

**TOWN OF ACTON**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**OCTOBER 16, 2008**

**1. SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved with the addition of 5.c.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Approved as written.

**4. WARRANT:** Approved and signed.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

(a) **ASSESSING:** Joe Lessard met with selectmen at 5:30 pm this date and reported good progress.

(b) **SIGN AGREEMENT WITH PEPIN:** The Purchase and Sales agreement for the winter sand was signed.

(c) **CIVIL COSULTANTS REPORT:** Nancy read from the report, citing the need for a curbing (which has already been installed) to prevent erosion from the parking lot run off. The building repairs need to be done by a contractor with experience in historic frame construction. They estimate the cost of the building repairs to be \$30,000. Selectmen asked Lorraine to send a copy of the report to our insurer.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

(A) **ADOPT POLICY ON REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY TOWN OFFICIALS OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** After some discussion it was decided to eliminate section (2) from the proposed policy. On a motion by Mike, it was voted to amend the proposed policy and vote on it next week.

(B) **Request from CRAG re: CONSOLIDATION:** Roger Roy reported that CRAG members had attended the school committee meeting and were concerned with the consequences relative to not having submitted a consolidation plan. Pam said she had called the State Office and been on the web site and was told that Acton had never requested a facilitator. Mike said that was not true – he was in Augusta when that request was made. Acton is in a very unfortunate and unique position. None of the neighboring towns want to consolidate with us because we have a high valuation and they would lose funding if we were with them. Pam said Brian Beeler had not filed the request for a facilitator. She took the request form to Judie Shain this day and it was filed today. If the Town has not voted on a plan Acton will go to the bottom of the list, lose funding and have a State imposed fine. CRAG is requesting that selectmen meet with the school committee to discuss this, ASAP. Selectmen agreed to set up a meeting, hopefully next week.

(C) **REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO CARTOGRAPHIC FOR MAPS:** A request from Gary Fuschillo, Administrator of the Treadwell estate to allow Cartographic Associates to furnish him with a copy of an aerial map was, on a motion by Tony, approved.

(D) **SALE OF D-6:** Selectmen discussed selling the old 50's vintage D-6 that is stored at the tractor shed and is no longer needed. Mike suggested that they get Brian Howard to give them an estimate of value and then put it out to bid.

Dick Neal reported he attended a 911 meeting in Portland. Verizon will be changing to Fair Point on January 9. Nancy noted the County Tax will be increased next year. Chip Venell needs to be nominated by the selectmen as our representative to the budget commission. There was some discussion about police service for un-manned towns.

**7. Adjournment:** Adjourned at 8:00 pm

**8. Members Present:** Nancy Ruma, Mike Conway, Tony Cogliandro

**9. Others Present:** Patti Dutil, Barbara Seckar, Ann Germon, Roger Roy, Percy Lowell, John Moore, Bob Jones, Dennis Long, Pam McAlinden, Dick Neal, Lorraine Yeaton

**STAFF MEETING 8 AM OCTOBER 31**

**Allison McCrady – ECO-Maine would like to make a presentation to selectmen re: single stream recycling on October 30 at Selectmen's meeting with Steve Ledoux present.**