

MINUTES OF HEBRON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008

PRESENT: Dick Cowern, John Dunklee, Bruce Barnard and Administrative Assistant, Karen Corliss

OTHERS PRESENT: Roger Bedard (Highway Supervisor), John Barbuto

7:00 P.M. **SNOWMOBILE TRAIL ACCESS ISSUE:** John Barbuto approached the Selectmen to discuss the issue of accessing the snowmobile trail from 34 North Shore Road (Tax Map 17 Lot 017). Mr. Barbuto is representing Elaine Crandall, owner of 34 North Shore Road, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Barbuto reported on Ms. Crandall's concerns regarding the issue of accessing the snowmobile trail from her residence and she is looking for an approved access route. Bruce Barnard informed the Board that Ms. Crandall spoke to him about this concern earlier. Selectman Barnard suggested utilizing Church Lane to access the snowmobile trail behind the Hebron Village Store. The Selectmen felt that this would be an acceptable route as long as the Police Chief approves.

7:10 P.M. **SNOW REMOVAL FROM DRIVEWAYS:** Roger Bedard approached the Selectmen to discuss the need to plow the driveways several times between snowstorms. Mr. Bedard inquired if they should charge extra for each time they return to the landowner's driveway. Selectman Dunklee asked Mrs. Corliss what the contract says. Mrs. Corliss informed Mr. Dunklee that there is no contract with the landowners regarding plowing private driveways. Selectman Barnard informed the Board that it has been known that the town would keep the driveways open with usual and customary piece of equipment that plows driveays. If the driveways become drifted in so the town equipment cannot remove the snow; then we ask the homeowner to hire a private service to clear the driveway. Selectman Barnard would like to continue with past practice for this year. Chairman Cowern felt that we should have a written plow policy for liability purposes. The Selectmen agreed that the driveways should be kept open and we should continue with past practices.

BRALEY ROAD PAVING: Roger Bedard discussed with the Board putting an article in the warrant to pave Braley Road up to Alan Esty's property along with the bridge replacement project. The Selectmen agreed to put an article in the warrant for 2008 to pave 1,100 feet of Braley Road.

7:35 P.M. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Selectmen reviewed the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of December 13, 2007 and made the following correction: page 1, 4th paragraph – change John McCormack to Luke Glavey. John Dunklee made the motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of December 13, 2007 as corrected, seconded by Bruce Barnard. The vote was unanimous.

The Selectmen reviewed the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of December 21, 2007 and made the following corrections: page1 change the spelling of "Pasquany" to "Pasquaney" and page 1 under Action Items, second bullet – add a comma after drainage. Bruce Barnard made the motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of December 2, 2007 as corrected, seconded by John Dunklee. The vote was unanimous.

The Selectmen reviewed the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of December 28, 2007 and made the following corrections: page 1 change "Panaroma" to "Panorama", page 1 change "Selectmens" to "Selectmen's" and page 2 add in account number before each number in the motion to keep the warrant articles. The minutes will be voted on later in the meeting.

8:00 P.M. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- The Selectmen signed the **accounting manifest**.

8:10 P.M.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- The Selectmen agreed to hold a workshop meeting on January 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office. One of the items that will be discussed is the disproportionate of assessments for the following properties **Richard and Joyce Cowern's property at 516 West Shore Road (Tax Map 20 Lot BMR.001-2) and Richard Beyer's property at 163 West Shore Road (Tax Map 18A Lot 004).**

8:30 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mrs. Corliss informed the Selectmen that Ron Ward of Camp Berea had a few inquiries regarding **Berea Road**. Mrs. Corliss stated that Mr. Ward is concerned with traffic pulling onto West Shore Road due to the lack of visibility because of the steep incline on Berea Road. Mr. Ward is willing to hire the repairs out, but realizes that Berea Road is a Class VI Road and needs permission from the town to do this. The Selectmen asked that Mr. Ward submit his request in writing. Mrs. Corliss reported to the Board that Mr. Ward questioned if there is a town ordinance prohibiting landowners to plow across a town road. Selectman Barnard stated that he was not aware of any ordinance in Hebron prohibiting people from plowing their snow across the town road.
- Mrs. Corliss reported to the Board that a notice came from the **Hebron-Bridgewater Refuse Disposal District regarding the 2008 approved budget** in the amount of \$500,000. Hebron's portion is \$250,000
- Mrs. Corliss updated the Board on pending **legal issues**

9:25 P.M.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Bruce Barnard made the motion to **approve the December 28, 2007 Selectmen's Meeting minutes** as amended (see above), seconded by John Dunklee. The vote was unanimous.
- The Selectmen discussed the **2008 Budget** further and will discuss the bonds with Northway Bank for additional information needed for the budget.
- The Selectmen discussed new information regarding **pending litigation**.
- The Selectmen commented on the **Hillside Inn and Union Congregational Church easements**. Chairman Cowern stated that he would follow up with the Hillside Inn President and get a copy of the proposed waterline easement to him for their action. Copies were made of the 1948 Town/ Church court decrees and placed in the respective tax folders.

9:50 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Bruce Barnard made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Dunklee. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Corliss
Administrative Assistant