

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of October 2, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Galen Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Selectmen Roger Hohenberger, Margaret Crisler, Alan Carpenter and Dennis Senibaldi were present, as was Town Administrator David Sullivan. Mr. Stearns read the agenda into the record, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs. Crisler noted that she had attended the recent Hazmat Mutual Aid District Meeting, and highlighted the following: the budget of \$80,000 had been approved; revisions to the District by-laws are being considered; an increase to the budget to allow for full-time staff is being considered; and, the issue of records management will need to be addressed at some point. Mrs. Crisler also noted that a large command center is on order, which is being acquired through grant monies.

Mr. Carpenter announced that two seats are available on the Technical Advisory Committee. Interested residents should contact the Town Administrator.

Mr. Senibaldi reminded all that the Recreation Department would be holding a Toddler Scavenger Hunt the following day at the Rail Trail. Also, the Harvest Festival is coming up on October 14th beginning at 3:00 P.M. at Griffin Park. Mr. Senibaldi then noted that Tokanel Field is nearing completion, and it is hoped the fence will be installed next week.

Mr. Stearns announced he had attended the CTAP meeting the previous Thursday. The Committee has developed the following plan: in the first year, a public awareness program will be initiated, followed in subsequent years by training of local officials and direct technical assistance. Mr. Stearns urged the remaining members to attend the day-long conference scheduled for December 2nd. Mr. Sullivan noted that the Board has scheduled a budget meeting for that day.

LIAISON REPORTS: Mrs. Crisler reported that the Planning Board had discussed the Village Center District the previous Wednesday, and scheduled a joint workshop with the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and Historic District Commission for October 11th to discuss the matter further.

MINUTES: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Stearns read the following petition, signed by 65 individuals, into the record: "We the residents of Hadleigh Woods do not feel that is to our advantage to have an island at the entrance of Flat Rock Road. The proposed island would be situated in the middle of the road as vehicles enter from Route 28. At this point the speed limit on 28 is 50 mph. Traffic going south is partially obscured from traffic going north. The driver going north and turning in would have to take his eyes from the on coming traffic to assure that he does not hit the island. In the winter the island would hinder the snow plowing effort and present a hazard to drivers if the road is slippery. Further, emergency vehicles such as fire trucks would be impeded. Eventually there will be a need to accommodate school busses for families on Flat Rock. Therefore, we believe the island would prove to more of a hazard than a help."

WORKSHOP/FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Tom McPherson and Deputy Chief Robert Leuci updated the Board on several items, including:

- Development of an objective training program by Deputy Leuci for implementation in January 2007. This will include in-house training, formal training, and impromptu training drills.

- Application by the Department for several grant programs including the Homeland Security Grant for use toward mobile data terminals; and funds for a complete second set of clothing for staff. A discussion ensued regarding the necessity for wireless equipment and future costs related to grant-funded equipment, such as maintenance.
- Fire Inspector Ken Whicker has been in contact with the school and is working on the Department's Open House, which is scheduled for October 7th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
- All full-time staff positions are currently filled, however call personnel is down to approximately ten, only four of which are station coverage qualified. The Chief advised the Board that he and Deputy Leuci would be reviewing the benefits of maintaining a call staff versus strictly full-time personnel for future discussion. A discussion ensued.
- The callback methods have been revised to reduce overtime expenses, however, with 31% of calls being simultaneous in nature, slight delays are resulting. A discussion ensued regarding mutual aid.
- Issues with Tanker 1 leaking are ongoing, and the vehicle is currently in Massachusetts undergoing repairs.
- The new ambulance will arrive by the end of the November.

The workshop concluded with a lengthy discussion regarding Engine 3. Chief McPherson explained that the CIP Committee had put off replacement of this vehicle through the CIP to 2011, however he had since spoken to the Committee and moved it up to 2007. He noted that the vehicle is in tough shape, being a 1992 with over 5,000 engine hours, and that it will cost in excess of \$60,000 to keep it on the road. Firefighter/Mechanic Scott Zins highlighted several ongoing issues with the truck, including: transmission problems; considerable repairs to the wiring, which is rotting from the interior out; replacement of the plumbing; engine leaks; and the need for a new radiator. Mr. Zins pointed out that this engine has been a front-line vehicle for 14 years, and that the NFPA recommendation is that vehicles be front-line for only 7 years then rotated down. \$480,000 is being proposed within the CIP for the purchase of a vehicle identical to Engine 1. CIP impacts, possible grant funding and alternative vehicles, and sequencing of vehicle purchases were then discussed.

Mr. Carpenter inquired whether the Department had a key to the gate at Griffin Park, and the Chief replied in the affirmative, noting that Nox boxes are in place at all Town facilities.

Mr. Carpenter then inquired whether the Chief had looked into placement of remote defibrillators at the schools. Chief McPherson voiced his complete support of this, and noted that he and the Deputy are looking into possible grants for implementation.

The Board thanked Chief McPherson and Deputy Leuci for their attendance.

Mrs. Crisler stepped out momentarily.

DONATION: Mr. Stearns read the public hearing notice into the record. Mrs. Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator detailed the following donations received toward the 3rd Annual Tennis Open held on September 16th and 17th:

- Rockingham Toyota Nissan Scion: \$750 cash
- Cyr Lumber: \$50 cash
- Bella Viaggio Salon: \$50 cash plus gift basket valued at \$50
- Shaws: \$25 gift card

- Klemm's Bakery: food items (approx. \$15 value)
- Coffee Roasters International: coffee (approx. \$10 value)
- The Common Man: ice and white chocolate (\$15)

Mr. Carpenter moved and Mr. Senibaldi seconded to accept these donations with gratitude. Passed 4-0.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that their next meeting would be on October 16th, and was scheduled to begin at 6:30 P.M. with the Flat Rock site walk.

Mrs. Crisler returned to the meeting.

Mr. Senibaldi presented samples of windscreens proposed by Recreation Committee members Barry and Lynn Goldman for installation at Griffin Park. After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board that more information be gathered about the life span of the product and whether only one or two sides could be enclosed for aesthetic reasons. It was also requested that a tennis court be found locally that has such a screen, so that the members may observe how they look installed. Mr. Senibaldi will follow-up on this matter.

Mr. Carpenter inquired whether the Skateboard Park would be covered and closed this year for the winter season. Mr. Sullivan noted that Mrs. Haas and Mr. Barlow will be coordinating this, and Mrs. Haas advised the Board that Mr. Loiselle has already inspected the park for the 2007 budget season.

Mr. Sullivan inquired whether the Board wished to continue closing the fields at 6:30 P.M. as is posted. It was the consensus of the Board that this be maintained for the time behind.

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

Mr. Sullivan advised the Board of a potential legal issue. No decisions were made.

Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. Senibaldi seconded to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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.