

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 12 and 13, 2006**

**March 12, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Hohenberger, Alan Carpenter, Galen Stearns, Bruce Breton and Margaret Crisler. Meeting commenced at 3:30 pm

**PINE HILL RD SITE WALK:** The Board met at the area of Pine Hill Rd to conduct a required site walk of the area in regards to a petition to upgrade the road from a Class VI, subject to gates and bars, to a Class V, fully town maintained road. Several residents were present during the walk. After walking the area of Pine Hill Rd, the Board recessed the meeting until Monday evening at 7:15 pm.

**March 13, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Hohenberger, Alan Carpenter, Galen Stearns, Bruce Breton and Margaret Crisler. David Sullivan, Town Administrator was also present. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chairman Hohenberger, at 7:00 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Hohenberger reminded everyone to vote tomorrow at the Annual Town Meeting. Voting is at Golden Brook School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mr. Sullivan announced that following a nationwide search, the Board of Selectmen promoted Deputy McPherson to Fire Chief effective March 8<sup>th</sup>. Chief McPherson's was pinned by Mary Butters. The Board and Mr. Sullivan congratulated Chief McPherson.

Chief McPherson thanked the Board, Mr. Sullivan, Police Chief Lewis and Mrs. Call for their confidence and support. He stated he enjoyed working with them as Deputy and is looking forward to working with them as Chief. He thanked his family for their support.

Mr. Stearns reported on last week's CTAP Steering Committee meeting with Commissioner Murray.

Mrs. Crisler announced the following events and urged residents to attend:

Firemen's Ball	March 25 <sup>th</sup>
Community Band Concert	March 18 <sup>th</sup>
Baseball Comedy Night	March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Daddy/Daughter Dance	April 8 <sup>th</sup>

Mr. Breton stated that the Conservation Commission had a joint meeting with the Salem Conservation Commission and asked Jim Finn (Chairman of the Conservation Commission ) to report to the Board on that meeting. Mr. Finn stated that the two commissions met to discuss lands that border both towns and extending Windham's trails. Mr. Finn told the Board that they will also be meeting with Pelham's Conservation Commission.

Mr. Carpenter thanked Mr. Hohenberger for his outstanding job as Chairman of the Selectmen for the past year.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Hohenberger read the following notice:

*“In accordance with RSA 231:9, notice is hereby given that the Windham Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on a petitioned request to upgrade a section of Pine Hill Road from a Class VI highway (closed subject to gates and bars) to a Class V highway (see RSA 229:1) beginning at 3:30 pm on March 12, 2006 on Pine Hill Road for the purpose of conducting a site walk of the area being considered for reclassification, and then will recess the meeting and reconvene on March 13, 2006 at 7:15 P.M. in the Planning and Development Department meeting room for the purpose of receiving public input on said petition. The hearing is being held in accordance with RSA 231:22-a (V) and RSA 231:8. The layout would be subject to an assessment of the costs to the Petitioner in accordance with RSA 231:23.” Please note that this hearing was originally scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, but has been rescheduled as noted above.*

Mr. Hohenberger reminded everyone that the Public Hearing actually began yesterday at 3:30 pm when the Board conducted the required site walk of the area being considered under the petition. The Board then recessed the hearing until 7:15 pm this evening.

Alfred Turner, Planning Director, described the area being discussed and explained the history leading up to this public hearing. He noted that the Selectmen in 2004 had approved the re-classification of Pine Hill Road for a length of 450’ to 500’ subject to connection with Jackman Ridge Road. Mr. Turner stated that the proposed subdivision has not yet been approved by the Planning Board.

Mr. Zohdi, of Herbert Associates, who is representing the developers, further explained the proposed crossing of the wetlands and answered questions from Board members.

Mr. Finn, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, told the Board that the Commission does not support crossing the wetlands as it will endanger the heron rookery and disturb this pristine area.

Mr. Breton stated that the Conservation Commission hired a consultant, Mark West, to review the proposed Pine Hill Extension – he favored the loop road. Fire Chief Messier also had reported that hydrants should be installed in the area.

The Board had Mr. Turner point out the town owned land in the area. Mr. Carpenter discussed a second point of egress being the connection of the area to Wall Street. Mr. Turner noted that on April 3, 2004 the Planning Board endorsed the reclassification of Pine Hill Road from a Class VI to Class V for the following reasons:

- “BOS asked the State for consideration of this in a letter dated 12-6-02
- Asked for as part of Sheffield Road extension/Butterfield Estates
- Master Plan

- Connection between North Lowell and Wall Street
- Tax-base enhancement of Wall Street property values
- Safety (decreased traffic and congestion through town center;
- consideration of facilities, intersection, events and accidents)”

Mrs. Crisler stated that she is not in favor of a major connector in neighborhoods and also this one would impact the rookery.

Gary Butterfield questioned the Board on the issues that would be involved connecting to Wall Street – private ownership, waivers, topo, etc. Mr. Carpenter agreed that there would be issues but he believes the connection will eventually take place.

Dennis Senibaldi, Conservation Commission member, stated that he voted no on this matter as it only allows for a few taxable properties and the environmental impacts are too great.

Mrs. Crisler stated that she wanted comments from the Planning Board, Highway Safety and Conservation Commission before voting on this matter. Mr. Stearns stated that the Town needs to develop road networks as discussed in the Master Plan.

Donald Levesque, 19 Sheffield Road, stated that he was completely opposed to the proposed Pine Hill Extension.

Tim Butterfield asked the Board what concerns they had with the loop design. Mr. Hohenberger stated that was a Planning Board matter.

Mrs. Levesque asked how they would be notified of future meetings on this issue. Mrs. Crisler stated that new hearings would require that abutters received certified mailings but that they would not be notified if a hearing was continued.

Mr. Sullivan noted that an email was received from Albert and Gayle Grella of 1 Pine Hill Road opposing the upgrading of the road as it would disturb the wetlands.

Board members discussed the best way to proceed – vote tonight or solicit more input. Mrs. Crisler motioned to continue this hearing until April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm and ask for input from the Planning Board, Highway Safety Committee and the Conservation Commission on opening approximately 500’ of Pine Hill Road but not requiring a connection to Jackman Ridge (plan before them tonight). Mr. Stearns seconded. Mr. Carpenter noted that the Selectmen decide the class of the roads and the Planning Board determines length, etc. Motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Breton and Mr. Stearns opposed.

**HIGHWAY DUMP BODY BID AWARD:** Mr. McCartney, Highway Agent, reported that he had received 3 bids for a dump body. They are as follows:

Donovan Equipment Co.	\$10,500.00
Hews Company, LLC	\$11,985.00
E. W. Sleeper Co., Inc.	\$10,559.00

Mr. McCartney recommended that the Board award the bid to Donovan Equipment Co. because of their pricing and quality of the equipment. Mr. Stearns motioned to award the bid to Donovan Equipment Co. for the bid price of \$10,500 installed. Mrs. Crisler seconded. Passed unanimously.

**MINUTES:** Mrs. Crisler noted that the minutes of March 6, 2006 should be amended to note that the Board complimented, not only Chief Lewis but also Capt Yatsevich for their handling of recent criminal events. Mrs. Crisler motioned to approve the minutes of January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 6, 13, 20, 27<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, as amended above. Mr. Breton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter received from the Department of Environmental Services regarding a waiver request for the Canobie Lake No-Swim Rule. The department denied the request.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Sullivan told the Board that Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator, received confirmation that the cost to repair the skateboard park would be \$375. Any other maintenance needed following the winter will be done as part of the original contract. Mr. Breton asked that the signs for the skate board area be installed in a secure manner. Mr. Carpenter motioned to approve the repairs to the skate board area for the children at a cost of \$375. Mrs. Crisler seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Sullivan told the Board of two possible dates for them to meet with the Pelham Board to discuss the Castle Hill bridge. The Board agreed on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sullivan, noting that elections are tomorrow, thanked Mr. Hohenberger and Mr. Breton for their help and support during the past years.

Mrs. Crisler asked Mr. Sullivan the status of the hot water at Town Hall. He stated that the two gallon tank has been replaced with a ten gallon tank.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Mr. Carpenter motioned to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, IIa and b. Mrs. Crisler seconded. Roll call vote – all members –yes. The Board, Mr. Sullivan, Chief Lewis and Ms Davis were present. The subject was personnel.

Mr. Carpenter motioned to support Chief Lewis' recommendation to appoint a traffic officer with this year's incremental cost not to exceed \$5,500 to cover possible staff movement including promotions and testing if needed. Mrs. Crisler seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Stearns motioned to adjourn. Mr. Breton seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Davis  
Human Services Coordinator

NOTE: These minutes are prepared in draft and have not been approved by the Board.