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grants and loans to upgrade wastewater treatment, drinking water supply systems, reduce diesel emissions, clean up hazardous waste sites and petroleum contamination, remove the Winnicutt Dam, and implement watershed planning projects.

**Workshops:** New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions annual meeting was held on November 7. Pat attended.

**How to Make Your Town Farm Friendly,** sponsored by ASLPT, on November 12. Mary Anne and Jerry will attend.

**Monitoring:** The Newman easement was done by Sandra Graves, Nan Kaplan, Jerry Hersey, Ed Spencer, and Jim McKenna on October 29.

The Fenton easement was done by Sandra and Nan on October 30.

Members present at the meeting signed up for properties to monitor.

**Master Plan:** The last meeting is on November 24 before it is submitted to the Planning Board. The Natural Resources Inventory Chapter and Summary in the appendix along with Future Land Use will be reviewed at this meeting.

Tina explained the conservation subdivisions are basically "feature based" subdivisions that preserve open space for natural resource preservation.

**Conservation Chairs Meeting:**

- ALSPT will be doing a fact sheet

on conservation easements dealing with misconceptions.

- **Wildlife Action Plan** – UNH Co-op Extension will be writing a manual for towns to use.
- Suggested a conservation land presentation with photos for Town Meetings.
- If funding is requested at a Town Meeting, it should be for a specific project. The next year it should be noted what was accomplished.
- Suggested a conservation easement survey sent to residents including a member contact. Mary Anne will check on Warner's survey.
- Perhaps do articles on landowner easements and why they chose to put an easement on their land.

**Quabbin to Cardigan Grants:** This is due on November 20. It is for a specific project. Chris Well and Beth McGuinn discussed.

**Roger Hersey Fundraising:** There has been over \$21,000.00 raised to date.

**Updated Easement and Current Use Map:** Ed Spencer will work on these after Thanksgiving.

Jerry and Tina viewed the Tucker Mountain driveway and determined it needed a permit. Jerry told the landowner that he needed to file for a permit. Jerry estimated the permit to be \$50, but Jerry subsequently became aware that it was actually \$200.

Larry Chase is exploring setting up Bradley Lake Protective Association.

**School Board**

**November 4**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** School Board members Don Gould, Charlie McCrave, Erik Anderson, Lynn Baker; Administrators Mike Martin, Christine Barry, Jane Slayton, Robin Heins, Julie Gaudette; Public: Tina Cotton, Betsey Paine, Bill Bardsley, Jeff Newcomb, Reggie Roy, Carroll Gautreau, Ed Hiller, Victoria Mishcon, David Powers, and Herbie Bonk

**Public Participation:** Herbie Bonk apologized for missing the pre-bid meeting on the bus contract, expressed his interest in still bidding.

**Old Business**

**Budget Committee Meeting:** Ed Hiller presented information regarding the Budget Committee. The Andover Budget Committee would like to see a level-funded budget this year from the School Board. Ed mentioned reducing staff as a possibility to help level-fund the budget.

Charlie McCrave spoke to high school tuition and special education cost in the budget. Dr. Martin was asked about state averages for high school tuition. Dr. Martin explained that there are two factors for tuition: the number of students, and the rate.

Robin explained that fuel oil cost is locked in at \$1.74. Jeff Newcomb noted that there were open windows in the building as he entered. It was explained that this was due to the flu in the building and the need to ventilate and create an exchange of healthy, fresh air. An open storm door was noted as well, which Jane will take care of.

Carroll asked if there is an opportunity to reduce operating costs. Jeff Dickinson's presentation was discussed, which could lead to energy savings. There are also two other energy audits, as well as there is new wiring in the building.

Jeff Newcomb also inquired about negotiating costs down, such as the money paid to the SAU office. Dr. Martin explained that this is based on a formula, and Andover's portion is approximately 12% of the SAU. Dr. Martin explained the option Andover has to withdraw from the SAU.

**Science Curriculum:** Ryan Murphy, middle school science teacher, reviewed curriculum for 6th through 8th grades as well as shared work samples. Thank you, Ryan, for the great presentation!

**New Hampshire Minimum Standards:** Chris Barry reviewed a chart regarding the minimum standards for K-8 and middle schools. She will look further into the course differences to see if we are already addressing the differences.

**Andover Recreation Department Request:** David Powers from the Andover Recreation Committee attended to request to be able to move the ice skating rink from Blackwater Park to the Village Park. Dave reviewed the procedure and asked that on December 1 the lights be approved to stay on for skaters through 9 PM.

Charlie McCrave asked some specifics about the rink, and Dave Powers explained there is a membrane put down on the asphalt, and so it is not disturbed by the ice. Charlie noted his approval as long as the park is returned to the state it was in prior to construction.

There was also discussion about the safety of the poles. They can and will be padded for safety. Lynn Baker would like to have an agreement in writing in the event that damage is done.

**Sidewalk Construction Project:** Cement is being poured, and there should be paving by the end of the week.

**Music Room Window** will be installed Saturday at 9 AM.

**School Bus Transportation Bid:** Three companies have contacted the SAU, but turn-out at the pre-bid meeting was poor. There was discussion about a second meeting; Lynn Baker stated that the two companies who already attended should be accommodated.

All were in favor of having a second pre-bid meeting on a date that is convenient for the two people who have already attended, and of pushing back the bid opening to November 16 at noon.

**November 17 Work Session**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Board Members Don Gould, Lynn Baker, and Charlie McCrave; Administrators Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, and Jane Slayton; Public: Joanne Jones, Desirea Heath, Melissa Thompson, Ron Brule, and Terri Lee.

**Energy Rebate Program:** Neil Barry, Plant Manager, explained the energy rebate proposal from Atlantic Energy and New Hampshire Electric Coop. We pay approximately \$3,000 per month on electricity. We will see a 25% savings on our bill each month.

After discussion, the Board approved accepting Atlantic Energy rebate (including gym) program proposal with a total cost of \$35,239.83 with a rebate of \$15,630, netting out to \$19,609.83. Anticipated annual savings: \$9,633.

**Bus Bids:** Robin distributed and explained a summary of the bus bids opened on November 16. She explained that this is informational only tonight and that there was still much work to be done.

The members of the public present expressed their concerns about First Student. Joanne Jones stated that it is very important to look at each bid line by line. She also asked for copies of the bid submittals, which Robin will get her.

Robin will be making calls and do more work on the bid information to ensure the Board is making an informed decision.

**Middle School Attic:** Robin distributed the final report from HL Turner on the middle school attic. After discussion, it was determined that Robin will get copies of the report to Chuck Ellis and Chris Bengivengo (Andover Fire Chief and Fire Inspector respectively) and ask for their feedback before next

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