

## Board Of Selectmen

July 16

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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

Spectators Joyce Forseberg, Mary Anne and Carla Levesque, Patrick O'Hagan, Joe and Norma Kenney, Don Gould, Jim Thompson, Bryant Adams, Jeff Newcomb, Barbara Aube, Rene Lefebvre, Frank Baker, Richard Bott and Sarah Hardy, Denise Parker, John Cotton, Howard Proctor, and Alan Hanscom were present for the portion of the meeting when lowering the level of Highland Lake was discussed.

Road Agent John Thompson reported that his crews are continuing to repair roads damaged by the April storm. He relayed a request from a resident to post Stewart Street with 25 mile per hour speed limit. The Board noted such a request is normally routed through the Police Chief and suggested it should be in this case as well.

There was a brief discussion regarding concerns raised by an abutter about the scope of ditching on Shaw Hill Road. Thompson told the Board that he is planning to start the Maple Street drainage project on the 23 of this month.

Under old business, Godwin told the Board that he would accompany Stetson at an upcoming meeting with representatives from the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, the New Hampshire Bureau of

Rail and Transit, and the New Hampshire Trails Bureau to discuss the selectmen's concerns regarding the requirement in the Transportation Enhancement Grant that the Town be responsible for future maintenance of the section of the rail trail covered under the grant.

The Board signed an agreement granting the state access to a small parcel of Town-owned land on Route 11 near Cemetery Corner during the upcoming construction project. Stetson told the Board that New Hampshire Department of Transportation officials have indicated the state would like to acquire this land and that they are investigating the feasibility of swapping it for the parcel that the state owns at the Blackwater Park. Final approval would still hinge on approval from the voters at next year's Town Meeting.

Fenton informed those in attendance that plans to effect repairs to the dam necessitate the lowering of the level of Highland Lake, which will start on Labor Day. He told the group that all of the stop logs would be removed so as to bring the water level down to the lowest point possible.

The plans call for replacing the outlet pipe that runs under Maple Street with a much larger box-type structure to allow more water to flow out of the lake during flood events and installing a concrete wall parallel to the road to stop the flow of water that is currently leaking through the dam. Fenton explained that the Board is awaiting more complete plans, so the Board could not

answer questions about specific construction details.

In response to another question, Fenton told those present that the Board has made no provision for the possibility that water supplies in shallow wells may be affected during the draw down. While the lake is down, he committed to investigating a complaint regarding the condition of the boat ramp.

Stetson told the Board that the engineer has committed to delivering 95% construction plans for the dam in two weeks.

Under new business, the Board signed a timber tax warrant.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted unanimously to pay only the originally understood amount to the consultant hired by the Conservation Commission to prepare maps for the Commission for use in setting conservation goals and priorities. These maps will also be useful during the Master Plan update process. The Conservation Commission had voted to pay the consultant \$1,150 as compensation for the actual time spent rather than the originally understood amount of \$500.

The Board signed a pole license agreement for new utility poles set within the Powers Lane road right of way.

Back under old business, the Board decided to solicit feedback from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation determining whether or not Sue Baker has complied with the conditions set forth in the driveway permit issued to her for access to the post office parking

lot in East Andover. The Board decided that because the location and configuration of the driveway is within the state's jurisdiction, the Planning Board would be impotent to regulate otherwise as part of a site plan review process.

Stetson told the Board that the new leaf pile at the Transfer Station will be in service as soon as signage is completed and installed.

August 6

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectmen Roger Godwin and Andrew Gup-till, Town Administrator Mark Stetson. Spectators Dennis Wright and Janet Muzzey were present.

Fenton thanked Dennis Wright for his 16 years of employment with the Town as supervisor of the Transfer Station. After a brief discussion, Wright and Muzzey left the meeting.

Road Agent John Thompson reported that the Maple Street drainage project is underway. His crews have installed pipe sections from the outlet past the manhole and are working toward Maple Street.

Stetson relayed the suggestions made by engineer Lou Caron during his site visit to Raccoon Hill Road last Friday, that should the Town replace existing cross-pipe culverts, they should be replaced with pipes at least 24 and preferably 30 inches in diameter. New pipes should also be long enough to facilitate proper headers on both the inlet and outlet. At 661 Raccoon Hill Road, he sug-

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