

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

### **APRIL 8, 2002**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Margaret Crisler, Roger Hohenberger, Galen Stearns and Christopher Doyle. Alan Carpenter was excused. David Sullivan was not present due to a family death. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mrs. Crisler showed an orchid and said she will leave it in the Town Clerk's Office for a few days for our residents to enjoy.

Mrs. Crisler also made the following announcements:

The Garden Club's Daffodil Days were a huge success raising over \$6,000 for the Cancer Society. The Garden Club will hold their annual Plant Sale on May 18th. The Woman's Club will celebrate their 90th anniversary on May 5th. More details to follow. The Woman's Club will hold their annual Yard Sale on April 20th. Donations may be brought to the Town Hall on April 19th. Both the Garden Club and Woman's Club are accepting applications for scholarships. Contact the Town Hall for further details.

Soccer Award: Glenn Urgo presented a plaque to the Under 14 Division 2 State Champion Travel Team to our Windham team. The team won the championship in November 2001. This is the first Windham team to win the state championship. The Board congratulated the team members and their coaches.

Mr. Doyle announced that the Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 13th at the Fire Station from 11 am to 1 pm.

**LIAISON REPORTS:** Mr. Hohenberger complimented Town Counsel, Bernard Campbell, for his successful representation in a recent Planning Board case.

Mr. Doyle noted that he will be unable to attend the next Cable meeting and will ask Mr. Carpenter to attend.

Mrs. Crisler stated that she, Mr. Turner, Mr. Norman, Mr. Finn and Mr. McLeod met with Sen. Klemm, the DOT Commissioner, Carol Murray and the DOT Project Manager, Jeff Brillhart, regarding wetland mitigations and loss of taxable real estate value due to the upcoming project for I-93 and the Rt 111 By-Pass. Mrs. Crisler reported it was a very positive meeting and that the DOT was receptive to the Town's concerns. Further meetings will be scheduled.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Mr. Hohenberger read the following notice. "In accordance with RSA 31:95-e, the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on April 8, 2002 at 7:15 pm at the Planning Department for the purpose of considering the donations to the Town of Windham of the following items: 1. 1982 Ladder Truck and 2. EMS Laryngoscope Kits.

Chief Fruchtman stated that Kim Cummings, acting as Executive Director of Windham Terrace, donated \$500 to the department to purchase Laryngoscope Kits. Mrs. Cummings stated that with her background in nursing she appreciates the fabulous job the Fire Department does both for the residents of Windham and Windham Terrace and knows these kits will prove very useful. Mr. Hohenberger motioned and Mr. Doyle seconded to accept the donation from Windham Terrace with sincere thanks. Passed unanimously.

Chief Fruchtman stated that a Windham Family who wishes to remain anonymous, has made a \$25,000

donation to the Windham Fire Association to purchase a used ladder truck from American LaFrance Fire Apparatus in memory of all those who perished on September 11, 2001. The Association now asks the Board to accept the donation of a 1981 Thibault 100' rear-mount ladder truck for the Windham Fire Department.

Chief Fruchtman told the Board that he had the truck maintenance report from the Merrimack Fire Department. He also gave the following information as requested by Mr. Hohenberger at the last meeting;

- Predicted annual maintenance costs - \$2000.
- Training will involve personnel getting used to driving the vehicle and this will be done on their scheduled shifts.
- No additional staffing will be required.
- Replacement of vehicle estimate - place in CIP in 2009-2012
- This would be a multi-purpose vehicle.
- A new vehicle of this type would cost approximately \$250,000.
- \$5,000 of the donation is for vehicle re-certification and remarking.

Eric Hildebrandt, President of the Windham Fire Association, explained to the Board the background of the donation.

Mr. Stearns motioned and Mr. Doyle seconded to accept the 1981 Ladder Truck from the Windham Fire Association and extend their thanks to the family and the Association for their generosity. Ms Webster and Mr. Case expressed their support of this donation. Passed unanimously.

Chief Fruchtman stated that in conjunction with the donating family's wish to honor the memory of those lost on 9-11-01, the department is sponsoring a mural contest that represents that event. The picture would then be put on the truck. Please submit all entries to the Fire Department by the end of April. The donating family and members of the Fire Department will judge the entries.

**AMBULANCE BIDS:** Chief Fruchtman gave the Board a memo detailing the bids received for the replacement of Ambulance 2. Three bids were received: Horton - \$128,625.00; American LaFrance - \$133,023.00 and PL Custom - \$123,704.00. The Committee reviewing the bids recommends purchase from Quality Emergency Vehicles, Inc. 2002 Horton 553B Class I, Type III ambulance for their bid price. The Chief stated that the low bidder was not recommended as they could not provide aluminum cabinetry and other items. Mr. Stearns noted that the Department has purchased this type of vehicle previously and it has worked very well. Mr. Stearns motioned and Mr. Doyle seconded to award the bid to Quality Emergency Vehicles, Inc. for the vehicle described above at their bid price of \$128,625.00. Passed unanimously.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chief Fruchtman stated that the International Association of Fire Chiefs is sponsoring a program called "Tribute to Heroes" and are asking all residents to install smoke detectors and check their batteries; to plan a fire escape route and to conduct a fire safety check of their homes (if you need assistance, please call the department).

Chief Fruchtman again stated that although people are out on the ponds, the water is still extremely cold. He also reminded everyone that the department loans out personal floatation devices.

**BOBCAT EXCHANGE PROGRAM:** David Poulson, Transfer Station Manager, explained a proposal from Bobcat designed to exchange the 1989 skid steer loader for a sweeper unit and miscellaneous parts for the Stations new Bobcat skid steer loader. No money will be exchanged. The

value assigned to the 1989 skid steer loader is \$4000.00. This arrangement will reserve money in the budget for other station needs.

Mr. Stearns motioned and Mr. Doyle seconded to authorize Mr. Poulson to move forward with the exchange proposal as described above. Passed unanimously. Mrs. Crisler complimented Mr. Poulson for this innovative program.

**HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Board addressed the following Highway Safety Committee recommendations.

Mitchell Pond and Partridge Roads - Request to lower speed limit to 25 mph. This request was submitted by D. Dufault. The Committee voted to deny this request due to lack of evidence to support reducing speed limit in this area. State law requires prima facie evidence (speed Surveys) to lower speed limits to 25 mph.

Ms Davis stated that the resident who made this request was notified by Mr. Sullivan of the Committee's recommendation and stated that construction traffic has lessened and would the Committee consider installing a "Slow Children" sign. Mr. Sullivan will bring this to the Committee. Mr. Hohenberger motioned to accept the Committee's recommendation and deny the request. Mr. Stearns seconded. Passed unanimously.

Squire Armour Road - Request for street light at intersection of Range Rd and signage on Range Road indicating street location. This request was submitted by D. Goss of Squire Armour Road. The Committee noted that the State has agreed to amend their signage to show Squire Armour on signs located along Range Road. The Committee recommended the Board deny this request as the intersection of Squire Armour and Range Roads is open and no discernable need was shown. Mr. Doyle motioned to accept the Highway Safety Committee's recommendation and deny the request for a light. Mr. Stearns seconded. Mr. Goss stated that he made this recommendation as this intersection is a bus stop of high school students and in the winter it is very dark while they wait and other streets in the area have lights. The motion passed unanimously.

Cardinal and Oriole Roads - Request for "Stop" signs at intersection of streets. Request submitted by J. Donohue of Cardinal Road. The Highway Safety Committee recommended to deny the request for "Stop" signs but recommended the installation of double lines around the curve from Oriole onto Cardinal. The Board agreed to table this request to allow them to view the site. This will be on the agenda on April 22nd.

No Parking on Rte 111a and Rte 111 in area of I 93 and Corner of Rte 111 and Range Road - This request was submitted by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. The Committee tabled this request until further site developments occur in this area and feel that present signage in the area is adequate. The Committee would be open to readdressing this request at such time as additional development may occur. The Board concurred.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Hohenberger motioned to approve the minutes of March 25, 2002 as written. Mr. Stearns seconded. Passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Hohenberger asked if the punch list for work at Griffin Park had been done. Mr. Turner stated it would be done later this week. He also informed the Board that he was at the park today and the fields were dry.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS:** Mr. Doyle motioned and Mr. Stearns seconded to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, IIb. Roll call vote - all members - yes. The Board met with Chief Fruchtman and Mr. Turner. Subjects were hiring.

Mr. Stearns motioned and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to approve the hiring of two firefighter/EMTs as recommended by the Chief. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Doyle motioned and Mr. Stearns seconded to authorize Mr. Sullivan to negotiate at the approved salary with the candidate for Assistant Planner as recommended by Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Turner. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Stearns motioned and Mr. Doyle seconded to approve the hiring of part time personnel on a temporary basis for the Planning Department in the absence of the assistant planner. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Hohenberger motioned to adjourn. Mr. Stearns seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Davis  
Administrative Assistant

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

