

Board Of Selectmen

December 19

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectmen Roger Godwin and Andrew Gup-till, Town Administrator Mark Stetson

Road Agent John Thompson asked the Board for assistance in notifying a property owner on North Street that leaving his vehicle parked on the street during a snowstorm severely hinders snow removal efforts. Thompson made a similar request in regards to a dumpster and storage container on North Short Street. He also reported conditions that prevent plow equipment from turning around on Smith and Ives Roads.

He told the Board that he has had a brief discussion with a property owner on Plains Road who has asked that snow not be pushed beyond the edge of the pavement. The Board suggested that the entire width of the Town's right of way can be used for maintenance activities, should the road agent so desire. The Board asked Town Administrator Mark Stetson to inform the owner.

Stetson reported that during a recent phone conversation with the Department of Transportation, he was told that the temporary repairs to the bridge on Bradley Lake Road have been completed and that the weight limit posting can be removed. The Board decided to remove the signs upon receipt of the inspection report.

Thompson told the Board that some, but not all, of the sand promised by Jon Ohler has been received.

The Board then met with Howard George, who asked that the selectmen include the Buddy Warner ski racing program as part of the Town's recreation department so the program would be eligible for inclusion in the Town's liability insurance policy. The program uses Proctor's ski area and the school

has requested proof of such coverage, which George told the Board is very expensive to purchase independently.

He explained that there are approximately 15 kids from Andover in the program and about 30 from neighboring towns.

The Board committed to seek advice from the Town's insurance carrier, to determine the cause for Proctor's request, and also to determine what impact granting George's request would have on Town Office operations.

Under old business, the Board signed an agreement extending until August 31, 2006 the date by which Marty Smith must have completed construction of the fire pond and dry hydrant that he proposed at the last meeting.

The Board acknowledged receipt of proof that a vehicle inspection license was previously issued to Lewis Barton in conjunction with an auto repair facility on his property. This proof allows the Board to approve a recommendation to the Department of Motor Vehicles that David Poulin be granted such a license for that location.

The Board signed contracts with the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) to initiate work to be done in conjunction with updating the Town's master plan.

The Board decided to accept a bid of \$1,200 for the sale of the 1998 police cruiser.

Under new business, the Board decided to encumber \$5,400 from the 2005 approved appropriation for the purpose of completing the contracts with LRPC and SPNHF and \$2,000 for remaining engineering work associated with the bridge on Dyers Crossing Road.

The Board appointed Jane Hubbard and Phil Hackmann to two positions of Deputy Emergency Management Director.

The Board signed another temporary agreement extending the existing franchise agreement with Adelphia un-



Andover Budget Committee 2006 - The Beacon would like to run pictures of all our Town committees over the course of each year. We start with this picture of the Budget Committee as they prepare for one of the final public hearings of the 2006 budget season. Standing (l-r): Howard Wilson, Bill Keyser, and Wallace "Scotty" Scott. Seated (l-r): Dave Hewitt (Andover School Board), Andy Guptill (Board of Selectmen), Budget Committee Chair Bill Bardsley, and Jeff Newcomb. Missing: Vice-Chair Ed Hiller and Mike Vercellotti (Andover Village District).
Photo by Bob Bussey

til June 30, 2006.

The Board decided not to grant a request from a property owner to extend the veterans credit to the 2005 tax year as the necessary forms documenting eligibility were not received in a timely manner.

The Board decided not to consider an abatement request filed with poverty being the reason as there was no evidence submitted with the application to substantiate the claim.

The Board decided to schedule a hearing to receive public input prior to deciding whether to recommend that the voters at Town Meeting change the income and asset limits for property owners to qualify for elderly and disabled property tax exemptions.

The Board granted permission for the Andover Snowmobile Club to use the Class VI portions of Old College, Dawes, Tilton Brook, and Morey Hill Roads as part of the trail system for both snowmobile and ATV use during the snowmobile season.

The Board signed correspondence to be sent to a property owner on Franklin Highway seeking his cooperation in complying with the terms of the Town's zoning and site plan review requirements in regards to a food service stand that has been set up on the property.

Citing a potential conflict of interest, Guptill recused himself from all discussion regarding the construction of a structure on Ives Road. After a brief discussion, the Board signed a cease and desist order to stop the construction, pending compliance with the terms of the zoning ordinance and the issuance of a building permit.

The Board approved an abatement of the interest that had accrued on a timber tax bill as the funds for payment of the bill were in the custody of the Town's Treasurer.

The Board decided to increase the existing pay scale for the Town Administrator position to bring the range closer to the average currently being paid in similar towns elsewhere in the state, taking the incumbent's particular range of abilities into account. The Board committed to maintaining the current rate of increase.

January 2

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Road Agent John Thompson presented a partial list of recommended signage that he proposes be purchased to warn motorists of work zones.

After Guptill's recusal for this agenda item, there was a brief discussion regarding the building construction started on Ives Road regarding its apparent close proximity to the road right of way.

Under old business, Stetson relayed to the Board that the owner of property on Franklin Highway was asked to respond in writing to the Board regarding the apparent zoning violation on his property.

Fenton commented that the No Parking signs along Channel Road have disappeared, and on a recent weekend day vehicles were parked along both sides of the road leaving no room for a fire truck or other emergency vehicle to pass. He suggested signs be again installed and that the police initiate enforcement action against violators.

The Board decided that because of his current inactive status, the Town will not pay for Howard Wilson's Transfer Station certification renewal.

The Board entered non-public session to discuss welfare case 05-06. The Board members voted not to publish the minutes of this non-public session. The Board emerged from non-public session. Chairman Fenton then left the meeting.

Under new business, the Board signed correspondence to be sent to Paul Fenton requesting he provide financial surety to complete paving of the existing roads in the Fenvale development pursuant to the agreement that he signed with the town in 1991.

There was also a discussion regarding his request to locate a potential emergency lane that could be used if the Selectmen were to so designate. The purpose of this emergency lane would be to provide access from Route 4 to all of the properties when the intersection of Fenvale Road and Route 4 is flooded.



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