

# Board Of Selectmen

## January 15

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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

Road Agent John Thompson reported that during the previous two-week period, in addition to plowing and sanding, his crews had completed construction of the new area for leaf disposal at the Transfer Station.

The Board reviewed a final draft of its 2007 recommended budget in preparation for the Budget Committee's public hearing scheduled for the following Wednesday evening. Stetson reported that with the currently proposed budget and applying the currently estimated off-setting revenues, the Town portion of the 2007 tax rate will increase by approximately 19 cents over the 2006 rate. He also noted that one of the revenue components included is a large percentage of the available prior year surplus, which would leave in reserve only the bare minimum recommended by the state.

The Board then met with Roger and Kitty Kidder who expressed their displeasure with the amount of the increase in the assessment for their property located at 64 West Shore Drive for the 2006 tax year. The increase was due to the fact that this parcel is now serviced by a state-approved septic system. Part of the system is located on this parcel, and part is on another parcel that they own across the street.

Stetson explained that the software system that the town uses assigns value for land improvements as a percentage of the total land value, not a fixed dollar amount, so the increase to a waterfront lot for the addition of a septic system is more than that for a non-waterfront lot.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to review the situation with a representative from Avitar and relay findings of that review to the Kidders.

The Board discussed correspondence received from Bryant Adams asking the Board to review the assessment of property located at 22 Maple Street. After a brief discussion, the Board found no reason to change the assessment.

Stetson reported that a design for

a new septic system for a property on Bradley Loop has turned up a violation with the side setback requirements in the zoning ordinance for a garage that was built back in 2003. The Board decided to request the owner seek a variance from the Zoning Board and also to inform the owner that if the variance is not granted, the property will have to be brought into compliance.

Back under old business, the Board decided to request a meeting with an engineer from the Dam Bureau of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to further discuss planned repairs to the Highland Lake Dam.

The Board then entered non-public session to discuss welfare cases 07-02 and 07-03. The Board members voted not to publish the minutes of this non-public session.

## February 5

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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

In response to Road Agent John Thompson's question regarding whether or not the existing drainage system on Maple Street should be filled in once the new one has been installed, the Board decided to seek Engineer Caron's opinion on the matter. The Board suggested that existing drains from the basements of abutting properties should be allowed to connect to the new system at the owner's expense.

The Board decided to ask Mr. Caron to attend its next regularly scheduled meeting in two weeks to review his ideas for the Sam Hill Road culvert work.

Thompson reported that approximately one third of the sand stockpile has been used thus far this winter.

The Board approved the final draft of its report for the Town Report. The Board also decided to show the Town Clerk capital expenses as a separate line item.

The Board confirmed its previous decision to recommend a gross budget in the amount of \$1,419,983. This total includes the \$6,500 that the Budget Committee removed from its recommended budget for the shed addition to the Recycle Building.

There was a brief discussion regard-

ing Kevin Sleeper's request for an increase in the trash trucking contract to cover at least his documented increase in insurance cost. Because the request came in after the Budget Committee's public hearing, the Board suggested either funds will have to be found elsewhere in the Transfer Station budget, or the line will have to be amended at Town Meeting.

The Board then met with Roger Laro representing the Recreation Committee, who told the Board that the Recreation Committee has met and decided to continue to sponsor a softball program, therefore a request from the newly formed organization calling itself Andover Girls' Softball for the donation of all of the Town's softball equipment cannot be granted. Laro also told the Board that the Committee expressed the opinion that because the equipment was purchased with tax dollars, the Town should not give it away. Laro told the Board that the committee intends to advertise sign-ups and welcomes the participation of all kids. He also relayed a concern expressed by several members of the Recreation Committee about confusion that may result in the similarity of the name of the new program to that of the Town's program.

The Board then met with Armand Boisvert and Melissa Thompson to discuss their request for the donation of the Town's equipment. Boisvert told the Board that the new Andover Girls' Softball is a registered non-profit organiza-

tion that has elected a board of directors and intends to sponsor teams to play in the Franklin Lassie League.

Boisvert voiced concern to the Board about the Town's Recreation Committee, and specifically complained about the lack of minutes from the Recreation Committee meetings.

Thompson again asked the Board for the Town's equipment, stating that a member of the Recreation Committee had suggested she make the request in writing to the Board. Fenton declared the subject closed.

The Board then met with John Guheen, who told the Board that he had no knowledge of the Cease and Desist Order that had been issued to him regarding the use of his property on Potters Road in violation of the Town's zoning ordinance. He also told the Board that he had no knowledge of the written response to the order sent by his wife on his behalf.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to stay further enforcement action providing the property is brought into full compliance by April 15, 2007. Guheen asked that further correspondence be sent to him at an address in Tilton.

The Board decided to ask the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for preliminary plans for what the Board understands is the project to replace the bridge carrying Route 11 over the railbed and Depot Street with a large culvert for the railbed and an at-grade

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