

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2003**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Galen Stearns, Alan Carpenter, Roger Hohenberger, Christopher Doyle and Bruce Breton. David Sullivan, Town Administrator, was also present. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Sullivan expressed his appreciation to the many employees and residents who expressed their condolences over the loss of his Mother.

Mr. Stearns stated that the Open House at the Fire Station on last Sunday was a huge success and thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Hohenberger stated that the CIP is progressing well and will send Mr. Sullivan a draft report for budgeting purposes.

STORM WATER PRESENTATION: David Poulson, Transfer Station Manager, gave a presentation and slide show on Windham's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. This program is required by the US Environmental Protection Agency as part of the Clean Water Act.

Mr. Poulson noted that storm water is the major source of water pollution. He explained the Transfer Station does operate under a Multi-Sector General Permit – MS4 issued by the DES.

Enforcement is through the EPA. Mr. Turner, Planning Director, told the Board that the EPA has been in the area and others have been fined for violations. Windham has done well to date – no violations. Mr. Poulson told the Board that Windham has established a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

Mr. Poulson stated that we continue our effort to preserve, protect and improve our water resources.

The Board and Mr. Poulson discussed the proposed salt shed – it is in limbo now awaiting upcoming regulations.

MINUTES: Mr. Doyle motioned to approve to approve the minutes of September 22 and 29, 2003 as written. Mr. Hohenberger seconded. Passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Request received from Guardians of the Rose @ Rose Haven – Natural Wellness Retreat & Holistic Training Center of Windham, to rent the Searles Building as a non-profit agency. The Board asked staff to schedule a meeting with Ms Scheffler to discuss this request as they wished more information.

Letter received from the Windham Community Band announcing that there will be a community concert on October 12th by a band from Switzerland from 2-4 pm at the Windham Center School.

Letter received from the DOT regarding planned incident management during construction of improvements to I 93.

Copy of letter sent to the DOT from the Appalachian Mountain Club, Audubon Society of NH, Conservation Law Foundation, NH Public Interest Research Group, Sierra Club and Society of the Protection of NH Forest regarding their concerns with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Improvements to I 93.

Letter received from the DOT stating that pursuant to our September 2nd correspondence, pedestrian signs were installed for the town center area on North Lowell Road – the existing signs were updated and distance added.

Memo received from Chief Moeckel regarding replacement of body armor. The Zylon inserts is breaking down and the distributor is offering replacement panels of Kevlar which adds weight or replacement vests of Kevlar at a 50% reduction in cost. The Chief noted that the body armor is replaced every 5 years – the present ones were purchased in 2001. The Chief also noted that if the Board agrees to replace the vests now, there are funds available in the training budget and they would not have to be replaced again until 2009.

The Board discussed various options and Sgt Wagner stated that the vests presently weigh 4 pounds and added panels would increase the weight by one third. Mr. McCartney stated that it made financial sense to buy the vests now at half price.

Mr. Carpenter motioned to approve the purchase of 15 vests made of Kevlar at a cost of \$5,600. Mr. Breton seconded. Motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Stearns and Mr. Hohenberger opposed. Mr. Stearns and Mr. Hohenberger stated that their opposition is not with the Police Officers but that they felt the vests should be replaced at no cost.

Mr. Stearns asked Sgt Wagner how the new guns were working and he replied that they were very satisfied.

WELL ORDINANCE: Mr. Sullivan stated that a Public Hearing is scheduled for October 20th for acceptance of the Well Ordinance as the prior public hearing was not continued by the vote of the Board to a date specific.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Stearns told the Board that Windham Pelham Cooperative High School Planning Board is requesting a letter from the Board expressing their support of the “overall concept” of a cooperative high school with Pelham. Mr. Breton so moved and Mr. Doyle seconded. Passed unanimously.

GRIFFIN PARK: Charles McMahon reported that significant progress has been made at Griffin Park – the building foundation is in, the floor is being prepared for cement and the septic and leach field are progressing. The Board discussed drainage and laser grading. Mr. McMahon will get a quote for laser grading for the Board for their next meeting. Mr. McMahon also mentioned obtaining donations for sod instead of seeding.

Also Mr. McMahon thanked the Highway Agent, Jack McCartney, for his hard work in removing the loam from the site so quickly in the areas for the tennis and basketball courts and the skateboard park. Weather permitting, these areas could be completed in 2-3 weeks.

Mr. McMahon also thanked Code Enforcement for their assistance and overseeing of the project.

OTHER BUSINESS: Signs - Mr. McMahon asked to address the Board as a State Representative. He explained that a new business, Lobster Tails, is opening in Windham in the next few weeks, and they applied to the DOT for signs on I-93 and follow up directional signs to the establishment. They were first approved and then denied as they are not located within a 2 mile radius of the exit off I 93. Mr. McMahon asked the Board for a letter which he would deliver to the DOT, asking them to reconsider their decision, either by a rule change or granting a waiver of the 2 mile limit. The restaurant is 2.4 miles in one direction and 2.7 miles in other.

Mr. Carpenter motioned to have staff send a letter to the DOT requesting reconsideration of their decision for signs for Lobster Tails. Mr. Doyle seconded. Passed unanimously.

Pond at Griffin Park - Mr. Stearns stated that the pond at Griffin Park is a magnet for children and asked what are the plans for this areas. Mr. McMahon stated that granite rip rap could be put around the shelf of the pond. Mr. Breton noted that the granite would also help to keep geese away. The possibility of fencing was discussed but some felt the rip rap would be a deterrent to children. Mr. McMahon will follow up with the DES to determine if a wetlands permit was needed.

PUBLIC HEARING: The notice read as follows: “The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at 8:15 pm on October 6, 2003 at the Planning Department to consider the acceptance of the Morrison Road Extension to Hancock Road from Station 0+00 to 9+88/7+00 as a public road”. Mr. Stearns noted that a memo from the Fire Department stated that this road did not require a cistern for approval. The Planning Board approved final release of the bond. Mr. Carpenter motioned to accept Morrison Road Extension from Station 0+00 to 9+88/7+00 as a town road. Mr. Doyle seconded. Passed unanimously. Mr. Carpenter moved to approve the final release of the road bond in the amount of \$39,330. Mr. Doyle seconded. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: The notice read as follows: “The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at 8:15 pm on September 8, 2003 (Continued to October 6, 2003) at the Planning Department to consider the acceptance of Easy Street from Station 0+00 to

19+00 as a public road". Mr. Stearns noted that a memo was received from the Fire Department stated that this road did not require a cistern for approval. Mr. Turner told the Board that the drainage was addressed. Mr. Doyle motioned to accept Easy Street from Station 0+00 to 19+00 as a town road. Mr. Hohenberger seconded. Passed unanimously. Mr. Doyle motioned to approve the final release of the road bond for Easy Street in the amount of \$9,500 to Edward C. Cooper. Mr. Hohenberger seconded. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: David Poulson, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, told the Board that the Committee would like to have a contest for suggestions for a slogan for the Town. He asked the Board if they wished this contest to be just for employees or children or all residents. The Board wanted all residents to be eligible to compete and they will make the final selection. Prizes will be awarded.

Mr. Doyle motioned to adjourn. Mr. Hohenberger seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Davis
Human Resources Coordinator

NOTE: These minutes are prepared in draft form and have not been submitted to the Board for approval.