire department. Chief Messier spoke regarding the Homeland #2 Grant for \$27,381.25. If approved, the money would allow the Fire Department to purchase 4 XTS 5000 radios. These radios are digital capable and are interchangeable with other Towns.

Mr. Doyle motioned to approve the purchase of 4 XTS 5000 radios with the Homeland #2 Grant. Mr. Breton seconded. Passed unanimously.

PETER GRIFFIN – 2 YR TRANSIT STUDY & RPC: Mr. Griffin gave the Board of Selectmen an update regarding SB 95..

MARGARET CRISLER – AIRPORT NOISE: Mrs. Crisler voiced her concerns regarding the airport noise and low flying planes over Sunridge Road. Mrs. Crisler asked the Board of Selectmen if they would send a letter to the Manchester Airport and the FAA.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to write a letter to Kevin Dillon at the Manchester Airport and the FAA requesting a meeting with the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen will notify Mrs. Crisler when they receive a date and time for the meeting.

MINUTES: Mr. Doyle motioned to approve the minutes of November 17, 2003 as presented. Mr. Stearns seconded. Passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board of Selectmen received a letter from Samantha Letizio requesting the use of Searles Castle at the non-profit reduced rate. This would be for the Salem Santa Fund night. Mr. Doyle motioned to approve. Mr. Hohenberger seconded. Passed unanimously. Mr. Stearns requested staff send a letter to Samantha Letizio with the Board's decision.

Overton Road Bond – Mr. Doyle motioned to approve the partial release of the road bond for Overton Road in the amount of \$9,600.00. Mr. Carpenter seconded. Passed unanimously.

Dunraven Road Bond – major release – Mr. Carpenter motioned for the Board of Selectmen to send this request back to the Planning Board for a smaller release amount. Mr. Hohenberger seconded. Passed unanimously.

Cardiff Road Bond - Mr. Doyle motioned to approve the partial release road bond for Cardiff Road in the amount of \$19,800.00. Mr. Carpenter seconded. Passed unanimously.

Temporary Connector Bond - Mr. Doyle motioned to approve the partial release of the road bond for the Temporary Connector in the amount of \$10,680.00. Mr. Carpenter seconded. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: The Board of Selectmen received a letter from Comcast stating they are raising their rates.

The Board of Selectmen requested an update on the Senior Center from Barbara Coish. Barbara stated that the roof should be on by the end of the week. They plan on replacing all of the windows over time. She stated the Mr. Sullivan would like them to spend all of the money by December 31st. The Seniors are hoping that the addition would be open by the end of January.

Mr. Carpenter stated that Verizon.com will be offering DSL service in approximately 6-8 weeks in our town. This will allow residents an alternative to Adelpia's Power Link.

NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS: Mr. Doyle motioned and Mr. Breton seconded to approve the Town Clerk's recommendation to terminate an employee on probation effective December 31, 203. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Carpenter motioned and Mr. Doyle seconded to deny a request to forgive interest on an assistance lien. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Doyle motioned to adjourn. Mr. Carpenter seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Zins
Administrative Assistant - Assessing

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