

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2002**

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PRESENT: BRIAN M. MCDONALD, CHAIRMAN; DOUGLAS R. COOK, Co, CHAIRMAN, JONATHAN M. WALLACE, SELECTMAN; THOMAS C. REYNOLDS, JR. SELECTMAN; DAVID BOUGHER, SELECTMAN; LAURA PETRAIN, ADMINSTRATIVE COORDINATOR.

GUEST: Frank Campana, Matt Pelletier, Chuck Metcalf, Gene Bilodeau, David C. Nelson, Jessica Nelson, Bill Tiffany, Bob Richards.

The Selectmen's Meeting was held at the Town Office Building. Chairman McDonald commenced the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Chairman McDonald asked that everyone stand for the pledge of allegiance.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frank Campana -Mr. Campana asked a question of Selectman Wallace and read a portion of the meeting minutes from 10/21/02. Mr. Campana asked why Selectman Wallace feels Weare has a part time police department, how does he feel the residents have not supported it and what he would like to see in a police department. Selectman Wallace said they only have coverage up until midnight and said he would like to see a full time department , 24 hr. coverage. Mr. Campana read from the Want Articles back in 1999, Article 24 that was drafted by the Selectmen which read, " Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of x amount of dollars for the purpose of hiring 2 additional full time officers to provide for 24 hour police coverage?" Mr. Campana said at that point in time he tried to do some quick research and could not really find anything but he was almost sure at that time when Chief Tuttle was the Police Chief, they had a police department totaling 6 people including the Police Chief and that there are a total of 8 people in the police department now so why isn't there 24 hour coverage? Selectman Wallace said the Board did not hire any new people and if any hiring was done it was done by the Police Commission. Mr. Campana said the tax payers are paying for more police personnel and Selectman Wallace said that was fine but he did not want Mr. Campana to give the impression to people that the Selectmen hired 2 additional people. Selectman Wallace suggested that Mr. Campana speak with Chief Rigney to get a better understanding of what is required for a full time force and you do not have a full time force just because you have 6 or 8 people. Selectman Wallace said you have to take in consideration vacation time, sick leave, when someone is injured on job and out, all these things combined into what is required for a full time police force. Selectman Wallace said a full time police force with 8 people can probably be done but you are risking the guy that is going to be out sick or two guys out sick, so for someone to say, yeah, we can have a full time force with 8 people, maybe 25% to 50% of the time you can do that.

Selectman Wallace said it is a matter of looking at the issue, determining how many people you are going to need to provide 24 hour coverage so that when you have someone out sick you still have the coverage and you are not leading people into thinking they are getting something and they are not. Mr. Campana asked if it was unreasonable for him to think that back in 1999 when Police Tuttle said the Police Department needed 2 additional officers for 24 hour coverage that he did not have the experience enough to take all the things into consideration which you just said? Selectman Wallace said knowing what he knows now, yes, that was unreasonable. Mr. Campana said the other point that he would like to suggest to the Board of non support by the voters is, he thinks that the Board has gotten support by the voters, certainly we got a Safety Complex building, and police vehicles. Mr. Campana read from the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2002 when the Board was discussing the results of the voting for the building. Mr. Campana said that Selectman Wallace had said, "It was a strong statement that was sent by the Town at the Polls with regards to passing the Safety Complex." Selectman Wallace clarified that support can mean many things and that is certainly one area that support was given but he said he spoke to some people who were amazed that there were 400 - 500 people that still voted no on the Safety Complex building. Selectman Wallace also said that on October 16, 2002 there were some comments made by some people in the audience at the meeting to antagonize the Police Chief and that was one of the reasons he responded as he did. Mr. Campana said the only other point he would like to make is again, trying to get across to the tax payers that there is no support, however you want to interpret no support for the police department. Selectman Wallace said he does not believe anyone said there was no support. Mr. Campana said, "I read it to you Jon," "Selectman Wallace said you cannot come to us when we have a part time police force and say you need enforcement." Selectman Wallace told Mr. Campana that was specifically directed to some people in the audience who were saying we need you to do traffic control down at our house, so do not generalize it to the entire town. Mr. Campana said it also said voters do not support the police department, Selectman Wallace said we have a small police department by design. Mr. Campana said also, that back in August someone had stood up questioning the growth of the Town and Selectman Cook said that the Town has not supported this at all. Mr. Campana said that this was referring to the Town Planner, and that Selectman Cook said they don't have the support of the people regarding this. Mr. Campana said that his problem is when he sees at least two Selectmen sitting there and saying they do not have the support of the voters for whatever issues you may favor, he thinks it is unfortunate and he would like to see the Selectmen, in general, not looking at the glass as being half empty in pointing to the tax payers as being the problem. Mr. Campana said he thinks the things that the Board has asked for they have gotten the support for and not to point at the tax payer because he said if he was a tax payer and he truly supported those things and he heard from a Selectman saying he doesn't support it, he would be offended. Mr. Campana said to the Selectmen not to point fingers because it does not do them any good.

BUDGET REVIEW – Fire Department

Chief Robert Richards reviewed his proposed 2003 budget with the Selectmen. Various items were discussed with in the budget such as Secretarial Wages, Telephone lines, Dispatch Services, Computer Supplies, Radio Equipment, Radio Equipment Repair, Vehicle Maintenance Wages as

well as a CRF for protective clothing. Chief Richards was asked to rework the budget which represents a 49% increase over the 2002 budget, so that it reflects a 3% increase only and anything above that should be submitted as a supplemental budget. Chief Richards will also bring in solid prices for a proposed warrant article for a lease purchase for a new fire engine.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Elderly Exemption Information The Board reviewed an Elderly Exemption Increase Analysis which was put together by Craig Nichols, Assessing Agent. Selectman Wallace read a portion of the information. Selectman Wallace said due to the fixed income status of the elderly, Mr. Nichols is suggesting that one of two things be considered. The first suggestion is to exempt all 80+ elderly who qualify from any tax burden with an anticipated tax impact of .06/1,000. The second suggestion is one that the Town would increase 65+ exemption for \$30,000 to \$35,000, the 75+ exemption from \$40,000 to \$45,000 and exempt the 80+ from any taxes which would be an estimated tax impact of .07. The Board discussed these with respect to a proposed warrant article. The Selectmen will discuss the wording of a warrant article again in December.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Birchwood Drive – Mr. Carl Knapp said Mr. Art Siciliano gave the price of \$250 to do both markers and Mr. Powers will be responsible for the fourth one. Chairman McDonald moved to authorize Mr. Siciliano to set the two bounds for the amount of \$250. Seconded by Selectman Reynolds. Selectman Cook asked where the money was coming from. This was briefly discussed. Selectman Wallace asked if an opinion was received from NHMA regarding the Town's obligation. Mr. Knapp will look at his budget. A vote was taken. Motion passed with a vote of Four in Favor and One Opposed (Selectman Wallace).

Riverdale Road – Selectman Cook said he and Mr. Knapp met at the intersection today and came up with a couple of solutions to review with the Board. Mr. Knapp reviewed a drawing of the intersection with the Board. Mr. Knapp said they had looked at where the grass came out and bringing it out to make it more in line to River Road edge. Selectman Cook said it would actually extend King's front yard and line it up so people coming out of Depot Street would have a better view. Mr. Knapp said he was not sure if a stop sign could be put where they want it, but could have a stop line. Selectman Wallace said there are trees that are really blocking the view on River Road. The whole issue is that the Board was asked to put a 4-way stop sign up and the people do not want that and Chairman McDonald said that when he went out there he looked at Depot Street and said it definitely has a problem and he said that the corner we are cutting out he bets we have 2 feet before we are into New Boston, we have no room and there is a house on the corner of Depot Street and the town line is on the other side, so if you put a stop sign there it would be in front of Mr. King's house. Selectman Cook said he is not in favor in putting a stop sign there because Mr. King has enough to deal with. Mr. Knapp said he believes the intersection can be improved without a stop sign. Selectman Cook said we can definitely improve some bad situations, (1) being people coming out of Depot Street and by doing this you would just increase their line of sight a little bit more and he also

said that the time that he and Mr. Knapp spent down there today he said everybody ran that stop sign. Mr. Knapp said that until they received permission from a gentleman that lived on the River Road side you could see less. Chairman McDonald said that looking up River Road your vision will be improved because right now it is clearly blind and looking up Parker Station you still have to roll pretty far into the intersection just to be able to see what is coming. Mr. Knapp showed an area that cuts the corner pretty bad and suggested bringing the grass out a little more to keep the traffic from cutting that corner as bad, you will still be able to see by but yet people won't be able to crowd right into the King's yard. Mr. Knapp said that by putting a stop line out there it would make it legal and the other thing would be to double yellow line each direction and we would have to work with New Boston. Mr. Knapp also suggested that if we painted there would not be room to put an island there but you could paint an island that comes out in a cross that he explained to the Board to define the intersection better to give the people the feeling that there is something there. Selectman Bougher recommended a sign like New Boston has which says "Use Directional". Mr. Knapp said that the sign Mr. Bougher is referring to is a Weare sign in New Boston that he received permission about three years ago from New Boston to put the sign up. Mr. Knapp said he has traffic counts at this intersection. Mr. Knapp said there is about 2,100 cars that go through this intersection a day and that it is not the busiest spot on River Road because he also has traffic counts on Colby Road and there are between 2,300 and 2,400 cars a day. These traffic counts are for both ways not just one way. Mr. Knapp said the counter is right on River Road. Mr. Knapp said if the cars came up Parker Station and went Riverdale or vice versa it wouldn't have been counted at all. Mr. Knapp said the busiest part of the entire road is the section from upper end of Chuck Street to Colby Road because that is where all your side roads are on River Road. Ms. Jessica Nelson said it is not so much a stop sign and a dangerous intersection, it is to slow the people down that come around the corner. Ms. Nelson said that was the original intent of the letter that was presented to the Board. She said she would beg for an hour of the Weare Police Departments time once a week for three weeks to sit there, give the tickets, not warnings, tickets that give fines to these people because word of mouth gets out, watch Riverdale Road is a speed trap, the police may be sitting there and the people will start to slow down at that corner. Ms. Nelson suggested to look at Weare Police logs and she would bet a ticket has never been given out at that corner just warnings. Ms. Nelson said a lady up the road from her admitted she was speeding on River Road and she lives on the lower half of River Road and the Weare Police flashed their lights and told her to slow down. The woman was mad because she said the police should have stopped her. She said they do not stop the speeders on River Road. Selectman Wallace asked Ms. Nelson if she knew how fast the lady was going when she received a warning. Mr. Knapp said the majority of vehicles that go past his house are going between 40 and 50 mph. Ms. Nelson said if someone was going 30 mph going around that corner she should have plenty of time to back out of her driveway and leave but she does not. She can halfway back out and then someone will slam on their brakes and just about hit her because they have gone so fast around the corner and she has called Weare Police and has discussed this with them for years and has asked what can we do about this problem and Weare Police say they do not have the manpower. Chairman McDonald said he wanted to wrap this up and asked for a Motion on the 4 – way stop sign. Selectman Bougher moved to place a 4 way intersection. There was no Second. Motion failed. Selectman Wallace moved to paint a stop line with "STOP" and maintain it when necessary. Seconded by Chairman McDonald. Selectman Bougher amended the motion to include the double

yellow lines and fog lines to Mr. Knapp's discretion. Seconded by Selectman Wallace amendment. Selectman Wallace asked if the island is necessary or if the white lines are all that's needed. Mr. Knapp said he's not sure the triangle is necessary but he thought it would be a good idea. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. Selectman Wallace asked when it would be done and how much it will cost. Mr. Knapp said it will be .06/lineal foot per line. Selectman Wallace asked him to make the stop line a priority. Mr. Knapp said he hopes it will be done within a week but with the weather he does not know if the equipment is put up or what. Chairman McDonald moved to have Mr. Knapp rectify the intersection with Berman and other items as described. Seconded by Selectman Bougher. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Cook said that he wanted to point out that we have a variety of residents here and their property is on Goffstown/Weare or New Boston/Weare line and some pay taxes to New Boston and Goffstown and there are three different police departments all saying the same thing so Selectman Cook doesn't want to hear people saying that it is the Weare Police that are not doing their job because there are three departments not jut one. Mr. Cook said he does not know what the solution is either. Mr. Cook said this is a major thoroughfare where people tend to go fast on.

Administrative Coordinator Report - Ms. Petrain updated the Board on the following issues:

Lindsey Lane - Ms. Petrain reported that she received an e-mail from Attorney Eggert with regards to the Board's next step and the Board suggested it be discussed in a Nonpublic Session.

Melvin Valley - Ms. Petrain gave the Board a copy of a letter that was sent to Brian Hatholon, President of Austin Powder Company by Mr. Paul Doscher. Ms. Petrain explained that this letter was asking Austin Powder Company if they were considering our Conservation Easement because the money is there for that purpose. Selectman Cook said his concern is where they're going and seeking Conservation Easement on their own he would like to know how that is going to restrict the property because basically right now Austin Powder is saying that they are not going to put any restrictions on the property. Selectman Cook said that when the Town was going to purchase this property there were no restrictions but now that they are going off on their own he does not know if they are going to look for any restrictions. Ms. Petrain said she can find out from Conservation what the restrictions are. Selectman Cook said he knows they are gotten easements from other property owners and he knows that some of those easements can be very restrictive. Selectman Wallace said we have a company that needs the land to be uninhabited so that they can do their thing but we are going to ask the Federal Government to spend \$500,000.00 to purchase it anyway. Selectman Cook said that we are not going to ask them. Selectman Cook asked if the \$500,000.00 was spent does it come off the tax rolls? Selectman Wallace said he believes it would and if it did not it would drastically reduce it.

Lawn Care - Ms. Petrain said that she sent the last contract that they had for lawn care to PARC for their input to find out if there were any changes before we get pricing on it for the

budget purposes. Ms. Petrain said that Mr. Matt Pelletier was in saying that the cemetery has a price already which is already in their budget.

Perambulation of a Town Line - Ms. Petrain reported that the New Boston/Weare Town Line perambulation was rained out so that will switch to this Saturday, November 2, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Petrain said the Goffstown/Weare Town Line perambulation was done on October 19, 2002 but the project was not completed so they will be meeting up this week either Thursday or Friday to finish that up. Ms. Petrain asked the Board how they wanted to proceed with the Dunbarton Line because a gentleman came in and reported that the Dunbarton Line was off and they wanted to mark the trees and they were estimating approximately \$10,000.00. Ms. Petrain said that Ms. Margo McLeod will be coming in and let Ms. Petrain know what she would recommend to mark the Dunbarton Town Line and then Ms. Petrain will bring that recommendation to the Board and see which way they would like to go for the budget season, if any way. Ms. Petrain said that Selectman Wallace had asked her to look into that 911 call that was made on October 20, 2002 at approximately 1:10 a.m. and she wanted to update the Board. Ms. Petrain said the original information she received from the Weare Fire Department was that call came into Base 100 as a direct call and it was not a 911 call. Ms. Petrain said after speaking with the Supervisor at 911 she was told they received a call at 1:23 a.m. and it was called in as a fire call so 911 dispatched it to 497-3529 which is Goffstown Dispatch. Ms. Petrain said that may be the reason that Goffstown said it came in as a direct call but it still went through 911 and they are saying it was at 1:23 a.m., Base 100 which is in Goffstown is recording it as coming in at 1:20 a.m. and the printout said 1:22 a.m. and it was dispatched at 1:20 a.m. and 1:21 a.m. and Weare had their person on the scene at 1:25 a.m. Ms. Petrain said the minutes were off. Selectman Wallace said he had talked to a witness that said they called at 1:10 a.m. and another witness on Saturday who said they called at 1:15 a.m. and no one showed up at the scene until 1:30 a.m. Ms. Petrain said the first person showed up on the scene at 1:25 a.m. and at 1:32 a.m. they had sufficient personnel. Selectman Wallace thanked Ms. Petrain for researching that incident and the Board all agreed that it looked like things worked as they should have. Selectman Bougher asked if Ms. Petrain researched into the State Police response and she replied the 911 information was as far as she got on this incident.

Default Budget - Ms. Petrain reported that Ms. Elayne Pierson has asked that the Department Heads to have their Default Budgets to her by November 15, 2002 and to double check the figures that she has entered in to make sure there are no discrepancies. Selectman Reynolds said that he asked Mr. Forrest Esenwine, Chairman of the Police Commission about the Police Department Budget and he stated the Police Chief, Mr. Rigney is still working on it. Selectman Reynolds said in fairness every other department had to be in by October 1st and then they had one more week or two to get the one more detail format. Selectman Reynolds said the Police, ACO and Emergency Management still have to get their Default Budgets done. Ms. Petrain added a little note from the Department Heads that they were not pleased with the Deliberative Session date. Ms. Petrain said the Department Heads would have liked to see it on a Saturday and Ms. Petrain told the Department Heads that she would pass that

information onto the Board. Selectman Cook suggested having it on their regular meeting night along with the schools. Selectman Cook said it is not fair that John Stark has it on a Monday evening, because what if we wanted to go, they know we meet on a Monday evening. Selectman Cook said that if the Board were to have it on a Monday evening, the Weare School Board meets on Tuesdays and John Stark meets on Wednesdays. Selectman Bougher said he would say one thing in John Stark's defense as far as when they set the date. Selectman Bougher said the SAU has to do Weare, Henniker, Stoddard and John Stark so they have four meetings that they have to be at so it may be just a scheduling problem with that. Selectman Bougher said he didn't even want to talk about Stoddard. Chairman McDonald said he believes it is important to be concerned with the voters also, have Monday and Tuesday, give them a little bit of a break and if we do run into 1:00 a.m. no one is running off to work the next day. Selectman Reynolds said PARC Budget numbers is in Ms. Elayne Pierson's runoff from October 7, 2002 but he cannot put his hands on the actual itemized like the other departments have.

Safety Complex - Ms. Petrain said the Board received copies of the drawing from Mr. Steve Burnell on the Safety Complex with a letter attached. Mr. Petrain explained she also gave copies to Chief Rigney, the Police Commission, Chief Richards and the Board of Firewards. Ms. Petrain said that Mr. Burnell is talking about instead of bidding out the foundation to bid it all out together. Selectman Cook said the Board was leaning to do it separately but it looks like Mr. Burnell suggests we do it all at once. Selectman Cook said he had some concerns that in the paper last week there has been a couple of Safety Complex's proposed in the State and one was in Moultonboro for \$3.2million and one in Deerfield for \$2 million and it made him wonder if we were way off base. Selectman Cook said he called Mr. Burnell and asked him how realistic is this Safety Complex for the \$1.2 million and Mr. Burnell said he feels pretty good about it, 6 months ago he was not too sure but now he feels a little better. Selectman Cook said Mr. Burnell told him he would need a firm date of when we need some figures because if we go out to bid on this and it comes in at \$1.4 million there will be a problem. Selectman Cook said Mr. Burnell is looking for as much time as we can give him. Ms. Petrain explained that the Warrant has to be posted on January 27, 2003. Selectman Cook said he does not know what the solution is and he wants it to come in as \$1.2million, but what if it doesn't. Selectman Reynolds said we cannot wait another year. Selectman Wallace said what if the Board says it has to come in at \$1.2 million. Selectman Cook said Mr. Burnell was going to do some rough calculations so we will sit on this for about a week until we hear back from Mr. Burnell. Selectman Bougher asked if the layout in the drawing he was presented was it. Selectman Cook said yes, from what he understands. Selectman Reynolds asked what a soft room was that was on the drawing. Selectman Cook said he asked that question of Steve Burnell and was told by Mr. Burnell that it is a room that is geared to children, if interviewing is being done to a child they want a room that is friendly. Ms. Petrain said she also has a lot line adjustment form that needs to be signed that is for the lot line adjustment between the Towns property and Reed's property that Ms. Naomi Bolton sent over. Ms. Bolton told Ms. Petrain that it only needs one signature, the Chairman, but you are all welcome to sign also. Selectman Cook make a motion to authorize the Chairman

of the Board to sign the lot line adjustment form. Seconded by Selectman Bougher. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Clinton Grove - Ms. Petrain reported that the painting on the outside of Clinton Grove was done and that Mr. Jeremy Shepard has the shutters that he will be installing this week and those are painted also. Ms. Petrain said the only thing that has not been painted as of yet is the cellar door which is about an hours work and Mr. Shepard will be holding off and painting that in the Spring. Ms. Petrain explained that Mr. Shepard told her the way the cellar goes with the snow that we have gotten and the leaves Mr. Shepard is afraid if he paints the door and we get snow the paint will wash off and it would have to be done in the Spring anyway. Mr. Shepard touched base with Mr. Blanchette, the paint is here for it. Selectman Cook said he noticed a check in the Manifest and asked if it was the final payment for the painting and Ms. Petrain said yes, that we were going to hold onto it until the shutters are installed. Selectman Cook asked if there was going to be a final approval done on the job and Ms. Petrain said yes, she would hope that the Board would go out and take a look at it and that Mr. Blanchette has looked at it and is pleased with it. Selectman Wallace suggested to withhold \$50.00 for painting the door. Selectman Cook said he would like to see the door get painted now. Ms. Petrain said she would make sure the cellar door got painted now and not wait for Spring and she would have Mr. Blanchette take a final look at it when it is completed.

Gazebo - Ms. Petrain informed the Board that the gazebo roof is leaking and Mr. Roy Blanchette has been up to patch it and he said it does not look that great and the whole roof may need to be replaced so he is moving forward to get some figures on what it would cost to replace it.

All Seasons - Ms. Petrain reported that Richard Sparks who owns property in All Seasons was the only bidder on Lot 17 and the bid was for \$3,200.00. Ms. Petrain informed Mr. Sparks that the Selectmen would continue to put the bid out until we covered the cost. Ms. Petrain asked the Board if they wanted to take action on Lot 17. Selectman Cook made a motion to award the bid to Richard Sparks in the amount of \$3,200.00 for Lot 17 on 94 Buckley Road. Seconded by Selectman Reynolds. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – Approval of September 30, 2002 Meeting Minutes was postponed. Selectman McDonald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2002 as amended. Seconded by Selectman Reynolds A vote was taken. Motion passed with a vote of Four in Favor and One Abstention (Selectman Cook).

Manifests – Chairman McDonald moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign checks with accounts payable of \$214,516.18 and gross payroll of \$24,998.25 for a combined total of \$239,514.43. Seconded by Selectman Reynolds. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

River Road – Selectman Bougher said he spoke to some of the residents on River Road regarding the intersection and said he was asked why there were no center lines down all of River Road and Mr. Carl Knapp replied “cost.” Selectman Bougher said when he was speaking with some of the residents they had mentioned there was a Warn article a few years back and it was defeated. Mr. Knapp said there was a section that was agreed upon to be straight through that Public Hearing three years ago and it was up until last year, it is all gone now, and Mr. Knapp intended on putting it back this year and still may if it works out and that is a section from Deerhaven to Colby Road. Selectman Bougher said that was the section the residents were talking about because that seems to be the most dangerous to them.

Economic Development – Selectman Wallace said they still want to look at the Town Hall upstairs as something that has a kitchen, etc. for Seniors. Granite State did a high level survey with regard to getting rid of the power lines which estimated at \$400,000. Selectman Wallace said this didn’t include PSNH but Selectman Cook said that it probably wouldn’t be twice the cost if they can piggy back. Selectman Bougher suggested they still get the price from PSNH. Selectman Wallace said the economic development project is about \$1.2 million.

Fire Department – Selectman Wallace said if they end up getting rid of the Fire Station he would like to see a park with some benches and a fountain in that location.

Halloween - Selectman Wallace said trick or treat is a date that they just can’t win on and suggested they rotate the dates. Selectman Cook said that the police department had tried to coordinate with the Towns so that they can have it one night and were disappointed that they decided to have it on Sunday. Selectman Reynolds said they should have let the Selectmen know.

South Fire Station – Selectman Cook said he asked the Board if they wanted to do something with regard to the land swap. Selectman Cook asked to get the figures from Craig on that land (value of land on Mountain Road).

Default Budget – Selectman Cook said he would like to get a legal opinion as to if someone is hired now, do they become a part of the default budget. The past opinion from McLane Law Firm was discussed. Selectman Wallace said their basic opinion is that if they can justify the cause, then it is allowed. The Board decided that they would move forward and get an opinion on this question. Selectman Cook will find out ahead of time how much the opinion will cost.

Planning Board – Selectman Cook said they had a demonstration put on by Geo Research the other night and they demonstrated a form of a GIS system. Selectman Cook said at this time we have Arch View and have had that system for 2 - 3 years. Selectman Cook said we paid \$1,000.00 for Arch View, Mr. Everett Stone attended and one of the advantages when purchasing the system was a free training session. Selectman Cook said it has not really been used and Ms. Naomi Bolton, Mr. Craig Nichols and Mr. Stone took another course again and Selectman Cook being laid up over the summer had a chance to do some work with it and the bottom line is what we are getting out of this system is it is not very user friendly, it takes a lot of training and it takes a lot of having to use it all

the time to be well versed in it. Selectman Cook said he found out it was a read only application and Selectman Cook wanted to be able to take the lot line adjustments and the sub divisions that we sub contract out for the Planning Board, for maps to be digitized, to be able to do in house and save about \$2,500.00 a year and have our maps kept current. Selectman Cook said from April to April we take everything that has been presented to us prior and send out and have digitized and they update our maps so something that was done in May our maps are not updated until almost a year later. Selectman Cook said what the Planning Board came across was this company that has a form of a GIS system but more user friendly than Arch View and had a demonstration on some of things it can do. Selectman Cook said Mr. Craig Nichols from Assessing was there also. Selectman Cook said the company Geo Research took some of our information so that we could pull up some areas and do a demonstration. Selectman Cook said that one of the things that came out of this meeting was this company wants to make a presence in New Hampshire and we could potentially get in on the beginning of this and not pay full price. The initial cost was up around \$10,000.00 and because this company wants to make a presence in New Hampshire we could potentially reduce that cost and maybe bring it somewhere around \$5,000.00 because there is a lot of data that we already have available. Selectman Cook said that the Chairman of the Planning Board, Paul Morin, was going to submit something in writing to the Board and Mr. Morin called Selectman Cook today and told Selectman Cook that he spoke with Mr. Tom True, the Engineer that was with Mr. Morin and Mr. True would be the distributor. Selectman Cook said Mr. True was willing to take all of the Planning Board information since April and put it into the system. Geo Research was saying how easy it is to make our own adjustments to our maps and saving money and with Arch View we cannot do that because of it being a read only file. Mr. True told Selectman Cook someone could be trained in an hour it is that easy. Selectman Cook said one of the things that we did with the Planning Board was in anticipation of something like this we wanted to require the developers to start submitting their plans to us in an electronic format so we would not have to go out and have maps digitized. Selectman Cook said it is very important that we are all working off the same coordinates. Selectman Cook said there was talk about when the developer comes in he is going to set some points in the ground and they are so accurate they take readings from five different satellites. Selectman Cook said Mr. True will do the boundaries and map them at no charge and the only thing we would have to do is set the markers. Selectman Cook said it sounds like this company really wants to get their foot in the door. Selectman Cook said a benefit of this on the Planning side of it is how close is someone's home to a wetland area and for the Building Inspection it can show how close they are to a boundary line. Selectman Cook also said one of the things you can expand on like with the Fire Department, they can go in and type out a street number, print a map, print directions to the location and pull up a physical diagram of the house to find out where an entrance is etc. Selectman Cook said another thing that the Board should invest in is a projector and the other Selectmen agreed.

Lawn Care – Selectman Cook commented on an editorial regarding the hiring of a maintenance worker that was brought up in the Union Leader. Selectman Cook said it amazes him that somebody can be so wrong and have a newspaper to do that with. Selectman Cook said if this editor had only read his own paper and saw that it was way off. Chairman McDonald said the article states that Mr. Carl Knapp asked the Board to do the research and the Board asked him to do it for them.

Cable Committee – Chairman McDonald said the Cable Committee wants to be located in the Safety Complex at the multipurpose room. Chairman McDonald said he spoke to the Police & Fire Chiefs and neither one are on board with the idea. Chairman McDonald wanted to get the Boards feedback. Selectman Cook said he wouldn't be in favor of it because it's that much further to drive. Selectman Cook said the Town Offices, if anything, need to move further South. Selectman Bougher and Selectman Reynolds are not in favor either because the bottom line it is a Safety Complex and that is what it was setup for and they don't know where all the rumors have started but it is time to put an end to them. Chairman McDonald suggested sending a memo to the Chiefs before it gets out of hand any further.

Benefit Review Committee – Chairman McDonald said they are meeting this Thursday night. Chairman McDonald said he plans on bringing up the insurance buyout and said they presently have a deal whereas an employee has the option to buyout of the program. Chairman McDonald would like the Board to consider a 50% buyout to entice others to go off the insurance and if we can get ten more people to buy off of our insurance rolls there will be a larger savings to the Town. Selectman Wallace said that he is guessing, but most of the people that work for us are the primary provider for the family and that is why we haven't gotten the response. Selectman Reynolds asked how many more people the Board thought would take the buyout if we went to 50%? Mr. Carl Knapp said that he personally could. Selectman Cook asked Mr. Knapp why. Mr. Knapp explained that his wife's insurance is the same as they just got off from and the same family plan is approximately \$9,000.00/yr. vs. the allowance that they give in his wife's company it would be nip and tuck whether the \$3,000.00 would cover the difference. Mr. Knapp said his wife also has dental, and additional life insurance. Selectman Wallace asked Mr. Knapp if his wife paid \$3,000.00 and Mr. Knapp explained that it would cost him a little over \$3,000.00 additional to be on his wife's plan and his wife would lose \$20.00/wk in her paycheck. Chairman McDonald said that if we can get a few people a year to get off the insurance rolls it will add up and we are saving \$6,000.00 even if you only had one person. Selectman Wallace suggested that Mr. Knapp and the Department Heads do a survey on if tomorrow there was a 50% buyout how many people would change. Selectman Cook suggested at the same time they are doing the survey for insurance if they could also get a feel if we are going out on separate warrant article for wages for two or three years so it would not have to be done every year.

4. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Selectman Cook moved that the Board of Selectman enter into Nonpublic Session at 10:54 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Seconded by Selectman Bougher. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Bougher - yes; Selectman Reynolds - yes; Chairman McDonald - yes; Selectman Wallace - yes; Selectman Cook - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Cook moved to come out out of Nonpublic Session at 11:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Reynolds. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Bougher - yes; Selectman Reynolds - yes; Chairman McDonald - yes; Selectman Wallace - yes; Selectman Cook - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Selectman Cook moved that the Board of Selectman enter into Nonpublic Session at 11:06 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3 II (e). Seconded by Chairman McDonald. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Bougher - yes; Selectman Reynolds - yes; Chairman McDonald - yes; Selectman Wallace - yes; Selectman Cook - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Cook moved that the Board of Selectmen come out of Nonpublic Session at 11:08 p.m. Seconded by Chairman McDonald. . A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Bougher - yes; Selectman Reynolds - yes; Chairman McDonald - yes; Selectman Wallace - yes; Selectman Cook - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:09 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bougher. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A True Record

Merry Rice, Secretary