

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
16 School Street
ALLENSTOWN, NH 03275**

SELECTMEN'S PUBLIC MEETING 08/21/06

Sandra A. McKenney, Chairperson for the Board of Selectmen, opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Present at the meeting: Sandra A. McKenney, Chairperson: Peter A. Viar, Selectman, Carol Merrill, Selectperson: Kelley Collins, Administrative Assistant, Chief Shawn Mulholland, Sergeant Greg Huard, Lt. Paul Pauquett, Carl Schaefer, Mr. Tichko from NH Fish & Game.

Traffic Ordinance

Sandy opened the Public Hearing on a traffic ordinance that will restrict parking on certain streets during the Old Home Day parade, at 6:03 p.m. Sandy closed the Public Hearing on parking restrictions at 6:32 p.m. Adopted and effective as of today August 21, 2006. Motion made by Sandy to accept the parking ordinance. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed 3-0.

NH Fish & Game

Mr. Tichko, a Marine Biologist, with NH Fish & Game met with the Board to discuss the possibility of leasing the Ferry Street boat ramp to the State. This would have to be voted on by Town Meeting in March. The State offers (3) options: the Town can give the boat ramp to the State permanently; the Town can give the State an easement in perpetuity or the Town can lease the boat ramp for 30 years.

Police Officer

Travis Stroud was sworn in as a new Police Officer for the Town of Allenstown. Present for the ceremony, Officer Stroud's parents, wife and two children.

Chester Turnpike

The Board reviewed and discussed placing a gate on Chester Turnpike. Sted Holton also reported to the Board that some trees should be cut down on Chester Turnpike for better visibility and safety. Sted also said that Holiday Acres is willing to pay half of the gate.

Skate Board Apparatus

The Board discussed with Police Chief, accepting gift of skate board apparatus from Litchfield, NH. Motion made by Peter to accept the gift of skate board apparatus. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed 3-0. The Chief will work with Hwy Dept. to get the item (s) from Litchfield to Allenstown.

FD Students

Board reviewed and signed appointment forms for (2) new Fire Department live-in students. Motion made by Carol to appoint Joshua Maxham and Patrick Weaver as F.D. live in students. Seconded by Peter. Motion passed 3-0.

2007 Police Dept. Budget

Extensive discussion with Police Chief and the Board over the Police Department and Animal Control Department budgets.

Donation

Police Chief presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$25.00 dollars for Allenstown Recreation. The check is a gift/donation from NH Lightning Softball Club for the use of Volunteers Park. Motion made by Peter to accept the gift of \$25.00 dollars. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed 3-0.

Non-Public Session

Motion made by Peter to go into non-public session RSA 91- A: 3 II (a) at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by Carol. Roll call. Peter yes, Carol yes, Sandy yes. Motion passed 3-0. Motion made by Peter to come out of non-public at 9:00 p.m. Roll call vote Sandy yes, Carol yes, Peter yes.

Motion made by Peter to go into non-public session RSA 91- A: 3 II (c) at 9:01p.m. Seconded by Carol. Roll call. Peter yes, Carol yes, Sandy yes. Motion passed 3-0. Peter made a motion to come out of non- public session at 9:14 p.m. Roll call. Sandy yes, Carol yes, Peter yes.

Dodge Road

Dodge Road will be paved, however, there is a bolder that is in the way and needs to be removed to make the drainage work properly. Jim Boisvert, Road Agent received two bids, both for \$500.00 dollars. Motion made by Peter to spend \$500.00 to remove the bolder. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed 3-0.

Fire Department

Kelley read an email from Deputy Martin that both he and the Fire Chief will be on vacation until the 26th and the 28th of August. The board expressed some concern that the emergency Mgmt. Director & Deputy EMD be unavailable at the same time.

Welfare Policy

The A.A. asked the Board to adopt new maximum allowable assistance amounts for Welfare based on survey Welfare director conducted of rents in the area. Motion made by Peter to adopt new maximum allowable assistance amounts for welfare policy. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed 3-0.

Audit Services

Kelley informed the Board she received one response to our RFP for audit service. Plodzick & Sanderson was the only response. Motion made by Peter to accept Plodzick & Sanderson RFP response for auditing services for the next three years. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed 3-0.

Regatta

Kelley informed the Board that she received a call from a member of the Amoskeag Rowing Club. He would like permission to use the Ferry Street boat launch in Allenstown for the Regatta to take place on the Merrimack River. The Board has no problem with that but AA should make him aware of current condition of boat ramp and get this request in writing.

Tri-Town Ambulance

Sandy stated that the Tri-Town ambulance will be submitting 2007 budget within two weeks.

Albin Ave

Kelley informed the Board that a resident of Albin Ave. wrote a letter in regards to his driveway conditions after the flood. The resident believes it is caused from the flooding on the road. Kelley has sent Jim Boisvert, Road Agent to look at his driveway. The Board feels they need an engineer's report stating that any drainage issues at 8 Albin Ave. are due to the Town's Road.

Scholarship Application

AA would like to attend Local Government Leadership – Level 1. The Board will review the application.

Police Budget

Motion made by Peter to revise the Police Department payroll budget by including a raise for the Chief. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed 3-0.

Health Insurance

Kelley informed the Board that she is comparing cost of other health insurance companies for Town employees.

Joint Loss Management

The Selectmen have had an opportunity to review updated JLM policy, as submitted by the Chair, Chief Mulholland. Motion made by Peter to adopt the revised joint loss management policy. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed 3-0.

FEMA

AA informed the Board on the ongoing progress on the paper work that needs to be submitted to FEMA.

Motion to adjourn by Peter, Seconded by Carol at 10:07 pm. Motion passed.

SANDRA A. McKENNEY, CHAIRPERSON

PETER A. VIAR, SELECTMAN

CAROL M. MERRILL, SELECTPERSON