SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2000

Present: Don A., Steve L., Brian G. – Chair, Jim P., Lee S.

Absent: None

Dept. Heads: Wally R., Bud G., Richard K., Bill M., Brian K., Mary Ann W., Carol B.

Guests: Larry Ackerson, Vicki LaBounty, Nancy Reid, JB McKinley, George Vaupel, Mike Morrow, Mack Miller, Scott Corse

Meeting of the Selectboard convened at 6:00 PM.

LOWER ELMORE MOUNTAIN ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY: Brian G. explained that upon petition of residents of the Lower Elmore Mountain Road, the Selectboard requested a traffic study of the area by Chief Keith. Chief Keith stated that an engineering study, speed survey and speed tests were conducted as well as a road character and grade evaluation. He recommends a speed limit of 35 mph. Bill M. estimated the cost of materials to post to the end of the pavement at $532.50; to post to the end of the road $674.00 (not including labor). Steve L. indicated that he had received a call from a concerned resident requesting posting of the whole road. Lee S. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to post the entire Lower Elmore Mtn. Rd. at a speed limit of 35 mph. Vicki LaBounty and Nancy Reid expressed concern over the safety of children, animals and bicyclists. Motion passed. Richard K. noted that the new speed limit would need to be noticed in the newspaper for 60 days. Brian G. indicated that providing there is no opposition to the posting, the signs will be erected. Bill M. to order signs and posts.

HIGHWAY REPORT:
Village sidewalks near the Graded School should be finished this week. A notice needs to be placed in the News & Citizen by October 16th regarding leave removal the last two weeks of October and the first week of November. Brian G. mentioned that the Community Garden folks would like some leaves for mulching. Bill M. estimated grading and repaving the Fire Station parking lot at approximately $4,000. Cole Hill Road has received bank run. The screen will be moved to the upper side of the pit. Road salt is available at $4.44 per ton. One Department employee will be out for two weeks following knee surgery. The Board reviewed AOT's inspection report for bridge #215. Jim P. inquired about the reference to extensive rehabilitation. Bill M. indicated that it would have to occur after construction of the Bypass as bridge #215 needs to remain open. Julia C. outlined the Tenney Bridge Scoping Report. There will be a meeting on 10/19/00 at 10:00AM in the National Life Building. Julia C. and Brian G.

to attend. Brian G. requested striping of the municipal parking lot. Bill M. indicated he would be able to get to it next week.

POLICE:

The Department received 207 calls – no detox/transports. Full staff completed firearms training on 9/26/00. The annual staff meeting and first aid/CPR course will be on 10/10/00. The Department will be covering the Homecoming Parade and Celebration. To date $1465.00 has been collected toward the outstanding phone bill. A $660 balance remains. The Board suggested waiting a few more weeks before turning the funds over to Bookkeeping. The Town has received reimbursement for the cost of hiring additional officers during the Stowe Marathon. There are a growing number of juveniles hanging around the streets at night. The Department is consistently keeping after them. Their numbers may decrease as the weather gets colder.

FIRE:

Wally R. requested approval to request proposals for re-siding and painting the front of the station. The Board approved putting it out for bid. Wally R. requested approval to purchase radios, chargers, pagers and warrantees at significant savings through the Jeffords Grant program. Moneys for the purchase total of $4498.75 are available in the budget, with a $700 balance remaining. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to authorize purchase of portable radios and pagers at $4498.75 from Radio North. Steve L. inquired whether the equipment could be purchased locally. Wally R. indicated that it could not. The motion passed with Steve L. opposed. The Department has received a $6,750 Project Impact Grant for specialized training. The grant match has already been achieved through purchase of the Chevy Truck.

RESCUE:

Drivers in training are now taking calls. The squad has been able to arrange coverage for the entire month of November. Bud G. has met with Peter Cramer and Jeff Simone to pursue recruitment at JSC. Bud G. met with Brandy Stevens, Copley Hospital Volunteer Coordinator. The type of volunteer they recruit is very different from the needs of Rescue. She was not overly hopeful about finding anyone, but agreed to refer any possibilities. Brian G. inquired about non-essential Copley employees. Dan Ayers working on that possibility. Bud G. submitted an outline of qualifications/duties/responsibilities for a paid employee. The position would be in lieu of the existing administrative assistant and would involve 60 hours per week – five weekday twelve-hour shifts. Stowe has a similar position salaried at approximately $25,000. Lee S. suggested that Julia C. follow up with Dan Ayers. Bud G. and Dale P. are the only members interested in teaching safety classes and are unable to commit to a course until January. Bud G. inquired whether requesting coverage from Lamoille Ambulance should continue through the Rescue Board. Brian G. indicated it should. Lee S. suggested tracking Lamoille Ambulance charges through the Bookkeeping Dept.

moved and Brian G. seconded a motion to allow a newspaper vending machine in front of LCPC. Motion denied – Lee S., Brian G., Don A. against; Steve L. in favor, Jim P. abstained. Lawrence Laraway has requested a crosswalk directly in front of the Post Office. The Board considered the request and does not feel a crosswalk at this location is warranted. Julia C. requested permission to move Act 250 files in which the Town is not an interested party to the basement – permission granted. The Budget schedule for working sessions will be 11/06/00 and 11/20/00. Draft budgets need to be in to Bookkeeping by 10/25/00. Julia C. and Carol B. to work out agendas for the two sessions and provide proposed budgets to the Board ahead of time. Mary Ann W. requested Board guidance for calculating wage increases. The Board determined a total salary budget increase not to exceed 3%.

ANIMAL CONTROL:
No report.

HEALTH:
No report.

OLD BUSINESS:
The Manosh appeal to the BCA decision has been received and forwarded to PVR. The Selectboard needs to discuss possible defense with Dick Sargent. Dick S. to be invited to emergency meeting 10/3/00 or 10/04/00 at 7:00 AM. Lynn M. is contacting private appraisers for bids on comps for the defense. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of 9/18/00. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. Passed. Brian G. updated the Board on a discussion he and Jim P. had with Ken Schramm at Mr. Schramm's request. Mr. Schramm in concerned with the expansion of the airport and feels there is a need for more public forums to inform the public and allow the expression of opinion. Brian and Jim met with Mr. Schramm for an hour and a half. The Board determined that Mr. Schramm should be notified in writing that unless he has new information, the Board will not schedule him for future agendas.

NEW BUSINESS:
Don A. updated the Board on problems with the Pleasant View Cemetery. Herman Fiess has resigned from selling lots and due to personal circumstances the Commissioners are unable to take over this task. By statute, the Selectboard has no jurisdiction in the matter unless the Commissioners all resign. Brian G. suggested that Selectboard members attend the Cemetery Commissioners meeting on 10/04/00 at 7:00PM.

GENERAL FUND:
Lee S. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to pay Warrants #00-43 and #00-42 in the amounts of $131,550.64 and $30,713.55. Passed. Brian G. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to approve Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 9/23/00 in the amount of $24,385.08. Passed.