

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Minutes of August 29, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Roger Hohenberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Selectmen Galen Stearns, Alan Carpenter, Margaret Crisler and Bruce Breton were present. Town Administrator David Sullivan was also present, as was Town Counsel Bernard Campbell.

Mr. Stearns moved and Mr. Carpenter seconded to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 93-A:3 II e. Roll call vote – all members “yes”. The topic of discussion was land acquisition and the following were in attendance: the Board, Mr. Sullivan, Attorney Campbell, representatives of Appledore Engineering, School Superintendent Elaine Cutler, School District Administrator Brian Gallagher, School District Counsel Michaels, and the following members of the School Board: Barbara Coish, Beverly Donovan, Bruce Anderson, and Beth Valentine.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the impending High School project, possible land taking impacts, and related access/procedural issues. No decisions were made.

Mr. Hohenberger called the public portion of the meeting to order, and welcomed Mr. Breton back to the Board. Mr. Breton thanked all for their well-wishes and extended special thanks to Chief Messier and his staff for their efforts on his behalf.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mrs. Barbara Coish reported on her latest trip to the Town’s Sister City of Suzdal. She noted the group had visited several sites, including Orphanages 3 and 5, the Quilting Society, several new hotels, the City Library, and had attended Suzdal’s “Town Day”. She also reported that she had visited with former Building Inspector, Bruce Flanders, who was doing remarkably well after three months of rehabilitation in Moscow, and was now walking without crutches. As always, Mrs. Coish presented the Board members with souvenir gifts from this latest trip.

**TAX ASSESSOR:** Mr. Norman presented three abatement requests to the Board for review:

*Horseshoe Road:* Mr. Norman explained that a computer coding error had resulted in this right-of-way being assessed at \$48,000 as opposed to the correct value of \$10,000, resulting in an abatement amount of \$703.

Mr. Carpenter moved and Mr. Stearns seconded to approve the abatement as presented. Passed unanimously.

*36 Governor Dinsmore Road:* Mr. Norman explained that an interior inspection of the property had revealed listing errors, and that after comparison to 41 similar sales, he had reduced the assessment on this property by \$11,400, resulting in an abatement of \$210.90.

Mrs. Crisler moved and Mr. Breton seconded to approve the abatement as presented. Passed unanimously.

*First Street:* Mr. Norman explained that this property, a community beach, had been erroneously classified as a commercial marina. When corrected, a reduction of \$73,500 had resulted, for an abatement amount of \$1,365.63.

Mr. Carpenter moved and Mr. Breton seconded to approve the abatement as presented. Passed unanimously.

**ROAD BOND:** *Ryan Farm Subdivision/Off-site Improvements:* Mrs. Crisler moved and Mr. Breton seconded to approve the release of \$110,878.80 to Everett Ryan. Passed unanimously.

**PINNING CEREMONY:** Chief Messier officially introduced Lieutenant Tim Dunn. Lt. Dunn's fiancée, Christy, performed the pinning ceremony.

Chief Messier then presented full-time Firefighter Mike Specian, whose wife Beth, performed his pinning ceremony.

**WORKSHOP/FIRE DEPARTMENT:** *Fire Department Software:* Chief Messier discussed his previous recommendation to purchase the Red Alert Software with the Board. He noted that, per the Board's request, the Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the bid specifications and were in support of the Chief's position.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to support the Chief's recommendation to purchase modules for the Red Alert software up to the available funds in the budget. Prior to voting, however, the Board indicated they would like to review the warranty information. Chief Messier will follow up to gather the warranty information and purchase and sale agreement for the Board's review and possible execution at a future meeting.

Chief Messier then conducted a PowerPoint presentation for the Board, highlighting several topics including overtime, shift coverage, staffing levels, and earned time.

Chief Messier also reviewed departmental changes made to overtime coverage for operational demand/service calls. In addition, staffing distribution for specific incidents was reviewed including structure fires, EMS calls, and motor vehicle incidents.

Mr. Carpenter excused himself from the meeting at 9:15 PM.

The Board thanked Chief Messier for his attendance.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Mr. Stearns moved and Mrs. Crisler seconded to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 93-A:3 IIa, c and e. Roll call vote, all members "yes". The topics of discussion were personnel, reputations, and legal. The Board and Mr. Sullivan were in attendance in all sessions.

*Legal:* The members discussed a pending legal issue. No decisions were made, and Mr. Sullivan will follow-up on this matter.

*Reputations:* The Board discussed possible committee appointments. No decisions were made.

*Personnel:* Mr. Sullivan discussed an ongoing personnel matter with the Board. No decisions were made.

Mr. Stearns moved and Mr. Breton seconded to adjourn. Passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sullivan, Town Administrator

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