



Selectmen's Meeting Summary August 5, 2009

Selectman Joe Laycox, Chairman	Present
Selectman Kathleen Doyle	Present
Selectman Ken Ross-Raymond	Present
Administrative Assistant Margaret Warren	Present
Office Assistant Kathie Downes	Present

Visitors: Steve Wheeler, Jeff McCandless, Arthur Garvin, Sandy Miller, Bill MacDuffie, Gayle Landry, Walter Scott, Peggy Sue Scott

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Laycox. BOS Meeting summaries for 7/15/09 reviewed. **Selectman Ross-Raymond made a motion to accept both public and non-public 7/15/09 meeting summaries, Selectman Laycox seconded. Selectwoman Doyle abstained as she was not at the last meeting. Vote in the affirmative.**

Public Comments: TTF Positions – Arthur Garvin applicant: Board spoke with Mr. Garvin regarding his interest in filling one of the vacant positions through March 9, 2010. He feels confident he can deal with the issues in the interim period. At this time he does not plan to seek the position at the next election. **Selectman Ross-Raymond made a motion to appoint Mr. Garvin to the position through March 9, 2010; Selectwoman Doyle seconded. All voted in favor.** Selectman Laycox admitted the oath of office to Mr. Garvin.

Montgomery Road Issue – Hannah Howard, property owner on Montgomery Road in to discuss her concerns regarding recent road repairs done by an abutter of Montgomery Road – Ken Celmer. She stated her objections to his doing the road work without notifying the Town or abutters prior to the work being done. She also objects to the base materials used indicating it will make it difficult for those using the Class VI road as a trail to ride their horses, bike or walking. She stated there are alternative materials that could be user friendly that should have been explored and considered before the work was completed. She also noted that she can no longer access her own property via her “legal driveway” because of the deep ditching. She did eventually get to speak with Mr. Celmer but work had already been completed. At this time, Mr. Celmer informed her that he was not planning of doing anything else to the roadway until after the logging operation is completed. Selectman Laycox explained he requested Road Agent MacDuffie to review the road work that Celmer has done – and has indicated that the repairs are acceptable. He indicated the materials used are of the same quality that he would use when doing road construction of this type. He did note that to allow access at two spots to her property - should be addressed by installation of culverts. Selectmen explained that Mr. Celmer has been contacted and will be officially notified by letter that no road work can be done on a Class VI road without first discussing the proposed work with the Board of Selectmen and notifying the abutters. Selectmen will also address the need for the culverts to allow for access to her property. Ms. Howard also had a protest petition and trail design and construction information which she left for Selectmen to review.

Chairman Laycox read the petition (and it will be attached to the official meeting summary).

Bill MacDuffie also noted that years ago Montgomery Road was gated and noted if water bars are installed they need to be put in properly to ensure roads will not be washed out with heavy rains.

Departments:

Highway Department: Road Agent MacDuffie reported he has been doing some routine summer maintenance (ditching, patching and grading) to many of the town roads . Beavers are a problem on Bay Road during heavy rains. Police Chief Jones noted that he has had many towns people express thanks for the ditching and culvert work recently done on Raccoon Hill Road.

Bill noted that he has met with telephone company regarding installation of underground wire on Oak Hill Road where there are no poles already in place. He informed them that he would prefer the overhead wires because of the problems that may occur if digging in road is necessary. If damage occurs to these underground wires – it could be costly. He did explain that the decision should be made by the Selectmen.

AA Warren noted the meeting with Div of Historic Resources is August 13th re: historic aspect of the area and new bridge construction and wasn't sure if Road Agent was available to attend. Bill will not be available and feels this is something that can be handled by the Board.

Police Department: Chief Jones presented the July statistics. 60 service calls. He noted that he is continuing to get inquires regarding a stop sign at the end of New Road and Raccoon Hill Road and supports this as a means of making that intersection safer. Also wanted to note that the increase presence of State Police is for traffic enforcement and other police matters requiring their assistance when Salisbury Police are off duty. Chief Jones publicly expressed appreciation for assistance provided by Fire Chief Gilman, Health Inspector Bodien, Barnstore of NE, NH State Police, NHDCYF, and SPCA Investigation Unit during a recent investigation in town.

Recent auctioning of court-approved items and materials from police evidence room brought in \$672.75 and will be turned in to the town general fund. Senior Citizen Crime Prevention Committee had last meeting for the summer on July 16th . Sheriff Hilliard did a presentation on the services available from Merrimack County. One service is that a free cellular telephone for 9-1-1 calls are available to seniors at no cost. The new headquarters of the Merrimack County Sheriff's office is the Merrimack County Nursing Home Complex and new telephone number is 796-6600.

Chief Jones would like to pursue OHRV Patrol of Class VI roads and trails. He is still currently working on a grant for an OHRV, he would like to proceed by utilizing Officer Shapiro's own OHRV and initiate a 4-6 hour per week OHRV patrol at the detail rate. Selectmen would like to look into the liability issues of using a private OHRV before acting on his request. AA Warren will follow up with LGC. Chief Jones noted that Officer Shapiro will provide a certificate of insurance.

Crime Prevention tip: Salisbury Police Department has received complaints relative to the purchase of cordwood and complainant not receiving full cord or not getting delivery at all. Citizens are encouraged to contact police if you have been victimized.

Chief Jones requested vacation time from August 13 through 18.

- Peggy Sue Scott noted that stop sign at intersection of Oak Hill Road and Raccoon Hill Road is missing.

Old Business:

- AA Warren noted that town will go with Option II with Huckleberry Heating.

- OHD Update: Appears everything is on schedule for this weekend. Checks will be cut tomorrow and Kathie will distribute as necessary. It was noted that when committee gets together next year – a person be selected to chair the process to help keep things orderly. Citizen of the Year presentation narrative is ready and one of the Selectmen will be doing that presentation. Also should note that 2009 is the 100th year of the Boston Post Cane. Original cane will be displayed at Historical Museum on Saturday.
- Pingree Bridge Update: Wetland permits have been completed. Right of Way easements and utility easements are being worked on. Goffstown Rail Trail is no longer interested in the Bridge and we will be advertising the availability of bridge. Board will be meeting with Division of Historic Resources to discuss the historic aspect of the area and new bridge construction.

New Business:

- Chairman Laycox noted that he received concerns/questions from a citizen re: Recycling Committee: What is the charter of the committee – are they written down? Are there written job descriptions for each individual working at the transfer station and is someone monitoring them? What are the legal obligations of the letter of intent to the Co-Op? Selectman Ross-Raymond noted that these questions/concerns will be addressed at the next Recycling Committee meeting. It was noted that this committee was established as a voluntary group to come up with ideas and recommendations for the town regarding Recycling – Solid Waste issues.
- Chairman Laycox said he was contacted by John Bentley regarding the establishment of the Katie Bentley Lilac Memorial Fund. He would like to place posters at OHD to get support for this endeavor.
- AA Warren noted that we received correspondence from NRRA that noted August 11th is Northeast Transfer Station Operator Appreciation Day.

Other: All business that shall legally come before the Board

NEXT MEETING: August 19, 2009

Selectman Ross-Raymond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM, Selectwoman Doyle seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectively submitted:

Kathie Downes, Municipal Office Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the August 19th, 2009 Meeting.

Selectmen, Town of Salisbury