

## Board Of Selectmen

March 17

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectman Roger Godwin and Selectwoman Vicky Mishcon, Town Administrator Mark Stetson

By a unanimity of those eligible to vote, Fenton was elected chairman for another year. The following ex-officio assignments were determined: Mishcon to the Recycling Committee and Proctor Liaison Committee, and Godwin to the Cable Television Committee.

The Board then met with Road Agent Jon Champagne, who presented a draft of a maintenance schedule that he had prepared for town roads. He told the Board that his crews have already addressed minor erosion problems on Beech Hill Road and on Switch Road.

Acting on Champagne's recommendation, the Board ordered all town roads to be posted with a six-ton weight limit until further notice.

Champagne also told the Board that there is a leak in a hydraulic line or fitting on the right front wheel of the grader that is noticeable when the machine is operated in all-wheel drive mode. He informed the Board that he planned to schedule the dealer to perform the 1,000-hour service to the machine, at which time the hydraulic leak will be addressed.

Champagne told the Board that he had met with the owner of property on

Shaw Hill Road in regards to a complaint about winter sand washing into his driveway. Fenton asked Champagne to contact Kevin Sleeper to discuss with him concerns regarding plowing and sanding at the Transfer Station, particularly in the area of the trash trailer.

The Board reviewed with Champagne the status of the budget, noting that with a reserve of \$40,000 for the balance of winter from mid-November through the end of the year, the current winter budget is in the red as of March 15 by approximately \$2,000.

Champagne asked that the record reflect his appreciation to John Thompson and his crew for the fine job that they did for the previous four years.

The Board then met with Police Chief Glenn Laramie who reported that his department responded to 183 calls for service during the previous 30-day period. Included in those statistics were seven accidents and one arrest for prohibited sales of alcohol to a minor. Mishcon complimented Laramie on his presentation at Town Meeting in response to the questions about tasers. Laramie then showed the Board one of the tasers and provided an explanation of its operation.

Under old business, Stetson told the Board that work on the Highland Lake dam project is still progressing. The contractor plans to complete what work can be completed before spring by March 28. He also plans to re-open Maple Street to vehicular traffic at about

the same time.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from the engineer turning over the control of the water level of the lake to the Town. Stetson told the Board that the engineer has reported negotiations are ongoing with change order #3. No discussions have taken place as yet between the engineer and contractor regarding change order #5.

The Board agreed to relocate the terminus of the chain link fence adjacent to the west side of the inlet structure to transition into Bryant Adams' split rail fence.

Under new business, the Board approved appointment to the following Boards: Jon Warzoka, Bill Zimmerman, and Mark Cowdrey to positions on the Planning Board; Ellie George and Roger Laro to positions on the Recreation Committee; and Tina Cotton and Sandra Graves to positions on the Conservation Commission.

The Board re-adopted a resolution including liability coverage to all named members of Town boards and committees pursuant to RSA 31.

The Board signed agreements with the Andover Historical Society and the Fourth of July Committee extending the Town's insurance coverage for the Old Time Fair and Fourth of July celebration, respectively.

To satisfy a request from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, the Board signed a letter formally authorizing Town Clerk Marj Roy to perform the state portion of motor vehicle registration during her normal business hours at the Town Office.

The Board approved the renewal of Walter Locke's annual junkyard permit.

The Board agreed to consider Kevin Sleeper's request to be compensated for some of the dramatic increase in fuel costs.

The Board approved an abatement

request from the Tax Collector to correct an error in an interest charge.

The Board entered a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91A:3 to discuss the details of a request from a property owner to stay the tax deeding process, to discuss a personnel issue, and to discuss the ongoing negotiations between the engineer and the contractor of the change orders at the Highland Lake dam project. They similarly moved, seconded, and by a roll-call vote decided not to publish the minutes of the non-public session.

### Special Meeting of March 28

The meeting was held in two sessions.

**Session One** was held at New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES), 29 Hazen Drive, Concord.

Present: Dennis Fenton, Roger Godwin, Victoria Mishcon, Mark Stetson, Dana Hadley; Robert Durfee and Matthew Murawski from the engineering firm of DuBois and King; James Gallagher, Steve Doyon, and Brian Desfosses, from DES

The Board and their consultants met with representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to discuss the risk status of the Highland Lake dam.

The Board is concerned the dam has been determined to be a "high risk" dam. This is due to a residence downstream of the dam now having living space in the basement. The high-risk status will be a financial burden to the Town.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine if there are any options to allow the status to be changed.

Mr. Gallagher of DES said that there is no way that they could change the risk status as it stands at the moment.

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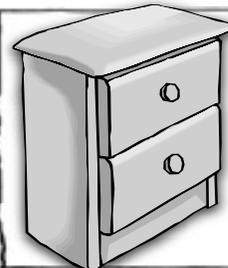
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