Selectmen Present: Janice Mulherin, Mark Andrew, John Fucci
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

Secretary: Janet Sherburne

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of 12-29-08 were approved.

SELECTMEN:

Ambulance Meeting Update: Janice updated the board on the ambulance meeting that she attended. Items discussed included the write off policy and call volume.

Transfer Station: Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station Superintendent, met with the board to review the 2009 budget. The board agreed to continue with the "Dump Dollars" program.
At 7:30pm the board voted unanimously to enter into executive session per RSA 91-A:3 11 (a) to discuss employee compensation. At 7:40pm the board voted unanimously to leave executive session.

EMS Ambulance: The board reviewed information regarding purchase of a used ambulance from the Town of Hebron. This request will be placed on the 2009 warrant and will be voted on at town meeting in March. The cost of the ambulance would be $30,000. The board received a request from Bill Taffe, EMS Director, to place the expense and responsibility of maintenance of the EMS vehicle under the EMS budget. This would give a true cost of running the EMS.

Fire Commissioner Vacancy: The Fire Commissioners, Dave Coursey, Jim McCart and Roger Winsor met with the board to discuss a vacancy. Roger Winsor has submitted his resignation. The board will hold this resignation until after February 2nd when the fire department members meet. At that time, David Coursey will ask if any department members are interested in the position. The Commissioners have recommended that the selectmen appoint Bob Francis as Commissioner. The board will hold off on the appointment, until after the Fire Department meeting on February 2nd.

Joint Public Forum: Janice Mulherin, John Fucci and Anne Dow will attend the meeting in Ashland on January 27th. The purpose of the meeting is to look into the possibility of area towns combining services.

Police Department: William Main, Police Chief, met with the board. He submitted a sample Background Check Policy for review. The board will review and discuss this policy at a later date. Chief Main raised concerns about the use of the former Whitcomb property in the village by NE Salem. It appears that the property is not being used as originally proposed. The board will ask a representative of NE Salem/Hunter to come in to a meeting to discuss this.
At 9:35pm the board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss employee compensation. At 9:45pm the board voted to leave executive session.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Computer Update: Anne's computer is currently being repaired.
**Diesel Fuel:** The State of New Hampshire has locked in the price of diesel at $2.65 for 18 months. This will affect highway and fire department fuel purchases.

**BRAVO Committee:** The committee is meeting on February 5, 2009 and would like to know if the board would like them to implement Phase I of the plan. The board agreed that Phase 1 could be implemented pending any expenditures from the 2009 budget that would have to be approved at the 2009 town meeting. The board would also like final approval on any signage to be put in place.

**Assessing:** 2009 Contracts with CNP for assessing were signed. The board agreed to pay CNP for 2009 work that was done in 2008. This will be paid from the 2009 budget. The board voted to accept the proposal from George Sansoucy for revaluation of public utility property for April 1, 2009.

**2007 Audit Report:** The 2007 audit report from Plodzik & Sanderson was reviewed. A meeting will be scheduled with the Town Treasurer and Northway Representative after town meeting to discuss investment and deposit policies.

**East Rumney Road Lot:** There is a small piece of property that has an unknown owner. The Planning Board will review the information that Anne has gathered.

To Sign: Checks; Cartographics Contract; Plodzik & Sanderson Audit Letter and 2007 Financial Statement Certification; Sansoucy proposal; CNP Assessing Contracts; Oaths of Office - Part time Police Officers and Animal Control Officer; Timber Tax Warrant - S.Piper; Supplemental Intent to Cut - D. Leverone; 2009 Fire Contracts; EMS Contracts; Transfer Station Contract - Dorchester

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne
Secretary