

**Board of Selectmen
January 25, 2006**

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

Also present at this time was Police Chief Tim Merrill.

The posted meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m. by Mr. Morrill. **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 6:35p.m.**

The Board returned to public session at 7:25 p.m. Those present at this time included David Lee, and Larissa Mulkersn, *The Granite State News*. Mr. Morrill led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Appointments

a) Cable Committee – No candidates were present; however, the Cable Committee had delivered recommendations for the appointment of Jason Brown, Ann Gehring and Dave Bresnahan. Discussion followed as to whether these individuals should be members (as recommended by the Committee, according to Mr. Duffy) or alternates, or a combination of both. The Board agreed the number of regular members on the Committee should be limited, with alternates available for each member. Mr. Duffy will discuss with the Cable Committee in order to adjust the recommendations appropriately.

2. Old Business

a) Purvis Contract – Ms. Frost requested an opportunity to discuss this contract with the Assessing Technician.

b) Turntable Park Survey – Mr. Morrill advised that the Board has reviewed several estimates—one from White Mountain Survey for nearly \$8,000; one from Land Tech, not to exceed \$4300. **Mr. Morrill moved to enter into agreement with Land Tech for a survey of the property known as Turntable Park, with the understanding that the Town will be notified when the cost is approaching \$2900, with a total price not to exceed \$4300. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

c) 2006 Warrant Articles – The Board reviewed the warrant. Article #25 will be amended by removing the phrase ‘among other things’ (regarding revision of the Transfer Station ordinance). Petitioned articles were placed after the Selectmen’s articles. Each Board member was assigned articles to address during Deliberative Session. The final warrant will be posted on the Town’s web site. The Board executed both the warrant, as well as the 2006 Default Budget.

d) McMullin Property – Ms. Frost will work with Town Counsel to ensure that notification is mailed as soon as possible to Mr. McMullin’s attorney regarding the property currently being stored by the Town. She will also obtain a written estimate from CAT regarding the value of the subject property.

3. New Business – None forthcoming.

4. Correspondence – None forthcoming.

5. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment

--Ms. Mulkern questioned the status of the McMullin case. Ms. Frost indicated that the Town expects another suppression hearing in February. Ms. Mulkern asked if the landscaping is complete. Mr. Morrill advised that the result of the fall’s efforts will be reviewed in the spring. Mr. Morrill clarified that only excavation equipment has been removed and stored by the Town.

--Ms. Mulkern was advised that the Turntable Park survey relates to potential acquisition of the property by the Town from the State of NH.

6. Administrative Matters

a) Liaison Reports – **Mr. Blackwood**: Planning Board met with Acton Ridge LLC to discuss issues with their road. Mr. Blackwood and Dan Davis viewed Copp Hill Road and recommend a \$10,000 bond for any work to be done. Ms. Frost presented a letter from Jeff Doddrell, who owns property on Copp Hill Road and who would also like to do some work on that road in order to accomplish some construction. He questions whether he will require a bond if the construction company has insurance. The Board will require a bond and would like to see a plan for any anticipated work. Mr. Morrill believes that the other property owners on Copp Hill Road should be notified (by the individuals proposing the work) regarding the expected project. Any trees intended for cutting should be flagged for the Town’s review. Ms. Frost will share this information with Mr. Doddrell.

Mr. Duffy: Spoke with Dan Davis regarding the culvert at the intersection of Brackett and Witchtrot Roads, where there is a big ‘dip’ in the tar. The Heritage Commission will proceed with plans for a museum at Turntable Park. However, they expect to keep the museum open at the Garvin building throughout the summer of 2006. Town Counsel is preparing information for the State committee regarding the value of the State’s property at Turntable Park.

Mr. Duffy noted that he was resentful of the statement in the *Granite State News*, which indicated that the Town does not have a comprehensive plan for the Town Hall renovations. Ms. Frost advised that Wakefield Projects Inc. is ‘on top’ of that issue.

b) Administrator's Update

--Town Hall renovation: Need to discuss how to proceed and whether we want to work at the basement level this year. If so, bid packets should be prepared. Mr. Morrill and Ms. Frost met with Victor Becker, Florence Davis, Lorraine Sager and David Schweitzer (all of Wakefield Projects Inc.) to review the project. With the current CRF balance, the 2006 appropriation and some of WPI's L-Chip funds, the basement construction could likely be accomplished. This would show the taxpayers where their money is being used and that the project is progressing. The group does not believe that funding will come in fast enough to accomplish the entire project at one time. Mr. Blackwood felt this is a good point. Ms. Frost will contact Salmon Falls Architects regarding the cost of preparing bid documents for the basement. A meeting with SFA and WPI would likely be helpful.

--Ms. Frost will meet on January 26 at 10 a.m. with Dave Dedian and Art Hoffman of Woodard & Curran regarding the 2006 contract. Mr. Morrill may attend. Discussion followed regarding a sewer issue with a residence on Meadow Street.

c) Building Permit Releases – None presented.

d) Minutes – Mr. Morrill moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2006, as presented. Mr. Blackwood seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mr. Morrill moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Mr. Blackwood 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 8:35 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 9:05 p.m., at which time the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Paul S. Morrill, Chairperson

Mark P. Duffy

John J. Blackwood