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continues. He asked the Board if the Town could sell several old pieces of road equipment such as plows and pieces of metal in order to bring in revenue to work on roads.

The Board explained that only funds that have been approved by the voters could be expended. The Board had agreed that items no longer needed should be sold if they have any value; under the gross budgeting act all revenues are absorbed into the Town's general fund.

Andover Recreation Committee: Roger Laro was in to advise the Board of the committee's plans for the recreation facility at Blackwater Park. Their plans call for a new recreation building to be constructed at the park. It will be sited on the property being purchased from the Department of Transportation. The Board recommended the committee visit the Planning Board when plans are finished so that information can be exchanged.

Police Department: Chief Glenn Laramie advised the Board of the last month's activity in the Police Department. For the period between April 15 and May 15 a total of 219 calls for service were received. There were 33 warnings and 12 summons issued for traffic violations. There were 3 arrests for operating after license suspension.

Chief Laramie asked the Board if the Town could bill a dog owner whose dog was transported to Boscawen. Normally an owner goes to pick up the dog themselves in Boscawen, but there was an incident in which the dog owner asked if the police could return the dog right away due to the dog's medical issues. Being after hours, it was necessary to send Officer Hewitt to Boscawen to pick up the dog.

The Board advised that in order to

do so an ordinance would be needed. If this was a continuing problem the Board would look to enact such an ordinance but would not proceed on this incident.

Old Business

Highland Lake Dam: Town Administrator Dana Hadley advised that CWS Fence will be installing the guardrail within the next week and that Andover Fence will have the fence installed on both sides of the road in conjunction with the guardrail installation.

New Business

The Board received and reviewed a letter from Alex Bernhard of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County.

The Board received and reviewed a copy of the letter from the Towns of Hopkinton and Webster written to the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative [the trash co-op of which Andover is a member] in regard to single stream recycling. Selectman Fenton explained how the trash co-op has come to the position that it is in today.

June 2

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Selectmen Dennis Fenton, Roger Godwin, Victoria Mishcon, Town Administrator Dana Hadley

Appointments

Road Agent's Report: Road Agent Jon Champagne met with the Board to update them on activities in the Highway Department. He said that he has kept the work being done to a minimum due to the financial situation in the highway department. He advised the Board that he feels that work that should be done as soon as possible is:

- Replacement of a few deteriorated culverts. One is located on O'Neil Drive and the other on Beech Hill Road. Cost estimate for these replacements is \$5,000.

- Replacement of approximately 100 delineator posts at a cost of \$3,000
- Crack sealing in the amount of \$4,000.

Town Administrator Dana Hadley presented an updated budget showing balances available in the Highway budget. He said that he has reserved \$52,000 from the budget for project costs at the Highland Lake Dam, and for replacement of the culvert on Channel Road.

Board Chairman Dennis Fenton also reminded the Town Administrator and the Road Agent that \$40,000 should be reserved for possible winter plowing costs for the last six weeks of the year. This leaves less than \$20,000 in the budget for maintenance issues.

The Board advised that they understand the amount of work that should be done on the Town's roads, however much of that work will not be possible this fiscal year due to the budget constraints. The major factor that impacted the budget was last winter's severe weather and energy costs. Chairman Fenton mentioned that one storm alone last winter cost approximately \$26,000 in plowing expenses.

Jon said that he will do the best that he can with the resources that he has to work with.

Jon met with a Maple Street resident to discuss the repair of his driveway following a drainage project from last year. The Board has an agreement with the resident for repairs, and the Town Administrator will work with the Road Agent to honor the agreement.

Old Business

Fuel Adjustment: The Board discussed the question brought to them by John Thompson at the meeting of May 5, with further discussion on May 19. The Board reviewed the Town's equipment rental rates in force during the period for winter 2007-2008. In the notes it is stated that the Town

will reimburse the owners of contracted plow trucks for a fuel surcharge during winter months using the current NH DOT schedule. As that was stated in the rate chart the Board will not have any further adjustment for the fuel surcharge stipend.

The Trash Co-op: Chairman Dennis Fenton advised the Board that the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative [the trash co-op of which Andover is a member] voted to proceed with the Single Stream Recycling Initiative. Early cost projections have errors relating to Andover. Former town administrator Mark Stetson has agreed to remain on the trash co-op's board representing the Town of Andover. He says that once the initial cost figures are corrected, the impact or change in cost for the Town of Andover will be inconsequential.

Highland Lake Dam: Town Administrator Dana Hadley told the Board that the Town received a copy of a letter written to Brian Defosse of NH DES certifying compliance for the Highland Lake Dam for the plans of August 27, 2007, revised September 27, 2007. The final report will be filed with NH DES and the Town within the next few weeks.

Town Office Building - Painting and/or Siding: The Board will solicit bids for siding of the Town Library/Office Building. The Town Administrator will prepare bid specifications for the bidding process.

New Business

Timber Tax Warrant: The Board signed a timber tax warrant for four reports of wood cuts for tax year 2007-2008. Town Administrator Dana Hadley advised that he is waiting for three more reports for 2007-2008.

Town Borrowing in Anticipation of Taxes: Motion: Selectman Godwin See Selectmen on page 14

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