

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

May 15, 2006

PRESENT:

Douglas W. Lyon, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Mark Kaplan, Selectman
Ruth I. Clough, Selectman
Jessie Levine, Town Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Debbie Cross, Intertown Record
Carolyn Dube, Argus Champion
Bob and DJ Lavoie, New London residents

Chair Lyon called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.

Meeting Minutes: The Board of Selectmen reviewed the minutes of April 17, May 1 and May 8. Mr. Kaplan moved to approve, seconded by Ms. Clough, and the minutes were approved 3-0 (Mr. Kaplan abstained from the vote regarding the May 1 minutes and Ms. Clough abstained from the vote regarding the May 8 minutes). The Board of Selectmen also approved the minutes of the Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting of April 29, 2006, with one correction.

Storm Update: Ms. Levine said that the Highway Department was out overnight on Saturday, May 13, working to save Lamson Lane from a full washout and monitoring the other roads and installing cones and barricades where warranted. With the assistance of the Fire and Police Departments, Lamson Lane residents were awakened at about 2:00 AM on Sunday to move their cars to the other side of the challenged culvert. No residents chose to leave their homes. Ms. Levine said that Pleasant Lake Dam is holding but that the Highway and Fire Departments are out sandbagging Hayes Dam this morning. The sewer system is handling a significant increase in water – 1200 gallons per minute instead of the usual 250 per minute – but there have been no malfunctions at this point.

Hilltop Day: The Selectmen discussed the 35th anniversary of Hilltop Place, which will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 17. All three Selectmen plan to attend.

Public Works Update: Ms. Levine said that Richard Lee and Chair Lyon had met with a representative of Aquarion, a company that contracts for operations of wastewater systems. Aquarion will submit a proposal for training and a short-term operations contract, as well as to write standard operating procedures (SOPs) and to evaluate the wastewater system. Ms. Levine said that Richard Lee has suggested designing improvements to the High Pine pump station, for which pumps were found that dated back to 1999 and were never installed. It is also questionable as to whether the generator at that station is operable. There will be a Sewer Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 4:00 PM.

Fiber Optic Update: Ms. Levine said that there was a series of meetings on Friday, May 12, in Hanover regarding the fiber project. The morning meeting was an update with the Consortium members, followed by lunch with the Lebanon City Manager, and an afternoon meeting with Valley Net. The subcommittees have been actively investigating potential applications; in particular, the Health Applications

subcommittee, spearheaded by Dick Cavallaro, has jumped out of the gates with a meeting set up for May 17 at 7:00 PM.

Newport/County Road: The Board of Selectmen authorized Ms. Levine to invite Clough Harbour & Associates for a proposal for final design of a roundabout for Newport & County Roads.

Mosquito Control: Ms. Levine said that a letter was mailed to all residents regarding the start-up of the mosquito control program. As expected, there were more requests for specific attention than there were requests not to treat particular properties.

Simunitions Training: Ms. Levine said that she has heard reports that the Police Department's "simunitions training" on May 8 and 9 was extremely successful. Carolyn Dube role played as a hostage, and town employees also participated.

Bond: Ms. Levine presented a spreadsheet prepared by Carol Fraley, Finance Officer, that summarized the long-term borrowing proposals from the area banks. Lake Sunapee Bank offered the lowest rate for the 10-year \$525,000 bond, at 3.8%, and waived the fees and costs for borrowing the funds. Chair Lyon moved to award the bond to Lake Sunapee Bank, seconded by Ms. Clough and passed 3-0.

Fuel Bids: Ms. Levine said that Carol Fraley had been working with Budget Committee member Bob Meck in an effort to get into the state's fuel contract. Ms. Fraley reported that the state received no bids for fuel for Merrimack County, so Ms. Fraley is now talking to the School District.

There being no further business, the Board of Selectmen signed the following items:

Building Permits:

- Theodore and Cheryl Clark, 58 Old Coach Road (Map 123, Lot 023), permit to install in ground Gunite swimming pool (20' x 40') – Approved (Permit 06-041)
- Paul and Susan Snow, 1331 King Hill Road (Map 129, Lot 001), permit to build 10' x 16' deck – Approved (Permit 06-042)
- New London Hospital, 273 County Road (Map 072, Lot 016), permit for removal of existing salt shed – Approved (Permit 06-043)
- Robert and Kathleen Kozikowski, 445 County Road (Map 072, Lot 009), permit to replace rear deck 6 ½' x 8' with 8' x 12' – Approved (Permit 06-044)
- Robert and Caroline Bossi, 51 Putney Road (Map 011, Lot 002), permit to build 30' x 40' barn – Approved (Permit 06-046)
- Robert and Caroline Bossi, 51 Putney Road (Map 011, Lot 002), permit to add various additions – Denied referred to ZBA per Article XX, B, 3, b (Permit 06-047)
- Judith Curtis, 385 Seamans Road (Map 086, Lot 002) permit to relocate garage – Denied referred to ZBA per Article XX, B, 3, b (Permit 06-048)

Sign Permit Applications:

- Temporary Sign Permit Application by New London Hospital Association, Inc., for a sandwich board sign 2' x 3' to be placed at the entrance to Kearsarge Regional Middle School entrance on North Pleasant and Cougar Court for Annual Book Sale on Friday, July 28, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday July 29, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.- Approved

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- Temporary Sign Permit Application by New London Hospital Association, Inc., for a sandwich board sign 2' x 3' to be placed at the Information Booth for Kearsarge Regional Middle School Annual Book Sale on Friday, July 28, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday July 29, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.- Approved
- Temporary Sign Permit Application for Summer Music Associates for the Information Booth for a 36' x 26' sign indicating "Concert and Ticket Information" for Saturday, June 17, 2006, Thursday, July 13, 2006, Saturday, July 29, 2006 and Thursday, August 17, 2006 - Approved

Other Items for Signature:

- Disbursement and Payroll Voucher for the week of May 15, 2006 – Approved
- First Half Property Tax Warrant - Approved
- Conservation Restriction Assessment Application for Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, 638 Newport Road (Map 045, Lot 001) – Approved
- Application for the Use of the Sydney L. Crook Conference Room by the West Central New Hampshire Regional Health and Security Communication Consortium for Committee Meeting on Tuesday May 16, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Approved
- Application for the Use of the Sydney L. Crook Conference Room by Senator John F. Sununu for Tuesday, May 30, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Constituent Outreach Meeting – Approved

There being no further business, the Board of Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie W. Levine
Town Administrator