

Board Of Selectmen

June 19

Condensed from approved minutes

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

The Board approved Road Agent John Thompson's suggestion that the Town purchase normal maintenance parts and supplies for the grader from the dealer because, through doing so, the Town will obtain additional services, an example of which is analysis of oils used in the machine for contaminants.

The Board decided to solicit guidance from FEMA prior to commencing repairs to the section of Elbow Pond Road that is currently closed.

The Board discussed the possibility that the Chase Hill Road project would have to be put off until next year due to the fact that a significant amount of the summer maintenance budget has now been spent repairing damage caused by the recent flooding rains and the potential significant expense to make repairs to the dam at Highland Lake. Thompson told the Board that, if that is the case, there are some drainage problems on that road that he would like to address this year that would have been part of that project anyway.

The Board then met with John Lavigne from the H. L. Turner Group in Concord and reviewed his proposal to complete an engineering study of the Highland Lake dam. The cost of the proposal is approximately \$16,000, which includes approximately \$4,000 for borings to help determine conditions below the surface.

Lavigne committed to completing the study within 30 days and told the Board that, in addition to providing a status report on the current condition of the dam, the study would include several recommendations for remedial action. The Board decided to hire the H. L. Turner Group to perform the scope of work described in the proposal.

The Board then met with Lloyd Perreault to discuss his interest and qualifications to fill in as Building Inspector while Ted Barton takes some time off. After a brief discussion, the Board appointed Perreault to the position of

Building Inspector.

The Board then met with Zoning Board Chairman Don Gross to review several procedural matters pertaining to that board, including adding a policy of recording notices of decision at the Registry of Deeds.

Under old business, the Board committed to pursuing the East Andover post office parking lot fence issue in court if necessary.

The Board approved a request from a property owner to stay the tax deeding process conditioned upon payment of all of the taxes, interest, and costs from the 2003 tax warrant on or before July 1.

The Board accepted the low bid from Lake Sunapee Bank for the Town's tax anticipation note.

In response to a request from the State's motor vehicle inspection licensing bureau, the Board determined that an application pending before that agency would continue an existing non-conforming use.

The Board entered non-public session to discuss pending litigation regarding property tax abatements. The Board members voted not to publish the minutes of this non-public session.

Fenton relayed his observation on several occasions of vehicles parked at the Town beach in East Andover without stickers visible. The Board decided to forward his concern to the police chief. Fenton then left the meeting.

The Board discussed correspondence received from Paul Fenton regarding a bill sent to him requesting reimbursement for costs incurred by the Town to determine what work needs to be done to Fenvale and River's Edge Roads prior to paving.

July 6

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Under old business, the Board approved abatements for a property on West Shore Drive for the 2004 and 2005 tax years based upon recommendations by Avitar. In consequence of this action, the owner has dropped court appeal of the assessment.

The Board signed the engagement letter from HL Turner for the engineering work at the dam.

The Board then met with Road Agent John Thompson, who told the Board that his crews have been performing minimal maintenance work, including mainly grading and patching.

He passed on to the Board a recent very positive experience with the dealer who sold the Town the new grader. He told the selectmen that the response time was very quick and the work was completed with no hassle whatsoever.

There was again a discussion regarding the planned project work on Chase Hill Road and the Board reiterated its previous position that it cannot commit to spending the money until more is known about the amount of financial assistance that FEMA may or may not be providing in response to the May flooding events.

The Board then met with members of the Conservation Commission who informed the Board that the grant has been approved to assist in the purchase of the Hersey conservation easement.

The Commission and Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) must now raise an additional approximately \$71,000 toward the easement acquisition cost, which amount is over and above the combined grant and in-kind donation from the Hersey family. The Commission has decided to expend up to \$30,000 from the conservation fund to pay for the cost of the survey and other

fixed costs associated with creating the easement. The Board reiterated its previous commitment to endorse the project and concurred with the plan to expend money from the conservation fund.

On another issue related to the proposed Hersey easement, Bob Ward relayed a request from the Commission for guidance from the selectmen regarding the status of Jerry Hersey's role on the Commission. The Commission has been told by ASLPT that some potential donors have expressed concern about a perceived conflict of interest with Hersey sitting on the Commission. Ward was quick to point out that Hersey

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Volunteers Needed For Community Task Force To Study AE/MS Renovation Plans

The Andover School Board would like to invite community members interested in serving on the Community Task Force to notify Principal Jane Slayton by calling 735-5494 or e-mailing JSlayton@Andover.K12.nh.us. The purpose of the Task Force will be to make recommendations to the School Board regarding maintenance and expansion of the Andover Elementary/Middle School. The Task Force will meet four times for two-hour sessions beginning in September and ending in October.



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