

## Board Of Selectmen

*The Selectmen's meeting of July 4 was cancelled due to the holiday.*

### July 18

*Condensed from draft minutes.*

**Present:** Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectmen Roger Godwin and Andy Guptill, Town Administrator Mark Stetson, and members of the Budget Committee Wallace Scott, Dave Hewitt, Bill Keyser, Jeff Newcomb, Mike Verce-lotti, Bill Bardsley, and Howard Wilson

Stetson reported that the cease and desist order had been served and that he has spoken with the property owner on Plains Road who is in violation of the State's junk vehicle law. The owner told Stetson that he intends to comply with the law.

The Board signed the deed conveying the town-owned property on Chase Hill Road in anticipation of the scheduled closing on July 25. [The date has subsequently been moved to July 28.]

The Board scheduled a public hearing for 7 PM on Monday, August 8, in response to the request to lower the water level of Highland Lake. If, after the public hearing, the Board decides to proceed with the lowering, a public informational meeting will be held during the Selectmen's meeting on August 15.

The Board then met with the members of the Budget Committee to solicit feedback regarding the Board's plan, in view of the substantial un-reimbursed costs of coping with substantial rain damage to the roads in the spring, to authorize the Road Agent to overspend his

maintenance budget by approximately \$20,000 in order to complete a number of necessary maintenance projects.

The Selectmen are concerned that, if this work is not completed, the Town will incur unnecessary additional expense next year. Much of this work involves ditching roadsides and replacing failed culverts. None of the members of the Budget Committee present voiced any objection to the Selectmen's plan and several expressed approval, it being the consensus of the meeting that the Selectmen should so proceed.

Bill Bardsley described to the Board an incident at the Transfer Station on the previous Saturday. Despite Bardsley's suggestion to the perpetrator that such waste should be recycled, he observed a resident dump a barrel full of glass bottles down the hopper. The individual had two additional trash bags full of glass bottles and clearly intended to toss them into the hopper as well, but another resident took the bags from him to the Recycle Building. The Budget Committee members then left the meeting.

The Board agreed to permit the Realtor involved in the sale of property on Pinewood Lane two weeks in order to negotiate a settlement between the current and prior owners regarding drainage and driveway permit issues.

The Board then met with Vicky Mishcon representing the Recycling Committee to discuss that committee's plan to conduct a "Swap Event" at the Transfer Station on Saturday, September 10. She explained that the Committee

wants to see first-hand what the problems are and wants feedback from residents.

The event will be held in the vicinity of the Swap Shop and is intended to provide residents with the opportunity to drop off and pick up usable items. Members of the Committee would be on hand to accept only usable items. Anything that the Town charges a fee for will not be accepted. If it is successful, the Committee would like to conduct future events.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to the request conditioned upon

- the Committee installing signage clearly outlining the rules
- the area being cleaned at the end of the day
- the event running smoothly

The Board agreed to Frank Baker's request for the Town to release the condition applied to three lots on Thompson Point Lane that no septic systems be located therein.

The Board was explicit that all other restrictions in the deeds to those parcels remain, specifically including the reservation of the common lot be reserved for replacement leaching fields, should any of the above three fail at any time in the future.

There was a brief discussion regarding the form that the release should take, with the Board delegating that decision to Godwin.

The Board denied a property tax abatement application for property fronting on Potter's Road. The Board approved a property tax abatement application for property on West Shore

Drive in order to correct errors on the assessment card.

The Board ratified approval of three existing veteran's credit applications.

The Board adopted a resolution accepting the Hazard Mitigation Plan effective July 18, 2005.

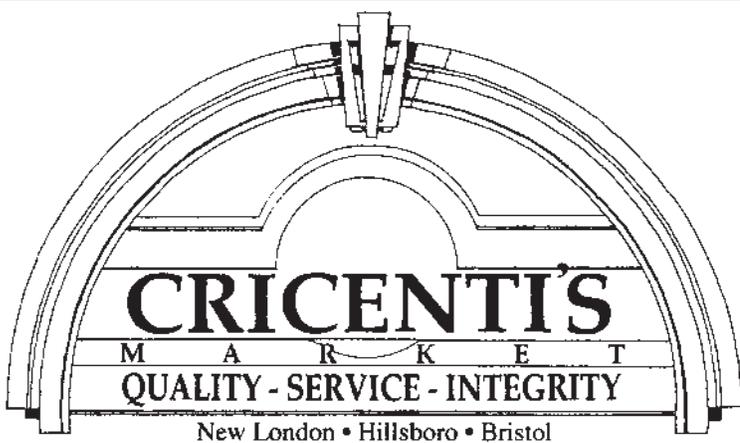
The Board decided to initiate enforcement action against the owner of property on Bradley Lake Road regarding the location of a storage shed on his property that is in violation of the Andover zoning ordinance due to its closeness to the property line and the fact that the Zoning Board of Adjustment denied this owner's variance appeal.

The Board then met with Police Chief Glenn Laramie who reported that the dealer has taken delivery of the new cruiser. He told the Board that it should be in service in a couple of weeks. Laramie informed the Board that he has scheduled an officer to attend the upcoming Historical Society's 19th Century Fair. Stetson relayed another complaint that he had received from a resident of Bradley Lake Road regarding the speed of traffic on a portion of that road.

The Board agreed to recommend S & P Automotive be approved as a State inspection station.

The Board decided to accept Bob Ward's suggestion that he be appointed to the Lakes Region Planning Commission's Technical Advisory Committee.

The Board discussed a complaint received regarding a sign on Currier Road that has been installed without the benefit of a sign permit.



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*— Bob Cricenti*