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for trail maintenance, policing, providing parking for access, bathroom facilities, general liability, and the like. Bernhard committed to providing the name of the contact person at the state level who would likely be responsible for answering those questions and he committed to following up to see that they are answered. Both Bernhard and Mayman then left the meeting.

The Board then met with Police Chief Glenn Laramie who reported that the department had responded to 172 calls for service in the previous 30-day period. He also told the Board that the department was investigating the issuance of 31 bad checks. He told the Board that part-time officer John Evans has resigned, citing a conflict with his full-time job. Laramie showed the Board several new pieces of equipment recently purchased, including mirrors on extended poles and personal protective gear used during training exercises. Laramie then left the meeting.

The Board briefly discussed a recommendation from Avitar that the Town assess all of the properties at Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club as one and send the bill to the Club. Stetson will contact a Club representative to solicit feedback.

The Board suggested Stetson inform Hansen Construction that the Town has received an assessment from the engineering firm hired to assist with that project stating that the vast majority of Hansen's claims are without merit.

New Business

The Board awarded the bid to Country Press in New London for the 2005 Town Report.

The Board appointed Nan Kaplan to an available regular position on the Conservation Commission. She had previously served as an alternate.

Fenton then left the meeting.

Godwin relayed and the Board approved a request from Paul Fenton that the engineering consultant that the Board intends to hire be authorized to assess and determine with him, in addition to paving adequacy, the extent of guardrails to be installed on Fenvale and River's Edge Road as part of the scope of work.

February 6

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectman Andrew Guptill, Town Administrator Mark Stetson

Road Agent John Thompson told the Board that his crews have been busy trying to smooth out some of the gravel roads that were made rough by the recent heavy rains and then below-freezing temperatures.

In response to his query, the Board advised Thompson that the Town should undertake thawing of culverts under driveways if the ice creates a hazard on the Town road. The Board asked him to keep track of these so that the Board can then decide if the owners should be held financially responsible for the cost incurred by the Town.

In response to correspondence received from a property owner on Plains Road, the Board asked Thompson to meet with the owner to resolve the issue. Stetson will schedule and attend the meeting.

The Board signed a Current Use Change Tax warrant and granted a requested abatement for interest charged to a property tax bill for which payment was received seven days late. The Board granted the request upon receipt of proof from the owner that payment had been sent via the mail 25 days before the due date.

The Board signed a cease and desist order being issued to an owner of property on Main Street who has started construction without benefit of a building permit.

Planning Board

Condensed from approved minutes

January 10

Present: Don Gould, Chair; Eric Johnson, Vice-Chair; Paul Currier; Roger Godwin; Mark Cowdrey, alternate, appointed to Joe Stearns' position; and Wood Sutton, alternate, appointed to the vacant position.

Preliminary Consultation: Lot Line Adjustment for Brett Foley; 50 and 60 Depot Street.

Foley stated to the Board that he has an interest in purchasing 60 Depot Street and upon the sale of his current property

at 50 Depot Street, a lot line adjustment is necessary in order to allow the garage and the land on and around it at his current residence to become part of the 60 Depot Street lot. The Zoning Board of Adjustment has approved an application for a variance to the road frontage requirement and a letter was presented by the applicant to the Board from Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacDonald (current owners of 60 Depot Street) authorizing Foley to apply to the Board for a lot line adjustment.

Johnson states that relocating the driveway can only benefit 60 Depot Street since it will bring both lots closer to conformity with the zoning ordinance's frontage requirement.

Determination of Completeness: Minor Subdivision, Philip and Sarah Theodore, Flaghole Road. Roger Rodewald, Surveyor/Agent.

Rodewald distributed packets to the Board which included the following: Letter from Philip and Sarah Theodore authorizing Rodewald as the agent to act on their behalf; Driveway permit; Original deed of record; Original T. J. Soter survey; Request for waivers.

A lot plan by Donald Blanchard LLS was presented showing the entirety of the lot including the location of the home, the use of abutting structures, topography, locus, and scale. The plan to be recorded at Merrimack County Registry of Deeds was presented along with a soil survey.

The following requests for waivers were reviewed and approved, as there are no plans for construction at this time: Waiver for topographic map on the larger lot; Waiver for title matters; Waiver language for surface water runoff, preservation of significant natural and historic features, and construction plans.

The Board unanimously deemed the application complete.

Public Hearing: Minor Subdivision, Philip and Sarah Theodore, Flaghole Road, Roger Rodewald, Surveyor/Agent

There being no discussion, the public hearing was closed. The Board unanimously accepted the minor subdivision as presented.

Preliminary Consultation: Minor Subdivision, Judith and Larry Shedd with Richard Lepene, Surveyor/Agent

Larry Shedd stated that the minor subdivision would include dividing out five acres of the total 26. The home would remain with the five, and the undeveloped 21 would be kept in Current Use. The Board reviewed the application, including requests for the following waivers:

1. Topographic Map – there is currently a single family home on the proposed five-acre lot that is fully developed and there are no plans to alter the terrain.

2. High Intensity Soils Survey – The proposed five-acre lot was developed since 1987 and has a NHDES-approved septic system designed and installed on the site. The remaining land being 20 acres in size is not subject to intense development and the cost of a site specific soil survey would not add meaningful information for the Board.

3. Wetland Delineation by a Certified Wetland Scientist – Due to the lot sizes and the tight topographic survey provided.

4. Andover Subdivision Regulations III, IV, V, and VI as there are no plans for construction at this time.

The Board unanimously accepted the waivers as presented. The Board unanimously deemed the application complete.

Continued Consultation: Fenvale Subdivision, Paul and Jane Fenton, with Robert Bell, developer/agent.

Johnson states he has reviewed both the site plan review procedure and subdivision regulations and advised that both address similar considerations and concerns of abutters and the Board. The Fiscal Impact Report for Fenvale Site Development from 1987 was located.

The Board advises the applicant that the Impact Report needs to be updated; determine the feasibility of shared driveways whenever reasonable; the guardrail issue needs to be addressed by Paul Fenton. Town counsel will be consulted regarding this. The proposed road grade and right-of-way width (100') was discussed and it was determined that the Fire Department and the Road Agent will need to be consulted regarding this.

Additional Items: Parking at S & P
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