

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

**January 2, 2007**

**ATTENDING:** Robert Fay, Dwayne Woodsome, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Don & Nancy Johnson, Bob Gobeil, Clint Andrews, Willis Lord, Paul Kussmann, Tina Cote, Nancy Roberge, Brenda Roberge, Richard Sevigny and Pam L'Heureux.

Selectman Grover called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Nancy Johnson thanked all those who helped with Secret Santa either with donations, shopping or whatever they did to help make it a success. This year we helped 43 families, approximately 170 people. Also thanked everyone for their efforts with the fuel assistance program. Explained how the program works for the fuel from Venezuela. It is a one time delivery up to 200 gallons and there is an application process which takes up to 2 weeks. The phone number is 1-877-563-4645. The program ends the end of February and the voucher expires March 14<sup>th</sup>. This is for a 40% discount on the 200 gallons of fuel. Also explained that this is not based totally on financial.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. Reported that she has given the board more updates to their budget books, they are all social services that are coming in now. The deadline for money articles is Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>. Also gave them a copy of the timeline that they adopted and per this timeline the Selectmen need to finalize the budget by February 14<sup>th</sup>. Reported that the Finance Committee is starting to meet with dept. heads.
2. Reported that nomination papers will be available on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> for the following positions: 2 - Selectmen - 3 years, 1 - SAD 57 Director - 3 years, 1 - Water District Trustee - 3 years and 6 - Charter Commission Members - 1 year
3. Reported that March 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for referendum questions. If the Selectmen wait until that date they will have to meet prior to 7 pm to vote on them.
4. Reported that she has received the warrant article for the land trust.
5. Reported that Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> we will be switching over to DPS
6. Reported that the Johnson Mill and Johnson Mill Bridge are being considered for historic preservation.
7. Reported that the deadline for the ACO position is January 12<sup>th</sup> but at this point have no applications. Selectman Moore suggested a workshop to look at this position. Selectman Fay suggested checking with surrounding towns about sharing their ACO.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussed a letter from the attorney regarding Eon Way. Selectman Fay stated that if the "so-called" bible is going to be used as a determination of road status then it needs to be voted on as a referendum. Stated that this has never been officially accepted. Selectman Gale stated that we need to have an official list whether it's what we already

have or we get a committee to work up a new list then present it to the town in April. Selectman Woodsome stated that there are several right of way's in town that aren't taxed and the town doesn't want to own them. Suggested that the lot owners do a title search to see who actually owns the property. Selectman Fay stated that normally for a road to go to town meeting it goes through the Road Review Committee and must meet road specs. Nancy stated that the list Patti is working on she is including the status. Selectman Moore stated that if this is the only road removed she doesn't understand. Selectman Grover stated that the first step is to get the ownership of the property before we can do anything. Paul Kussmann stated that the letter from the attorney is advice only. Stated that Eon told him that papers were turned in to the town hall turning over ownership but they can't be found. Requested that Eon Way be re-established as a town road. Selectman Moore questioned the liability if we plow it. Can see no good reason why it was removed. Selectman Gale stated that if we do this piecemeal we are doing the same as when we removed it. Paul questioned why Eon Way was singled out. Selectman Woodsome questioned when work has been done on that road other than seasonal grading and plowing. Richard Sevigny stated that a culvert was replaced at the end of the Roberge driveway. Brenda Roberge stated that until we find out who owns the road we can't do anything. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover that since it was the only public road removed that it be plowed this year so that we can do more research. Tina Cote stated that she did meet with Jon Tufts several months ago and he stated that Eon Way does pass as a town road. Selectman Woodsome stated that they just need to do a title search and then bring it back requesting that it be accepted. Paul stated that it is very complicated, time consuming and legally expensive. Selectman Gale stated that it may have been unjust to stop servicing the people on Eon Way but it also may have been unjust to have called it a public way years ago. Need to address this as a total package not in pieces. Selectman Grover stated that he requested in December to go through SMRPC and have them go through the roads as an unbiased party. Selectman Gale stated that he would support looking at it as far as cost is concerned. Selectman Woodsome asked that they move the question. Vote 2-3-0 with Selectmen Gale, Woodsome and Fay opposed. Motion fails. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to give SMRPC a job description and get a cost from them. Vote 4-1-0 with Selectman Woodsome opposed. Selectman Grover stated that so far we have failed to come up with a list and now need help to get this done. Richard suggested that on the new list they should include Book & Page with date accepted.

2. Selectman Gale stated that they need workshop with the Finance Committee weekly up until February 14<sup>th</sup> and starting next week. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Fay to commit to workshop weekly with the Finance Committee with the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> already scheduled. Can alternate between Tuesday and Wednesday depending on whether the Finance Committee has a meeting scheduled or not. No vote on the motion.

3. Selectman Grover explained that Built by Adams had added \$6,500 to their bid bringing it to \$29,200 without the air exchanger. Searles Construction bid \$24,846. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the bid from Searles Construction for \$24,846 and have Nancy draw up a contract. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Fay abstaining.

**OTHER**

1. Tina reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow.
2. Clint reported that they will be starting with Hollis as soon as all the paperwork is in place.
3. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0
4. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of 1/26/06. Vote 3-0-2 with Selectmen Woodsome and Fay abstaining as they were not present.
5. Selectman Fay asked that Pam L'Heureux be on next week's agenda to explain her new job.
6. Selectman Grover read the reminders.
7. Announced that they will be meeting with the Public Safety Committee on Monday evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Gale seconded by Selectman Moore adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

**SIGNED:**

Warrants for bills and payroll:

1. Minutes of 12162/06

**APPROVED:**

**Date**