

## Board Of Selectmen

December 18

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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

Road Agent John Thompson reported that during the previous two-week period, his crews had sanded roads on two different occasions and had successfully temporarily removed and then replaced the railings on one side of the bridge at the dam on Bradley Lake Road to accommodate delivery of a modular home on the other side. Town Administrator Mark Stetson told the Board that the owner of the company that sold and delivered the home called the Town Office to compliment the Road Agent and his crew on how well they accomplished that task.

Thompson informed the Board that the turnaround on Flaghole Road at the town line has been made functional again by the City of Franklin's public works department. Stetson told the Board that the City intends to bill the owner for the cost of the work, as the problem was caused during recent logging activity that the owner had initiated. Stetson also reported that he had provided the owner with copies of relevant statutory and case law regarding prescriptive rights to continue to access private property especially when that use was established many decades before, as is the case here.

Under old business, the Board signed an agreement between the Town of Andover, City of Franklin, and Town of Salisbury relative to the future maintenance of the dry hydrant that has been installed on Flaghole Road in Franklin near the Andover town line. The Board also acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the City of Franklin and from the East Andover Fire Chief accepting the hydrant as complete and functioning in accordance with its design.

Under new business, the Board approved an abatement application correcting a minor assessment error for property located at 64 West Shore Drive.

The Board signed appointment forms changing the status of two alternate members of the Conservation Commission to regular members of that board.

The Board then met with Jon Warzocha to talk about his interest in serving on the Planning Board. A brief discussion ensued, after which Warzocha left the meeting. Noting his enthusiasm and willingness to help the Town, the Board then unanimously approved his appointment to the Planning Board.

The Board signed an engagement letter with the Town's auditing firm for the normal year-end audit and approved an estimate of \$1,000 to perform the state-mandated audit of the Tax Collector's books upon her planned retirement. That estimate included the Town Clerk's records in the audit as well.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a petition requesting that an article be

placed on the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting seeking the meeting vote to go on record in support of effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change.

The Board approved three Intents to Cut, conditioned upon the Road Agent approving the access locations and Stetson documenting the condition of the town road at each such location.

Guptill moved, Godwin seconded, and by a unanimous roll call vote, the Board entered non-public session to discuss pending litigation.

January 2

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectman Roger Godwin, Town Administrator Mark Stetson. Selectman Andrew Guptill arrived shortly after the meeting opened.

Road Agent Thompson reported that during the previous two-week period, his crews had sanded roads on two different occasions. Thompson also told the Board that he is still trying to get the front plow mount situated for the new grader, however, the dealer has been very slow in resolving the issue. Thompson explained that the purchase contract specified that the grader would come with the necessary hardware to be compatible with the Town's existing plow, but that the mounting frame and hardware have yet to be provided.

Under new business, the Board signed a cease and desist order to be sent

to a property owner on Potters Road who is in violation of the Town's zoning and site plan review regulations.

The Board approved a request from the Tax Collector abating interest that has accrued on a property tax bill due to a clerical error.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board approved a budget request to construct an area at the Transfer Station to relocate the leaf pile in accordance with the wishes of the Forest Fire Warden.

After a brief discussion, the Board approved installing signage at the Transfer Station banning the taking of recyclable materials from the scrap metal box, noting the potential for the Town to have some liability exposure if someone were to fall into the box while trying to remove an item, and also that the Town is losing money as the attendants have reported that some individuals have been seen pulling from the box significant quantities of higher value metals. The Board equated that practice to stealing from the Town.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Comcast announcing a price increase in cable services to go into effect in February.

The Board then met with Police Chief Glenn Laramie who told the Board that the number of calls for service for all of 2006 is up by over 900 from 2005. There was a discussion about displaying the totals for each of the past seven or eight years in a comparative graph in the Town Report along with a pie chart showing



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