

**Board of Selectmen
July 13, 2005**

Present: Paul S. Morrill, Chairperson; Mark P. Duffy; John J. Blackwood; Robin L. Frost, Town Administrator; and Toni Bodah, Secretary.

Also present were Charlie McLaughlin; David Lee; and Larissa Mulkern, *The Granite State News*.

The posted meeting was called to order by Mr. Morrill at 7:02 p.m., at which time he led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Appointments – None scheduled.

2. Old Business

a) Flow Assessments Report—Sewer Monitoring – Mr. Morrill advised that the Town did receive a report from Flow Assessments; however, the meaning of the results reported is not clear. Ms. Frost will contact Flow Assessments to determine what the results actually indicate. The Board has decided to move forward with an assessment of the entire system; however, we will attempt to obtain clarification from Flow Assessments as to whether additional hook ups will be possible. Mr. McLaughlin indicated that he spoke with a representative of DES, who advised him they would be willing to authorize Mr. McLaughlin to install a holding tank for short-term use, assuming that he would be able to tie into the Town's system in the near future.

3. New Business

a) 2005/2006 Fuel Bids – The Board reviewed proposals received as a result of the recent solicitation for bids to provide #2 heating fuel and propane to Town buildings. **Mr. Morrill moved to accept the bid of Downeast Energy for #2 fuel at the fixed price of \$1.819 per gallon, and the proposal of Webber Energy for propane at the fixed price of \$1.4745 per gallon. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

b) Draft Amendments to Transfer Station Ordinance – Mr. Morrill suggested that the Town's policy regarding returned checks be included as part of this ordinance. Discussed commercial trash haulers. Mr. Morrill suggested charging these haulers by weight once the scales are in place. Of course, haulers must also hold a valid permit.

The information on page 7 needs to be revised to include information on the current paper recycling program. On page 8, we need to clarify the note at the bottom of the page regarding the process for excessive loads of debris. Mr. Morrill believes that the Town needs to send large demo haulers directly to a facility, such as Turnkey; or those haulers could obtain their own dumpster.

Ms. Frost noted that the fee schedule can be amended by the Board with a properly noticed public hearing. The ordinance itself must be amended by Town vote.

Even if the Board decides to revise the fee schedule at this time, it will likely need to be revised again once the scales are in place.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of disallowing commercial haulers to access the Transfer Station. Such a measure would have to pass a Town vote.

The Board will continue to review this draft document in more detail.

c) Draft Amendments to Personnel Policy – Wording will be amended to indicate that the COLA will be effective on the closest pay period to April 1, following Town vote in March. Clarification will be made regarding the accumulation of overtime in conjunction with use of vacation and/or holiday time. The area of comp time also needs clarification. The Board will continue to review this document for future discussion.

4. Correspondence - None forthcoming.

5. Public Comments/Unscheduled Matters

--Ms. Mulkern questioned how the rise in fuel prices will affect the Town's budget. Ms. Frost estimated that the Town will over-expend budget lines relating to fuel for vehicles, as well as heating fuel.

--Ms. Mulkern asked whether the Board will pursue in court the ZBA's recent decision not to rehear the Arnone application. Mr. Morrill indicated that the Board has not ruled out the option of going to Superior Court; however, no decision will be made until the various attorneys involved have concluded their discussions.

6. Administrative Matters

a) Liaison Reports – None forthcoming.

b) Administrative Matters – Ms. Frost referred to her memo previously distributed to the Board as follows:

--Scales: Ms. Frost and Warren Winn will visit 4 or 5 other towns to view their transfer station layouts, including their use of scales. Ms. Frost believes it is important to move forward with scales; however, it is more important to address the traffic pattern first. Board members offered ideas for improved traffic flow.

--We are waiting to hear from the insurance company regarding the recent accident with the Highway truck. Mr. Morrill stressed that the malfunction of the vehicle needs to be well-documented.

--The trip to Bodwell Farm was worthwhile and should be kept in mind in dealing with CMA regarding the wastewater treatment facility. The owner of Bodwell Farm advised the Board of a truck now available that de-waters septage material as it is pumped from individual systems, then the 'water' is pumped back into the homeowner's tank, leaving only solids to be pumped into the lagoons.

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This would result in a 98% reduction of material being pumped into the lagoons. The homeowner's tank would be full of water within several days in any case. However, homeowners are reluctant to have the 'water' pumped back into their tanks. Actually, the water left in the tank contains enzymes necessary to process solids.

--Code Enforcement will move into the conference room next week, to remain there until the basement renovations are complete. Ms. Frost suggested that the Planning Department move into the space being vacated by Code Enforcement. The Board had no problem with this suggestion.

--With the conference no longer available for meetings, all meetings will need to be in the Opera House. Since Parks & Rec has already scheduled several events for the Opera House, the Board of Selectmen will conduct its meetings on July 27, August 10 and August 24 in the [air-conditioned] Town Administrator's office.

--At the last Board meeting the Board conducted a public hearing to name two roadways at the request of Philip Colosi. However, the 'roadways' are actually listed as 'driveway easements' on the plan approved by Planning Board. The Board of Selectmen will not name private driveways; therefore, Mr. Colosi will be so advised. Any 911 numbers issued will be on either Pinewood Shores or Anglin Road, as appropriate.

--Mr. Morrill asked that Ms. Frost determine from Cartographics the status of the mapping project.

--Discussion followed regarding the Transfer Station. Only actual employees of commercial haulers, covered under that commercial hauler's insurance, may enter the Transfer Station and unload material from the commercial hauler's vehicle.

--Ms. Frost will speak with Code Enforcement to determine whether any code violation exists at 18 Wentworth Road. Discussed alleged sale of gasoline from a residential property. Apparently, the State is not interested in this enterprise and considers it to be a Town issue.

--Mr. Morrill suggested that Ms. Frost discuss with Department Heads possible ways to reduce use of fuel over the next several months.

c) Building Permit Releases – Mr. Morrill moved to authorize building permit releases for D'angio on Wildwood Road, Monteith on Au Bord du Lac Road, and Dickerson on Tanager Street. Mr. Blackwood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d) ZBA Appointment – As a result of Annie Robbins' recent resignation, there is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The ZBA has advertised the position, and Rick Sager has expressed an interest. Mr. Duffy moved to appoint Richard D. Sager as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term through March 2006. Mr. Blackwood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d) Minutes – Mr. Morrill moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 2005, as presented. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Mr. Morrill moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blackwood – ‘aye’; Mr. Duffy – ‘aye’; Mr. Morrill – ‘aye’. Motion passed unanimously and the Board entered Non Public Session at 8:30 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 9 p.m. Discussion followed regarding the Transfer Station, the complaints heard by that staff and how to best address those complaints.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

Paul S. Morrill, Chairperson

Mark P. Duffy

John J. Blackwood