

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Minutes of July 23, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Selectman Margaret Crisler called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Selectmen Bruce Breton and Roger Hohenberger were present, as was Town Administrator David Sullivan. Chairman Alan Carpenter and Vice-Chairman Dennis Senibaldi were excused. Mrs. Crisler read the agenda into the record, noting that several items had been cancelled for the evening, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Petition received to layout a portion of Londonbridge Road from the High School to Castle Hill Road.

*Correspondence* received from the Planning Director and Highway Agent relative to concerns with the High School access road. Mrs. Crisler suggested a workshop be scheduled with the School Board to discuss this matter. Mr. Sullivan with follow-up with the School Board to arrange a date.

*Letter received* from Ms. Lynda Donovan of Squire Armor Road, expressing concerns with the timing of the Range Road/Route 111 signals. Discussion ensued regarding this concern, as well as the striping on Route 111 at the Wall Street intersection. Mr. Sullivan will follow-up to invite the State to a future meeting.

Mr. Breton inquired whether the School had responded to Mr. Turner's and Mr. McCartney's letters. Mr. McCartney indicated he had not received a written response, but that the School Board had indicated they would like to meet with him at the site.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. McCartney indicated that three bids had been received for the Town's winter salt as follows:

<i>Eastern Salt Co., Chelmsford, MA</i>	<i>\$60.90/ton delivered</i>
<i>Granite State Minerals, Portsmouth, NH</i>	<i>53.73/ton delivered</i>
<i>International Salt, Clarks Summit, PA</i>	<i>55.00/ton delivered</i>

Mr. McCartney indicated that last year the Town had paid \$46.67/ton, and none of the bidders this year would honor the State bid price of \$47.73. Mr. McCartney recommended that the bid be awarded to International, noting that even though they were not the low bidder, their salt was better quality and they were very responsive to the Town's needs.

After a brief discussion regarding the future of the joint salt shed project and any impacts it may have on the bid award, and the quality of the salt provided by International and the related value per ton, Mr. Breton moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to award the bid to International Salt for the amount of \$55/ton delivered. Passed 3-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED:** *Trenching Permit West Shore Rd:* Mr. McCartney explained that this property owner wished to install a conduit under the roadway for future use before the re-paving is completed, similar to the permit authorized several weeks ago for #29.

Mr. Breton moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to authorize the Acting Chairman to execute the permit for 22-L-79, 31 West Shore Road, to install conduit, with a bond as required by the Highway Agent. Passed 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Sullivan presented an abatement request relative to 1.88 acres on Coburn Road, which was offered as a donation to the Conservation Commission. The Commission has held a public hearing and accepted the donation, with the stipulation that the current use and first 2007 property tax bill be abated. Discussion ensued as to whether it was within the Board's purview to abate current use taxes, whether the other 8+/- acres

had been subject to current use tax, and the option to have the Commission purchase the property outright at a cost of \$8,700.

Mr. Breton then moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to abate the sum of \$8,700 plus interest for lot 8B-5300. Passed 3-0.

Mr. Breton moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to abate the sum of \$667.73 plus interest for lot 8B-5300. Passed 3-0.

Mr. Breton then moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to support the Conservation Commission's acquisition of lot 8B-5300 for the amount of \$8,700 if legal counsel advises that the Board of Selectmen cannot abate the current use tax as voted. Passed 3-0.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. Breton seconded to enter into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91:A-II:3 b and e. Roll call vote – all members “yes”. The topics of discussion were hiring and legal.

The Board, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. McCartney and Ms. Devlin were in attendance in the first two sessions. Mr. McCartney reviewed the potential candidates for the highway laborer position. After a brief discussion, Mr. Breton moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to extend an offer of employment at a rate of \$16.87/hour to the recommended candidate, subject to successful completion of a physical and background check. Passed 3-0.

*The Board* discussed a potential legal issue involving a property owner. Mr. Breton moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to present a counteroffer of \$1,000 towards the survey costs and Town will replace/reset the pin. Passed 3-0.

The Board, Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Devlin were in attendance in the remaining session.

*Mr. Sullivan* discussed staffing at the Transfer Station with the Board. Mr. Breton moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to authorize Transfer Station Manager Dave Poulson to hire temporary labor staffing as requested. Passed 3-0.

*Mr. Sullivan* discussed the vacant dispatcher position. Mr. Breton moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to authorize Mr. Sullivan to interview the recommended candidate and, if satisfactory, extend an offer of employment subject successful background and physical checks. Passed 3-0.

Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. Breton seconded to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Devlin, Administrative Assistant

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