

**APPROVED 02/28/2008**

At 6:10 PM the Board's meeting was called to order by Cordes. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Peter Bolduc, Donald Gates Jr and Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nygren.

At 6:11 PM Road Agent Guerwood Holmes came into the meeting. He wanted to discuss with the Selectmen the purchase of a new sander. The old sander had the screen fall in and the chain hit the bed. He had an estimate from Henderson Welding of \$4,000 to fix it again, and about \$1,000 was spent in December 2007 to fix an earlier problem. Holmes said there has been a lot of money spent on the old sander. Gates asked what a new one would cost. Holmes gave them two estimates that he obtained for a 10 foot stainless steel hydraulic sander. One from E W Sleeper was \$12,310 and the second from H P Fairfield was \$12,650.

Bolduc asked what belt over chain was. Holmes said the belt is what makes the sand come out evenly and easier. Gates asked if Goff's in Candia sells sanders. Holmes said no, not the big ones. Cordes said assuming we want to do this where would you get the money? Gates made a statement that he thought Budget Committee should be told. Holmes presented the 2007 Trustee of Trust Funds report showing a balance of \$43,552 in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Bolduc said that is what it is there for. Holmes will need to go and view the sander before purchasing it. Cordes said to have all the information to the Budget Committee and if they need an emergency meeting to discuss this they could consider posting one. (Budget Committee approval is not required.) The Selectmen are agents to expend from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Holmes likes Sleeper because of the lower price but needs to go see the merchandise. Cordes thought pending his viewing it, the Board should give him the go ahead with this. Gates asked what to do with the old one. Holmes said that the stainless steel tub may yield \$300. Cordes that maybe trying to trade in for scrap and you might get a lower price. Holmes said the thickness of the steel is good. Holmes felt we should proceed and he feels this is a good investment for the Town. A motion to authorize Holmes to purchase a new sander not to exceed \$12310.00 was made by Gates, seconded by Bolduc. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Bolduc asked what truck this would be for and Holmes said Leon Holmes Jr's truck.

On another matter, Holmes wants to see about going ahead with sign posting for weight restrictions on Sandown Road and South Road to prevent further damage during the spring thaw. Holmes spoke with Chief Janvrin who felt an ad has to go into the newspaper to notify truckers prior to installation of signs. Bolduc asked what the weight limit would be and was it for the vehicle being empty or loaded. The police will just stop trucks and tell them weight restrictions on hauling if loaded. The vehicle registration will determine the weight of the vehicle. Holmes thought the date of March 1<sup>st</sup> was appropriate to post these signs and as soon as frost is out of the ground, to take them down. Holmes thought the sign should say not in excess of 50,000 pounds. Bolduc thought this weight was high. Holmes said the max on a 10 wheeler is 55,000 pounds. Holmes then suggested 45,000 pounds to the Selectmen and how this would work out. Cordes asked is there a way to change signs if they needed to change the weight. Gates asked what a single axle dump truck was. Holmes thought it was 35,000 pounds. There was discussion regarding the weight of oil trucks. Holmes felt the tri-axles were the most important trucks to guard against, causing the largest amount of damage. Cordes, per the recommendation of the Road Agent Guerwood Holmes and his discussion with the Police Chief, made a motion to authorize the winter load limit posting on South Road and Sandown Road for weight restrictions not to exceed 50,000 pounds. This motion was seconded by Gates. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

At 6:30 pm the open session for Q & A on the trash contract / RFP was opened. Present were Jim Nocella from Waste Management and Mike Queene from Bestway Disposal Services. Cordes went through the basics of what has happened with Cape Disposal and asked them if they had any questions. Jim Nocella asked on page 4 regarding the clause that no fuel surcharges would be considered. He hasn't put a contract proposal out without a fuel adjustment consideration. He would like to propose that using

the US Department of Energy website that lists diesel fuel prices on this basis that he be able to adjust annually by these figures. Cordes asked Bolduc what he thought. Bolduc thought it would be tough to put a price together with the changing price of fuel. Nocella said he would like to give a fair price based on the price of fuel now.

Cordes asked can they put one with a fixed price and then one with an adjusting price for the integrity of the RFP to propose as the Town requested and they could maybe take a look at the second one. Gates also thought this a difficult task on today's market fluctuation of prices. Cordes asked is this the only factor for change and asked if there would be an adjustment made if the prices go down. The only other question Nocella had was on page 7 at the top that contractor will insure containers are picked up and put back into the yard where they were picked up. Cordes offered the clarification of this to be put back and not thrown on the property and didn't need to be put back into someone's yard.

Mike Queene asked about posting other days as pick up days. Gates didn't think it was a deal breaker. He also voiced the same concern with the fuel issue. He asked the question could they be needed in the middle of March if the other contractor backed out. Cordes thought we should proceed with what is in the RFP. Cordes thanked them for coming in tonight and showing their interest. Cordes wanted a memo to be sent to other companies that allowed for RFP's to be submitted with the opportunity to also submit an alternate proposal with fuel charge adjustments in it.

There were no department heads present tonight.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Gates to approve the minutes for 14 February 2008 meeting as written, seconded by Bolduc. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

The Selectmen reviewed information in an e-mail from Keith Stanton requesting clarification on whether a "Candidate Night" session would be allowed to be taped and rebroadcast to play on Fremont channel 22. Gates said this is for community interest. Cordes feels the current policy allows this, if the meeting/session is taped from beginning to end. Bolduc and Gates also agreed. Stanton will be notified of this decision.

Cordes read the agreement to process abatement of past interest on parcel 06-062.012.009 in the amount of \$1,568.50; and discussed a letter to Iacozzi and Torromeo regarding payments beginning on the 2005 tax lien. A motion was made by Bolduc to approve the abatement of a portion of interest and costs in the amount of \$1,568.50 on parcel 06-062.012.009. This was seconded by Gates. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Cordes then read the letter dated 02-21-08 regarding the 2005 tax lien on the above property. A motion to approve this letter was made by Gates, seconded by Bolduc. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made to approve the payroll manifest \$18,396.12 by Bolduc, seconded by Gates. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. A motion to approve the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$29,062.61 was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Cordes gave an update on the Energy Committee meeting of February 19, 2007. The Committee voted Bob Larson as the Chairperson. They are looking at reviewing all Town buildings and their energy use data. Each member took one building and will meet with the users of the buildings. The School will be done by Cheryl Rowell, Peter Bolduc will do the Town Hall, Gene Cordes will do the Safety Complex

and Bob Larson will do the Library. The Committee is still looking for other interested citizens. Guidelines were reviewed by the Committee. Their goal is to make sure there are updated heating systems in all buildings. The Town Hall system will be incorporated with the construction changes being done in the building, hopefully in the next year or two. The Energy Committee's next meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup> here at Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Cordes reviewed a letter written regarding the Current Use Application for Lot 02-070 by Conrad Magnusson. This letter outlines some of the physical requirements for the restoration of the land that still need to be completed by April 1, 2008. A motion to sign this letter was made by Bolduc, seconded by Gates. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Cordes presented a memo from Bob Larson regarding changes in the administrative policies of the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53-B (SRRDD 53-B); including streamlining of administrative and treasurer duties, and paying Waste Management directly for billing. Bolduc said we could have done this to begin with. The memo from Larson said portions of the changes have been instituted, but not accepted until voted on at their February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cordes feels this is great. Gates asked if they recover the money, would we get back some? Cordes doesn't think anything needs to be done by the Selectmen. The SRRDD 53-B Committee is meeting next Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> and Larson will attend to represent Fremont.

The Selectmen then reviewed their incoming correspondence folder.

Cordes indicated he had gotten a phone call from Jay Somers regarding the extension for the cable contract. By adding some numbers for the wiring of Old Ridge Road and the costs associated with getting service currently fed from Raymond and Sandown to be all fed from Fremont, cost of fiberoptic return line from here to Exeter, and an agreement to frontload some of the equipment for live broadcast; this adds approximately \$1.00 to the subscriber bill.

The Board needs to decide if this is the scope they want to deal with or not. Bolduc asked if the \$0.95 increase per month is per subscriber, and it would be. Gates asked if the Cable Committee is aware of all of these changes. Copies of the first sheet of changes was provided at the meeting of January 31, 2008, and Barse had part of that evening's discussion, but it is unknown if other Cable Committee members reviewed the minutes. The information includes:

#### ***Fremont Franchise Related Cost***

**\$5,000** *Equipment Grant. Average Franchise Related Cost (FRC) to Fremont customers for 1 full year: 0.06 per subscriber*

**\$26,436** *Return Line from Fremont Town Hall to the Exeter Head-end. Average Franchise Related Cost (FRC) to Fremont customers for 10 years: 0.29 per subscriber*

**\$47,700** *to re-engineer the following Fremont locations to receive the Fremont access channel; Midnight Sun Drive, Pulaski Drive, Treaty Court and Dakota Drive. Average Franchise Related Cost (FRC) to Fremont customers for 10 years: 0.47 per subscriber*

**\$10,000** *to extend cable to the remaining six homes on Old Ridge Road. Average Franchise Related Cost (FRC) to Fremont customers for 1 year: 0.13 per subscriber*

*Fremont Franchise Fee*

*One half percent (1/2%) of total gross revenues for the 1<sup>st</sup> full year of the renewal license is estimated to be \$6,000. The average franchise fee to Fremont customers: 0.40 per subscriber*

*Note: The average cost per customer as it is related to the FRC is dependent on the number of Fremont customers.*

*The average cost to Fremont customers as it is related to the Franchise Fee is calculated on the amount of the Cable TV services a customer subscribes to.*

Gates thought this should be discussed with the Cable Committee before anything further is decided. Cordes is okay with waiting for that. Cordes then read the Franchise Related Cost sheet aloud to the other Selectmen. Gates feels the extension should be signed as long as one person from the Cable Committee signs off on it.

At 7:30 PM Peter Bearse came into the meeting.

Cordes went over the work grant in the Franchise Related Cost sheet and asked what he thought. Bearse had a conversation with Carlson yesterday regarding this agenda item. He mentioned another late draft of the contract, but Bearse can't comment because he hasn't seen or read it yet. Gates was speaking to the sheet on the cost and asked if the Committee was okay with this. The Selectmen didn't want to make any commitments without discussion from the Cable Committee. Bearse hadn't got any responses back from the Committee. Bearse feels the estimates are okay, but are over the limits the Committee had previously discussed. The top section of the information sheet alone adds \$0.95 to the franchise fee. Bearse said the only figure agreed to was the return line cost and the initial franchise fee. Cordes said the equipment to be fully operational would be built into the franchise related costs. The other two significant costs at almost \$58,000; are to get the whole confines of the Town of Fremont on this feed.

Bearse said Stanton doesn't agree with most of this. Gates wanted to know the recommendation of the majority of the Committee. Bearse will poll the Committee and get this information. Cordes said the tape playback equipment arrangement will be done with in a side letter (outside the contract). Bearse said the tape player would be provided as a gift. Cordes said he was talking about the cost of equipment to go live which was about \$9,000. The current equipment that was there will be gifted (tape playback machine) said Gates. By doing this, it will keep the fees with the rate payers and not tax payers. Cordes said this will truly get the whole community on the feed, for use of the Community Access Channel.

Cordes said to bide a little more time, an extension could be signed off on. Somers sent this to be signed tonight. Cordes asked for Bearse to try to get something back by next week. Bearse stated that he would. The copies of the extension letter were passed out to be read. Gates said he was all set with this extension. Cordes wanted to look at options before making recommendations and was glad this was accomplished. Bearse asked if there were any other issues. Cordes couldn't think of any right now. Bearse discussed the return line cost and timing of the build-out of that return line. He raised the issue of what happens if the agreed cost is exceeded; and whether or not this being handled in a side letter will have the same legal standing.

Cordes in talking with Somers felt Old Ridge Road was under \$10,000 but Cordes thought a figure of \$47,000 was thrown out before and this needs to be focused upon. Cordes said with all of these options, we would then have a Community Access Channel, which we want to get up and running as soon as possible. Bearse asked if we are all set with the warrant article coming up. Bearse asked if there is a

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follow up Committee to pass the baton on to, and complete follow-up. Cordes said there wasn't yet, and it would be after Town Meeting and finalization of the contract. The Board of Selectmen doesn't have the time to handle all of the scope of broadcasting items, and does not want to micromanage it. Barse will check into an association that deals with programs and communication.

Cordes asked for a motion to sign the contract extension through March 31, 2008. This motion was made by Gates, seconded by Bolduc. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Cordes wants this as an agenda item at the Board's next meeting.

Barse reported as a Rockingham Planning Commissioner representing Fremont, that he gave a briefing to the Planning Board at their February 13, 2008 meeting about the Regional Brownsfield Assessment Program which works to redevelop sites that may be identified. He also asked if there was any issue with Stanton's note which the Selectmen discussed previously and found all right to rebroadcast a tape of the Candidate Night session. The Board again thanked Barse and he left the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Selectmen read the mail folder. The letter by Scott Boisvert was reviewed. A vote to accept with regret the resignation of Scott Boisvert was made by Gates, seconded by Bolduc. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. A letter accepting this resignation with regret from the Selectmen needs to be drafted to Mr. Boisvert.

Cordes asked the Board if there was anything further to discuss. Gates made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cordes. The meeting ended at 7:57 PM.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday February 28, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren  
Selectmen's Clerk