

**PRESENT:** S. C. Volpone, Jr., T. C. Tocci, S. C. Hanson, Selectmen;  
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

S. C. Volpone, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

• **OLD BUSINESS**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (DEC 19 & 27):** These minutes will be addressed at the Board's next meeting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS-GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF DEC 26. -- \$2,329,600**

**ACTION ITEMS OF DEC 19 & 27:** This matter will be added to the next agenda.

**TREE WARDENS RSA 231:139-150 – RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT TO DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF FOREST AND LANDS, DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DRED):** E. N. Small explained that the motion made to appoint a tree warden was done in error as the Board of Selectmen only have the authority to recommend. E. N. Small reported that he has requested information on the process.

**MOTION:** To rescind the motion made at the December 19, 2007, meeting pending re-examination of the process to appoint a tree warden in conjunction with state statutes.

**MOTION:** S. C. HANSON  
**SECOND:** T. C. TOCCI  
**UNANIMOUS**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP – JAN 3, 4 PM, TOWN HALL:** E. N. Small distributed updated budget worksheets for review at the January 3, 2008, workshop.

**BUDGET HEARING – JAN 10, TOWN HALL, 7 PM:** E. N. Small prepared an agenda for this hearing.

**SETTING UP OF VOTING BOOTHS FOR JANUARY 8 PRIMARY ELECTION:** S. C. Hanson and R. Ruest will be setting up the voting booths on Sunday, 9 a.m.

**AUDIT BEGINS ON JAN 14**

**UPTON & HATFIELD – INCREASE IN HOURLY RATE:** The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Attorney B. Mayer notifying of an increase in the hourly rate for legal assistance.

**BROWN ROAD RETAINING WALL / EASEMENT:** E. N. Small reported that it is the Town's responsibility to repair the retaining wall that was damaged by flooding. He explained that there is a need to obtain an easement from the property owner (Barker) in advance of doing the work. The Board authorized E. N. Small to begin work with counsel on obtaining the easement.

**INTERNATIONAL SALT – AVAILABILITY OF ROCK SALT – ACCEPT QUOTATION WITHIN 30 DAYS?:** E. N. Small reported that a commitment has been made for 20 tons of road salt

and the Board approved obtaining same. E. N. Small indicated that Jim Ziolkowski will obtain the salt next week. The Board requested that efforts be made to make a commitment earlier next year for a sufficient amount.

**LETTER-AARON E. BROWN RE USE OF EAST ROAD FOR BUILDING MULTIFAMILY HOUSING - MAP 9-2:** A copy of a letter from Aaron Brown dated December 13, 2007, outlining his intentions to develop a multi-family housing use using East Road as access was provided to Board members for review. This matter will be added to a future agenda.

**CARDBOARD RECYCLING – NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE:** E. N. Small reviewed the problems occurring at the location of the cardboard recycling container at the Brush Dump. He reported that persons are not flattening cardboard before discarding which makes the container overflow and overflow to the ground. He stated that there are no other items being dumped but that the lack of flattening the cardboard is a problem. T. C. Tocci stated he is to meet with Gene Keller to review surveillance options. Request was made to include information in the newsletter as to the ability to dispose of cardboard once it is flattened or bundled.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

**HAWKER & PEDDLER ON TOWN COMMON – HOT DOG CART:** E. N. Small provided the Board with an application for Selectmen’s Permit to sell hot dogs at the Town Common. The Code Enforcement Officer denied this permit.

**OPINION FROM BART MAYER – STATE RECOGNITION OF CIVIL UNIONS RSA 457-A:** Information received from Attorney B. Mayer was provided to the Board for review.

**OTHER**

**PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS:** The Board signed three property tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector.

**CABLE TELEVISION SCHOLARSHIP:** E. N. Small reported that he spoke with Attorney B. Mayer with regard to this scholarship. Documentation will be provided to Attorney Mayer for his review and opinion. The Board requested that Attorney B. Mayer be asked to respond to the issue raised by the Department of Revenue Administration.

The Board inquired as to the membership of the committee awarding scholarships and requested information as it is felt this group should be appointed by the Selectmen.

**ENERGY COMMITTEE:** S. C. Hanson reported that he has not yet begun to work on this matter. The Board suggested he include information in the next newsletter.

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES:** E. N. Small reported that he has received notice of a resident’s interest in serving on the Cemetery Trustees. The Trustees will be notified.

**WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE:** E. N. Small reported that he received fewer complaints resulting from the recent snow storm. Those who reported damaged mailboxes are working directly with the contractor for replacement.

**PUBLIC HEARING – FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANTS:**  
E. N. Small reported that public hearing is required to accept these grants. He will work with Fire Chief J. M. Lord on legal notice wording and a date and time.

**CONSERVATION EASEMENT – TONRY:** E. N. Small provided the Board with a copy of a request from A. Tonry for reimbursement of costs associated with this conservation easement. This amount has been paid from the Conservation Fund.

**TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE – TOWN COMMON:** The amount of \$19,500 has been submitted for pavement and curbing at the Town Common. This amount will be requested by warrant article for 2008.

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION REFRESHMENTS:** The Board discussed refreshments for this year's deliberative session. This will be addressed as the date approaches.

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JAN 16, 2007, 7:30 A.M., TOWN HALL**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:27 PM**

**MOTION: S. C. HANSON  
SECOND: T. C. TOCCI  
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