

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of July 31, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Alan Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Selectmen Roger Hohenberger, Margaret Crisler, and Dennis Senibaldi were present. Chairman Galen Stearns and Town Administrator David Sullivan were excused. Dana Call, Finance Director, was delayed. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Carpenter requested a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Murray Levin, long-time resident and former Nesmith Library Trustee. Mr. Carpenter then read the remainder of the agenda into the record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Hohenberger noted that a memorial service for Dr. Levin had been held the previous Thursday at the Nesmith Library. It was very well-attended, and nicely conducted.

Mr. Carpenter reminded all the Special Town Election will take place on Thursday, August 10th at Golden Brook School. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes of July 24th were tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE: Carbon copy of a letter from Planning Director Al Turner to Mr. Bill Cass of the NHDOT received, inviting Mr. Cass to attend the August 23rd Planning Board meeting. The purpose will be to discuss the proposed round-a-bout at the intersection of the High School access road and Route 111.

Letter received from Lewis Engineering relative to the completion of the environmental impact study at Spruce Pond II. A copy of the report was attached.

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chief McPherson advised the Board that the Committee had received a request from the Windham Rail Trail Alliance for the following: painted crosswalks on Depot and Frost roads; painted "road crossing" signage on the trail, approximately 20' prior to the Depot and Frost road crossings; installation of "Pedestrian Crossing" signs on Frost and Depot roads in both directions near the trail; reduction of the speed limit in the area of the trail; installation of temporary barriers along that side of the trail near the Depot parking lot; and installation of temporary barriers at the parking lot entrance. Chief McPherson indicated that the HSC had tabled any discussion regarding barriers until after the Town met with representatives of the Department of Revenue and Economic Development (DRED) on July 28th.

Chief McPherson noted that the Highway Safety Committee recommended the following: crosswalks on Depot and Frost roads; "Road Crossing" signs on trail 20' from road crossings; "Pedestrian Crossing" signs on Depot and Frost roads on either sign of the trail area; "Vehicle Prohibited" signs on both sides of the trail between Frost and Depot roads, as well as at the North Lowell Road entrance to the trail and at the other end at Roulston Road; and, to approach DRED to discuss moving the present, second gate on the trail to Derry/Windham line to stop ATV traffic from accessing the trail from that end where it is prohibited.

A discussion ensued regarding wording of the "vehicles prohibited" sign, moving of and style of the second gate, and access by emergency vehicles.

Mrs. Crisler then moved and Mr. Senibaldi seconded to approve the Highway Safety Committee's recommendation to install crosswalks on Depot and Frost roads; "Road Crossing", "Pedestrian Crossing", and "Vehicle Prohibited" signs, and to approach DRED to discuss moving the gate.

A brief discussion ensued regarding ATV versus snowmobile travel and possible confusion in the sign language. Chief McPherson will speak to David Sullivan to clarify the verbiage on the signs.

Motion passed 4-0.

Chief McPherson noted that a request had been received for a “Blind Drive” and/or “Slow Children” sign in the area of 55 Morrison Road. The HSC recommended installation of the “Blind Drive” sign only.

Mr. Jack Gattinella approached to inquire whether any restrictions prohibited this installation, as Morrison Road is a designated scenic roadway. A brief discussion ensued, in which Mr. Turner clarified that the designation primarily effected tree removal, stone wall preservation, etc., and did not pertain to the installation of safety signs.

Mrs. Crisler then moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to authorize the installation of a “Blind Drive” sign near 55 Morrison Road, the location to be determined by the Highway Agent. Passed 4-0.

Further, brief discussion ensued regarding the remainder of the paved Rail Trail into Derry and ATV uses.

Mr. Wayne Morris, WRTA, approached to clarify that ATV’s were prohibited west of Route 28. Also, the gates are opened with 1” of snow cover for snowmobiles.

Mr. Morris then noted that, at the Roulston Road end of the trail, children are exiting onto Roulston Road on their bikes at high speed, without looking. He suggested that “Pedestrian Crossing” signs be installed on Roulston Road now, rather than waiting. In addition, he suggested a “Stop” sign be installed at that end of the trail. Chief McPherson will follow-up with the Highway Safety Committee.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Senibaldi advised the Board that Mr. and Mrs. Goldman had obtained quotes to install windscreens at the Griffin Park tennis courts, and that the Recreation Committee had voted to support the installation. Mr. Senibaldi noted that, as the windscreens will aesthetically change the look of the Park, the Board’s input was being sought. Funding for this project would come from the Tennis Revolving fund, and the cost per screen is approximately \$2800.

Mr. Carpenter indicated he would like the Committee to obtain some literature on the screens, including dimensions, materials, etc., for review by the Board at a future meeting prior to making any decision. A brief discussion ensued, and this matter will be scheduled on an upcoming agenda.

Mr. Turner presented mosquito testing information from the State for the Board’s review. Testing is ongoing, and to date no mosquitoes, humans or animals have tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis in Windham. Mr. Carpenter noted that one mosquito pool in New Hampshire has, however, tested positive. Mr. Turner replied in the affirmative, noting the positive results were in Danville.

Mr. Senibaldi inquired of Mr. Turner how the beach erosion issue was progressing. Mr. Turner replied that “hand” work had been discussed with the State as a viable repair option, and a permit would not be required. Mr. Turner noted that no further sand can be brought to the beach until the drainage issue is corrected.

Mrs. Call arrived at 7:50 PM.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the volume of water causing the erosion during the flooding, and the State's desire to have the Town re-construct the retaining wall that was removed years ago or re-establish the ditch line to the left of the beach to end with a rip-rap swale.

Staff will request the Recreation Coordinator prepare an update for the Board.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Mrs. Call presented her quarterly financial update to the Board, highlights of which included:

- The majority of budgets are in line or less for the year to date.
- Fire Department overtime is at 48% of spending, which is positive news.
- The newly established Police Contracted revolving fund is operating well, with more funds taken in than expended.
- Revenues to date are in line.
- Special Funds:
 - The Conservation Commission's land fund is down due to a recent purchase; however funds are still being collected.
 - School impact fees are still coming in, and will be held until requested by the School District.
 - The Recreation Revolving fund is running well, with lots of income coming in from increased program offerings.

A discussion ensued regarding the surplus basketball funds and possible means of expenditure, and authorized expenditures from the Recreational Improvement fund.

MEADOWCROFT DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Turner noted that the application was requesting permission to cross Ledge Road in order to complete their site preparation. Mr. Brian Craft of True Engineering explained that Meadowcroft was applying for a street opening permit under Ledge Road. He noted that in order to comply with all requirements of the permit, two detention ponds will be installed, the existing culvert will be lowered and moved across Ledge Road and, at Mr. Turner's request, a 1 year bond will remain in place and 5' of milling will be completed behind the trench cut.

Mr. Hohenberger noted that the applicant would have to ensure that the work can sustain heavy vehicle traffic. Mr. Turner noted that the culvert will be constructed to code, Ledge Road is in good shape overall, and a 1 year guarantee will be in place. Mr. Craft noted that the heavy construction vehicles will likely not be traveling over the culvert, as they'll exit Ledge Road from the other end, but assured the Board that culvert could handle it. A brief discussion ensued whether a one year bond was adequate.

Mr. Turner noted that Ledge Rod is a public road, and would thus be inspected and must be 100% completed per the Highway Agent before the one year bond was activated. He noted that normally, the first coat of pavement is put in place, the roadway evaluated, and then the second coat laid down before the one year bond begins.

A discussion ensued regarding extending the bond, future development in the area, possible off-site improvements, and the current drainage flow. Mr. Craft noted that, regarding the latter, the current flow levels had been reproduced and that after completion of the project the drainage will flow onto State land versus abutting properties as it does currently.

After further, brief discussion regarding the bonding requirements, Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. Senibaldi seconded to approve the work in the Ledge Road area as per the plan presented, subject to a signed plan being on file, a three-year bond upon determination of 100% completeness by the Highway Agent, and milling of 5' beyond the trench cut. Passed 4-0.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. Senibaldi seconded to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 93-A:3 IIc. Roll call vote, all members "yes". The topic of discussion was reputations. The Board, Mrs. Call, and Ms. Devlin were in attendance.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. Senibaldi seconded to appoint Mr. Tom Case and Mrs. Eileen Maloney as representatives to the RPC CART Board. Passed 4-0.

Mrs. Crisler moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to adjourn. Passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Devlin, Administrative Assistant

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