

**TOWN OF ACTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2006**

- 1. PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved as written.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Approved as written.
- 4. WARRANT:** Approved and signed.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) **ASSESSING:** Purvis's firm has finished the "pick-up" of new valuation from building permits and personal property located at Apple Valley.
- (B) **CABLE CONTRACT:** No action.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) **LAKESIDE DRIVE GROUP:** A delegation from Lakeside Drive was present to request that selectmen reconsider the decision not to maintain this road. Scott Dunham noted that their research indicates that the three roads that constitute Lakeside Drive are public ways, not camp roads or private ways and should be considered as Town Ways. He feels the Town needs to take another look at the status of this road. Nancy replied that unless they can show that the Town voted to accept the road as a Town Way at a duly recorded Town Meeting, the road can no longer be maintained under the Ordinance voted in at the June 13, 2003 Town Meeting, unless it is brought up to standards set forth in the Ordinance. The Selectmen have no authority to reconsider or override in any way what the Town Meeting adopted as law.

Tony reiterated what he had told them before - that they need to form a road association. Jim noted that their problem in searching the records is that they are trying to find what they hope the records say, not what is actually there. Pam McAlinden, who has been active in the formation of the Loop Road Association, explained her research relative to the 1989 Supreme Court ruling and what steps she has taken to help in forming a road association. She volunteered to share her information about forming a road association with this group.

(B) **DAM MEETING:** Nancy reported that she attended an organizational meeting with Shapleigh Selectmen and York County EMA to form an Emery Mills Dam Committee. The purpose of the committee is to develop a written policy which can be implemented in the event of a major storm, which causes the lake to flood. The next meeting is to be held at Shapleigh on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. They ask that the Town's EMA Director and Road Commissioners attend, as well as selectmen.

(C) **RETURNED CHECK POLICY:** On a motion by Tony, selectmen signed a Dishonored Check Policy, effective immediately, authorizing the Treasurer to impose a \$25 fee for dishonored checks and authority to create a list of persons who have given dishonored checks, requiring that all future payments from that person be made by cash, cashier's check or money order.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

8. MEETING: Sept. 11, 7 pm Shapleigh Emery Mills Dam

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Ruma, Tony Cogliandro, Jim Driscoll

OTHERS PRESENT: Chip Venell, Petey Smith, Percy Lowell, Pat Dutil, Scott and Terese- Ann Dunham, Jim Marquis, Pam McAlinden, Dennis Long, David Cote, John Moore, Lorraine Yeaton