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Joanna told the Board that historically this list is long at this point in the year, but as the tax deed date approaches it becomes much shorter.

Fourth of July Committee

Mrs. Roy reported that she had spoken with Bob Ward, chairperson of the Andover Fourth of July and Events Committee. Bob had told her that he would speak to the warrant article regarding the Andover Fourth of July and Events Committee at Town Meeting. She also reported that Bob plans to write an article for the Beacon explaining those changes.

The warrant article will request the establishment of an expendable trust fund for the purpose of accepting donations and fees according to RSA 39:19. This will allow the Committee to operate as it always has, funding the event through donations and fees and not the Town budget process.

The Board will schedule a work session for development of the Vendor Ordinance which will need to be ready before Town Meeting.

There was discussion about the town docks at Highland Lake. The dock near the public boat ramp should be available for people who are using the ramp. The docks need to be repaired. The agreement should be fair. Liability needs to be clearly defined. \$100 per season is not enough. A bid process or lottery process would be fair to everyone who is interested. The dock/properties need to be defined so that the Board knows what is involved.

The drainage problem on Valley Road will need to be discussed with the Road Agent at the next meeting.

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

RD Edmunds to sign off, TOA to sign off, invoice for balance to be sent to FNRT. In the future, a qualified person should be hired (paid for by the grant) to administer any grants. General consensus of the Board was that any future projects such as the Northern Rail Trail should be administered by someone other than the Town Administrator, and the person hired should be paid by the agency sponsoring the project. In order to administer a project of this scope, the

Town Administrator must spend time and resources that take away from the established responsibilities for that position. The Board stated that this in no way detracts from the Northern Rail Trail project, which is a wonderful addition to our town.

EMS Receivables: Mrs. Roy and John Kinney have reviewed the overdue accounts and referred a list to Comstar for collection letters etc.

The chairperson of the Planning Board has asked for clarification about what the Board of Selectmen expect them to do with the three building violations. Selectman Danforth will research the appeal process and the Board of Selectmen actions. The Board determined that the Planning Board will review the three cases that have been referred to it.

Bridges: Selectman Danforth has a January 15 appointment with the DOT official responsible for maintaining the State of New Hampshire 10-year bridge plan. The Board of Selectmen will look at the bridge inspection reports on file. The bridge on Last Street needs to be added to the list, as does the Lawrence Street Bridge. The Hall Road Bridge can be deleted from the list.

Selectman Danforth will call DOT for a meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

Selectman Danforth suggested that the Town issue a building permit to the Pellerin property owners because the lot is non-conforming and a permit can be issued within one year of the fire. Selectman Gross moved to have the Town Administrator tell the Building Inspector to issue a no-cost building permit for the Pellerin property. Selectman Danforth seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Town Administrator will check with Road Agent about his annual report. The Board reviewed the Transfer Station fee schedule with suggested changes. Selectman Danforth moved to adopt suggested fees for Transfer Station. Selectman Gross seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Selectman Mishcon requested that Reggie Roy, Transfer Station Supervisor, write a Transfer Station Report for the Town Report.

The Board agreed that the Town

Administrator may go to a larger format for the Town Report if it does not greatly affect the cost.

January 21

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Selectmen Mishcon, Selectman Gross, Selectman Danforth, Marjorie M. Roy

Department Reports

Jon Champagne, Road Agent

The measurement from edge of asphalt to the corner pin at the sandpit on White Oak Road is 640 feet. Grader hours as of January 7 were 4,830.

Jon asked the Board to consider allowing him to put together a cost quote for clearing brush and small trees on White Oak Road. Jon will donate the use of his excavator for stacking the wood. The Board agreed.

Catch basins on Fox Farm Road, Blueberry Lane, Lawrence Street, and Mill Road were treated with calcium chloride because freezing has been an issue. Thinking ahead to mud season, we may want to get a cost quote on 3/4" inch stone or crush the stone at the Transfer Station to that size to be used in ditches and covered.

Jon will meet with the Town Administrator on January 22 regarding the logging operation moving to Beech Hill Road to determine whether a road bond needs to be posted. This will also be true for Tucker Mountain Road and Maple Street, where the Bourdon logging operation will bring out the logs from Valley Road.

Valley Road drainage. Selectman Mishcon reported that Ed Hiller told her that he and his wife have been diligently cleaning the catch basins and drainage has not been an issue. Jon stated that there is very little room for error in this situation. The volume of rain and wind makes a huge difference. We need to remember that the Town has liability.

Jon asked the Board to remember that the catch basins were cleaned by New England Basin Cleaners. Selectman Danforth requested a quote for fixing the Valley Road problem be obtained before Town Meeting. This problem is now five years old and needs to be resolved. The longer it goes unresolved, the more costly it will be.

To soften the cost, it might be possible to implement a two-year plan: First year, establish drainage; Second year, build and pave road. The alternative would be to return to what was there before the changes were made. Jon is unaware of any culvert having gone under the road and draining on the left side.

Jon will also work on quotes for removing the pavement on Sam Hill Road. Jon stated that Last Street Bridge had major repairs eight years ago and should not be showing any major deficiencies.

EMS – John Kinney

The ambulance call average is down a little from last year, however it is average for all years. Ambulance inspection will take place in March, and the ambulance is ready.

Chief Laramie, Police Department

Stats: 185 calls that included 51 warnings, 6 summonses, 6 civil issues, and one DUI arrest on New Year's Day.

The cruiser fuel is purchased through the City of Franklin, where the price is \$2.94 per gallon. This allows Andover to take advantage of the municipal rate, which does not include tax.

The department received a donation of \$500 from an Andover company.

Pistol permit applications have increased.

Police Standards and Training for 2012 have been met.

Old Business

Zoning Enforcement Discussion: State building code written in 2001 and municipalities could adopt. If a town is enforcing an obsolete building code, they must take action to correct. Enforcement is in the zoning article. Andover should repeal the building code in its entirety.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer is required to check for compliance with lot size, set-backs, zoning, flood plain information, etc. A checklist will be completed before a permit is issued. The Planning Board will need to hold a public hearing to repeal the building code. After Town Meeting approves, the Board of Selectmen will indemnify the Building Inspector.

There will need to be an article in the March issue of the Beacon explaining See Selectmen on page 15

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