

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
December 23, 2008**

Selectmen in attendance: Judith L. Churchard and Jason A. Cole

The meeting was opened at 6:34 pm.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Town Attorney Alan Shepard wrote a letter to Kip Devoll in regard to the portion of Old Center Road which passes through his property. Attorney Shepard stated that the Town will pursue discontinuing this road, but will continue to plow through the winter provided the roadway is cleared of Mr. Devoll's personal property or another place to put the snow is created.
- The Selectmen reiterated that mailboxes knocked over during plowing are not replaced by the Town.
- The Selectmen commended Fire and Rescue for the amount of work and time each department put in during the recent ice storm.

Laura Bragg – Town Clerk: Came before the Selectmen in regard to several issues:

- Had the Selectmen sign appointment papers for Registrar of Voters, Christine Torno.
- Laura stressed that all departments need to be involved in the creation of the General Government Budget. Selectperson Churchard is reviewing the detail report and making changes so it will be easier to read and understand.
- Christine Torno, Recreation Director, would like to start a Recreation Dept. Advisory Committee. The Selectmen agreed this is a good idea.
- SRS Masonry gave \$1,000 to our Fuel Fund and is challenging other businesses to meet this donation. Laura contacted Karen Gerrish and Andrea Rose to put this in their respective newspaper articles.
- Asked the status of the generator at the Lebanon Elementary School? Tom Cravens and Joe Saucier attempted to start it with no luck. Selectperson Churchard said Superintendent Paul Andrade will have an electrician look at the generator. Fire Chief Skip Wood said there is an electrician in Waterboro who services his generator.
- The Town is only supposed to plow .35 miles up Bog Road to the Orchard but the road is being plowed about one mile up. Residents and the School Dept. need to be notified that the whole road is no longer going to be plowed. Reference is made to records of the Town Meeting on 3/12/38. A letter will be sent to residents of Bog Road and the School Dept.

John & Mary Hastings – Flat Rock Bridge Campground: Came before the Selectmen with several issues.

- They are having a problem with the culverts draining onto their property. They would like the Road Commissioner, Ray Davis, to do some ditching on their side of the road to divert the water into the brook. Selectperson Churchard asked the Hastings' to remind her and the Selectmen with Mr. Davis will go look at the situation in the spring.
- The Hastings' have an issue with the fact that they cannot use the Transfer Station because they are a commercial business which requires them to rent a dumpster instead. They want to know why this is not reflected in the amount of taxes they pay, as they feel a rebate of some sort should be given to help cover the cost of the dumpster. Selectperson Churchard said she will look into this matter.

- The Hastings' feel the letter sent about filling out personal property forms was not very community friendly. The Selectmen apologized for any misunderstanding.
- Want to know why there has been no response from the Selectmen or Fire Dept. regarding the letter they sent about the August storm flooding. The letter stated that someone from the Fire Dept. told people at the campground they had to evacuate immediately. Fire Chief Skip Wood said there was no official notification of evacuation and fire personnel he spoke to said they did not tell people to leave, only to move to higher ground. There was a lot of discussion between the Hastings' and Chief Wood about whether or not someone from the Fire Dept. told people to evacuate and the conduct of the fire personnel in regard to the entire situation. Chief Wood will meet with the Hastings along with his assistant and deputy. Selectperson Churchard said the Selectmen will also look into the incident. Mr. Hastings asked that a response be given within one month and Chief Wood said he will likely see them before then.

Glen Stadig: Came before the Selectmen with a couple of questions.

- At the last meeting there was a question about logging going out to bid – any action on this? The Selectmen responded that everything will go out to bid.
- At the last meeting there was a question about an employee who had been indicted and whether or not he/she could still work for the town – any action? The Selectmen responded that the Town Attorney is being consulted.

Chris Gilpatrick: Came before the Selectmen with a several questions.

- Question about residents plowing their driveways across the road – any action? The Selectmen are working on a referendum to adopt an ordinance restricting this activity. At this point, there are no repercussions for this activity.
- Wants to know why the Fire Station wasn't plowed out until 11:00 pm during the last storm? He pointed out how important it is for the Fire Dept. to have access at all times. Selectperson Churchard told Chief Wood that whoever is in charge at the station during a storm is responsible to call Ray Davis to make sure it is plowed out, if no one shows up.
- Wants to know why one ton trucks got a raise of \$3.00 for plowing and \$3.00 for sanding, while the larger trucks only got \$1.00 for plowing and nothing for sanding? Chris doesn't feel this is fair, as the larger trucks use more fuel and cost more to run. The Selectmen will look into this.
- Question as to how the Road Commissioner's budget for summer and winter roads can be put together instead of separated like it's been in the past? Selectperson Churchard said it will be put on a referendum for the town to vote on. She also explained that the spending wouldn't change by doing this.

Selectperson Churchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm; Selectman Cole seconded and all were in favor.