

Board Of Selectmen

August 1

Condensed from approved minutes.

Present: Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectman Roger Godwin, and Town Administrator Mark Stetson

Stetson reported he had attended the closing for the sale of the Town-owned property on Chase Hill Road on July 28.

The Board agreed to extend the deadline for removal of junk vehicles on the Labraney property off of Plains Road so long as regular significant progress is being made. Stetson will monitor that work on a weekly basis.

Stetson reported no progress with the status of the negotiations with the drainage problem on Pinewood Lane.

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

The Board amended the personnel policy to include the same percentage of health insurance coverage for a two-person plan as a family plan for qualifying employees.

The Board then met with Road Agent John Thompson who reported that Steele Henderson has been contracted to mow the roadsides. He noted that the contract includes hand work around bridge rails.

Thompson is commencing the Bradley Lake Road project work, which will start with replacement of culverts.

There was considerable discussion regarding the apparent failure of a portion of a drainage structure adjacent to Maple Street. Thompson opined the

structure is an old stone culvert and some of the covering rocks have either broken or have fallen off of the supporting stones. Based upon measurements that he had observed and photographs taken by Stetson, the Board determined that the edge of the road right of way is probably somewhere in the hole.

Because the extent of the problem cannot be known until the area is opened up and there are limited funds available in this year's budget, the Board decided to postpone until next year any work to rectify the problem. The Board also decided that because some of the structure is clearly on private property, the eventual cost of the repairs should be shared with the property owner.

Stetson informed the Board that, acting as the health officer, he had condemned a dwelling due in part to an imminent fire danger because of electrical problems in the structure. He has agreed to help the owner find contractors to make the home habitable again.

The Board decided to ask the Conservation Commission and the Highland Lake Protective Association for suggestions of Andover residents to be part of a committee being formed in Franklin that will assist in preparing a Watershed Management Plan for Webster Lake. Franklin has received a grant to fund the cost of preparation of such a plan and the Franklin City Manager has requested that three Andover residents sit on the committee because a good percentage of the watershed is located in Andover.

The Board enthusiastically encouraged Stetson to make application through the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management for a grant from FEMA to possibly pay for permanent repairs to correct problems on Town roads caused by flooding rains. The Board decided to exemplify in the application the four areas identified in the recently completed hazard mitigation plan.

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Sandy Graves to the position of alternate Conservation Commission member.

August 15

Condensed from draft minutes. Subject to revision and approval at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Present: Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectmen Roger Godwin and Andy Guptill, and Town Administrator Mark Stetson

Stetson provided an inventory of junk vehicles remaining on the Labraney property, noting that as of August 12, there were 24, down from the original 44. The Board agreed to stay enforcement action as long as continued regular significant progress is being made to bring the property into compliance. Stetson is monitoring that work on a weekly basis.

The Board signed forms releasing its interest in deed covenants for three parcels on Thompson Point Lane. The owners are seeking permission to permit construction of individual septic leaching systems on each of those lots.

The Board was careful to note that the document retains all the other restric-

tions, specifically the one entitling the owners to construct and maintain septic systems on Lot No. 4 in the referenced subdivision plan. This condition would provide a location to install a new system should one on Lots 1, 2, or 3 fail.

The Board approved an existing disabled property tax exemption application.

Stetson reported that Frank Cochrane was found guilty in Franklin District Court on August 2 of the violation of blocking the end of a Town-owned culvert on Monticello Drive.

Road Agent John Thompson reported that 1,100 feet of underdrain and all but one culvert have been installed on Bradley Lake Road in preparation for repaving. He also told the Board that the roadside mowing has commenced and in addition to the tractor-mounted mower, the contractor has hand crews weed-whacking around bridge railings and other objects in the right of way.

The Board then met with David Ball to discuss the ongoing drainage problem on Pinewood Lane. He explained to the Board that he had purchased the property unaware of the problem created when the prior owner relocated the driveway without benefit of the required driveway permit.

Fenton explained that the Town needs the problem fixed and that unfortunately because Ball is the owner, he is liable for the cost. Ball made it very clear that he understood the Town's position and that he just wanted to put the issue behind him. He then left the meeting.

The Board then met with Bob Ward, Myra Mayman, and Alex Bernhard representing the Friends of the Northern Line Rail Trail (FNRT) committee, and George Burdick from the Andover Snowmobile Club to discuss the FNRT's request for the Town to donate the use of the Town's grader to assist in moving off to one side the existing stone ballast on approximately 1.7 miles of the old rail bed from Blackwater Park to the Potter Place train station and then once the ballast is out of the way, to assist in spreading ledge pack, which will become the new finished surface.

Ward explained that the committee believes the work to move the old material aside will likely take one day and one to two days to grade out the new material. Bernhard told the group that the committee would pay the operator

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