

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Workshop of August 15, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Hohenberger, Galen Stearns, Alan Carpenter and Margaret Crisler were present. Bruce Breton and David Sullivan, Town Administrator, were excused. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Margaret Case, Cable Committee, reminded everyone of the public hearing on August 25, 2005 at Londonderry High School for the Southern NH Cable Television Consortium to hear input on the proposed transfer of the local cable franchise with Adelphia Cable to Time Warner and Comcast. Representatives from Adelphia, Comcast and perhaps Time Warner will be there. The nine towns in the consortium have met and generated a list of questions, which she will share with the Board and Mr. Sullivan. Attorney Epstein will also be there.

Mrs. Case also announced that the local cable station Channel 30 is now on the air, however, if you have a cable box, you won't be able to see the bulletin board for a few more days.

Mrs. Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator, then gave the Board an update on the skateboard park vandalism. The Board reviewed a proposal for repairing several areas of the park from BASR, which is estimated at \$1,700. Mr. Carpenter asked Dana Call, Finance Director, if we had any money in the operating budget for this. Mrs. Call indicated that no funds were set aside for potential repairs, but that the funds could come from the Town's Property Maintenance Trust account. Discussion ensued among the Board and Mrs. Haas about measures we could take to protect the skateboard park, as well as the multi-purpose building, from any potential vandalism and consensus was that a workshop be scheduled with the Recreation Committee, Police Chief, Mrs. Haas and Mr. Allan Barlow, Maintenance Director to discuss this as well as other recreation issues. Temporarily, Mrs. Call will coordinate with the Police Chief to have a patrol officer lock the gate each day at dusk, once the skateboard park is reopened.

Mr. Carpenter motioned to approve \$1,700 out of the Property Maintenance Trust to pay for the skateboard park repairs and instructed staff to pursue a claim with our insurance provider. Mrs. Crisler seconded; motion passed 4-0.

Discussion then turned to the upcoming Wiffle Ball Tournament being held at Griffin Park and Mrs. Haas indicated that the Recreation Committee had approved this event, as well as the

arrangement to donate a portion of the proceeds back to the Town for use in maintaining Tokenal field. There was concern among the Board regarding a “for profit” entity using the Town’s fields in light of previous discussions the Board had with the Committee on this topic. Consensus was to add this to the topics to be discussed at the September workshop with Recreation.

TRANSFER STATION WORKSHOP: Dave Poulson, Transfer Station Manager, was present to discuss the Transfer Station. He started with a discussion of the increase in the Transfer Station budget over the last several years and presented the Board with several statistics regarding increased trash generation and use of the facility. Mr. Poulson indicated that the vendor that takes our demolition materials recently purchased the only other competing facility, therefore, he has no idea what price this vendor will charge us in the future.

Mr. Poulson also notified the Board that due to staffing shortages as a result of earned time coverage and the split shifts, he has had to utilize more overtime hours than were originally budgeted. However, he noted that Transfer Station and Highway personnel have worked together on completing certain projects in-house, thus eliminating the need to contract out this work and saving funds.

Mr. Poulson then discussed the Yard Waste program at the old landfill. Running this program still puts pressure on the Transfer Station because he has to pull a staff person out of the station to run the Yard Waste program. Consensus was to revisit the issue for next year and determine whether we should hire a seasonal part-time person or if personnel in certain other departments might be able to be utilized.

Mr. Poulson indicated that he will be requesting a workshop with the CIP Committee to discuss long-term plans for the Mac truck and property adjacent to the Transfer Station. Further discussion ensued regarding the future of the station in light of continued residential growth, policing the use of the station by residents only, working with surrounding communities and strategic planning. Consensus was to pursue regionalization alternatives through the Rockingham Planning Commission.

The discussion wrapped up with the items the Transfer Station should look at in the short-term including how to control the trash inflow and possibly expanding the recycling program, as well as looking at whether we should expand the types of fees we currently charge.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Carpenter, who was excused from the August 8, 2005 meeting, asked the remainder of the Board if they received a satisfactory explanation from Mr. McMahon as to the reason for that portion of the discussion being held in non-public. Consensus was that the Board members present were satisfied, which is why they allowed the conversation to continue in non-public.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Mr. Carpenter moved and Mrs. Crisler seconded to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 93-A:3 IIa. Roll call vote, all members “yes”. The topic of the discussion was personnel. Mr. Poulson and Mrs. Call were in attendance for the session. Mr. Stearns motioned to accept the recommendation of Mr. Poulson to terminate a Transfer Station employee. Mrs. Crisler seconded; motion passed 4-0. Since this is a union position, consensus was to post the position internally and externally simultaneously, if the union approves.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Call
Finance Director

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