

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE  
16 SCHOOL STREET  
ALLENSTOWN, NH 03275**

Sandra McKenney, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 6:31 pm. Present at the meeting: Carol Merrill, Selectperson; Thomas R. Gilligan, Selectman, Excused Absence, Kelley Collins, Administrative Assistant, Present in the audience: Police Chief Mulholland, Grace Northern/Representative from Barack Obama's campaign

### **Barack Obama**

Grace Northern a representative from Barack Obama's campaign met with the Board. BOS discussed the flood victims who are still in need of assistance. Elderly issues and Insurance/Doctors where also topics discussed. Police Chief mentioned Juvenile Justice grants that have not been funded by the federal government affecting the Boys and Girls Club. He also mentioned project street sweeper and Highway Block money. Grace will do research on these topics and will get to the BOS with answers.

### **Deed List**

BOS reviewed the tax deed list from the tax collector. Town Attorney drafted an agreement for each tax deeded property and the mobile home parks. The Board will review the document and share it with each of the parks before voting on using the agreement. Motion made by Sandy to precede with the three tax liens to take by tax deed (Doulliette, Hapenny and Osgood). Carol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes.

AA suggests that the Building Inspector do an inspection of the other properties before the Town tax deeds.

### ***Hooksett Banner***

BOS discussed Police Chief's email pertaining to the recent article in the *Hooksett Banner* regarding the meth lab discovered by the Allenstown P.D. email attached to minutes.

### **Detail Rate**

Police Chief met with the Board to review and discuss updating the Police Department's detail rate. Chief stated that Allenstown is one of the lowest paid departments their current rate to the police officer is \$30.00 an hour. Chief is proposing to increase the rate to \$32.00 an hour. Chief stated that is not what the tax payers are paying it is the construction companies and state parks and others. Motion made by Sandy to increase the outside detail hourly rate paid to officers from \$30/hour to \$32/hour. This makes the cost of a detail officer with a cruiser \$49.00/hour. Effective date of October 1, 2007. Carol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes.

### **Merrimack County**

Chief discussed the Merrimack County Drug Task Force. Chief stated that this is a growing trend - forming task forces to deal with multi-jurisdictional problems. Allenstown Police Chief and other Police Chiefs in the county have been working with Sheriff Scott Hilliard on the establishment of a county wide drug task force centered in the Sheriff's office. Chief stated that Allenstown Police Department is not large enough to have its own drug unit however if we work cooperatively with the Sheriff and other departments in the county we can form an effective county wide drug unit. Although some of the Towns in the county are budgeting funds for this initiative – the Chief is not proposing any funding for Allenstown's participation – it will strictly be mutual aid.

Police Chief informed the BOS that polygraphs will be preformed free by students who passed the polygraph class. This will save the town \$150.00

**October 20, 2007**

BOS and Police Chief discussed the full scale emergency exercise that will be taking place on 10/20/07. Chief will be sending out letters to residents when it gets closer to the date. BOS will receive a full briefing for the excise on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM at the Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public and is mentioned in the letter that will go to residents.

**Grant Application**

Chairperson signed a letter to serve as the government executive under the 2007 Secure Our Schools grant application for the Town of Allenstown.

**Night Secretary Position**

Chief informed the Board that the night time secretary will be leaving on August 27. Chief informed the Board of the functions of the night time secretary. He does have one resume for that position. Motion made by Sandy to allow Police Chief to hire a replacement for the night time secretary. Carol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes.

**Resignation**

Motion made by Sandy to accept Kate Walker's resignation effective August 27, from permanent part time secretary and reserve officer to temporary, part time, night time secretary. Carol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes.

**Bow Dispatch**

Police Chief asked if the BOS would like to meet with Bow Dispatch, to discuss the budget option with Bow Dispatch. BOS are fine with the information that the Chief has provided to them and do not feel like they need to have a meeting.

**Fish & Game**

Sandy asked if the Chief had heard anymore from Fish & Game in regards to the boat access project involving the State and the Town of Allenstown. AA stated the Town Attorney is working on this project.

**Prosecutor**

BOS would like to see the Town prosecutor being used more by department heads and committees chairs.

**Sewer Covers**

Sandy stated that she has heard the sewer covers will not be in until December 2007.

**Water problem**

AA and BOS discussed a letter a follow up letter from Dennis Meuse to the Building Inspector regarding the road/water problems on Riverside Park Drive. (See letter attached to minutes). This will be on next week's agenda. Tom is on vacation and this matter needs to be before the whole Board.

**Zoning Board**

BOS discussed appointing a resident to the Zoning Board who resides with a member already on the ZBA. Chairperson spoke with the Town Attorney and he stated that if the applicant is qualified that the BOS should appoint them and that the Town does not have the right to make the applicant disclose their living situation. BOS will bring her in and have a discussion. Motion made by Sandy to perform the background check on applicant for a position on the Zoning Board. Carol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes.

**Concord Regional Solid Waste**

Board reviewed a letter from CRSW in regards to the Town not having a representative to the Co-op's Joint Board. They are looking for the Town to appoint a new representative and alternate. Motion made by Sandy to appoint Chris Roy as representative and Marc Boisvert as alternate to the CRSW.

Carol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Sandy to accept the minutes of July 30<sup>th</sup>. Carol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes.

**Round about Pembroke**

Sandy stated that she went to the meeting at Pembroke Town Hall on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was in regards to the Route 3, Bow Lane and Pembroke Hill intersection. The cost of this project will be 1.2 million dollars. Construction will start April 2010 and should be finished by October 2010.

**Municipal Volunteer Award**

Sandy informed the Board that she has filled out the nomination form, Carol and Sandy signed the form. Tom is on vacation and will sign when he gets back. Sandy will mail form to the Local Government Center after all signatures are on the form.

**Budget**

Sandy asked AA the status of the budgets. They will be ready next week.

**Highway**

BOS discussed an email from Road Agent, Chris Roy, in regards to refrigerators and A/C units being sent to NRR, email attached to minutes. Also, in that email Road Agent is asking for pagers for the Highway crew, discussion took place. BOS is in favor of letting the Highway Department get one more pager.

**Letter**

BOS discussed a letter from a resident in regards to his assessment. AA gave BOS some history of this assessment. BOS will table this item until next week when Tom is back from vacation.

**China Mills**

Sandy stated that she signed the Preservation Services Grant Agreement for the China Mills project. AA will file a copy.

**Hardship Letter**

AA informed the BOS that she got a template of a hardship letter to be used for areas affected by the most recent flood, from our Assessors. The Assessing Clerk has revised the letter for Allentown's use. This item will be tabled until next BOS meeting, 8-20-07.

**MS1**

AA informed the BOS that she has filed for an extension for a month.

**Vacancy**

Discussion took place in regards to a possible vacancy within the janitorial position.

**Suncook River**

Chairperson asked the Police Chief if they where going to have a presentation of the Suncook River Geomorphology alternatives study. Chief stated after the study was complete a meeting will take place.

**ADJOURN**

Sandy motion to adjourn at 9:12. PM. Carol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

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SANDRA A. McKENNEY, CHAIRPERSON

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CAROL M. MERRILL, SELECTPERSON

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THOMAS R. GILLIGAN, SELECTMAN