

**TOWN OF ACTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2008**

**NANCY ANNOUNCED A REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE TO TAPE RECORD THIS MEETING AND ASKED IF ANYONE OBJECTED. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION.**

- 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved as written.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Because the meeting was two weeks ago Mike asked that this be waived at this time.
- 3. WARRANT:** Approved and signed.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. ASSESSING:** The new Trio Assessing Module was installed yesterday.
  - b. CABLE CONTRACT:** There is a meeting to sign the contract on Friday at 10 am.
  - c. TOWN HALL FLOOR MAINTENANCE:** There will be a meeting with Scott Gregoire, the installer, Thursday at 11 am.
  - d. STATUS OF ASSESSING FILES:** Coming along well.
  - e. FLAT GROUND ROAD BID:** Ads have been placed in three papers. Minimum bid \$2,500. Bids to be opened March 11, 7 pm.
  - f. NOTIFICATION OF GREG ROY:** A letter was sent this day, notifying him to either repurchase his foreclosed property or remove his belongings by the end of the month.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - (A) MEET WITH REC COMMITTEE AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** Ken Joy from the Rec Committee reported they are working on plans to improved the fields. They want to develop a parking place where the kids can be unloaded somewhere in the area of the North gate. They would like to see an increase in the number of volunteers to coach, transport equipment, work in the concession stand, etc. There is a need for better communication with the community.

Lois Michaud reported that the Conservation Committee meets the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7 pm and the public is welcome to attend. They have several new members who are contributing much to the committee. They are researching repairs needed at the Lincoln School and are working on mapping of all cemeteries in town. Mike commended the committee for the concern they have exhibited for th Town.
  - (B) ASSESSING GUIDELINES:** Dick has created guidelines for what should be done for assessing. On a motion by Nancy, those guidelines were adopted.
  - (C) SIGN APPOINTMENT:** Larissa Crockett's appointment as Planning Board Alternate Member was signed.
  - (D) BUDGET \$1100 for HANDRAIL ON LOWER LEVEL:** The CEO has requested that the

handrail be installed to be in compliance with the American Disabilities Act. Selectmen will include it in the budget.

**(E) BLIND EXEMPTION:** William Snyder was granted a Blind Exemption.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Carl Hodgdon announced that he was teed off by the junk mail that he received relative to the emergency sanding of a section of Lakeside Drive for the CMP truck. He said he resented the statement about special friends. He does not consider any of the selectmen as his special friend. He had requested the sand because there were three elderly people, one with a heart condition, without power and heat. These people's lives were endangered and he really appreciated the selectmen taking action in this emergency.

Marian Elliott said she resented the fact that the letter was unsigned.

Ted Richard said his wife had a heart attack and had to be transported and no one came and sanded his road. Mike said the Acton Ambulance was not available and Shapleigh was dispatched for that call. He does not know why they did not radio for sand if it was needed. Richard said there was a sand truck right there that didn't do anything. Davey Winchell said his was the sand truck that was there but he was not aware of the problem.

Dennis asked the status of the drug program. Mike said they should have one in place in June. They are using the same program Shapleigh uses.

Debbie Rix suggested that Selectmen get a list of private road contractors. Pam McAlinden said she would e-mail what she has to the selectmen.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**7. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Ruma, Mike Conway, Dick Neal.

**8. OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Anderson, Barbara Seckar, Marian Elliott, Debbie and Mark Rix, Dick Weymouth, Sheryl Carpenter, Scott Mooney, Chip Venell, Carl Hodgdon, Rich and Cindy Hart, Davey Winchell, Mary Yeaton, John Moore and friend, Pam McAlinden, Bob Knapp, Patricia Dutil, Kate and Bill Todd, Lois Michaud, Ted Richard, Paul Sannicandro, Burt Rogers, Dennis Long, Marc Brochu Lorraine Yeaton