

**TOWN OF ACTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2007**

- 1. PUBLIC FORUM:** John Moore asked if Mike had an answer from MMA, relative to last weeks question. Mike said MMA had responded and stated they needed much more information.

Bob Cronin asked for assistance with a beaver problem on the brook between Wilson Lake and Horn Pond. They have a quote of \$150 for setting trap, and \$100 per beaver. The brook also needs cleaning out. Nancy said selectmen will get a price for removal and CEO Paul should be consulted before cleaning the brook begins.

Dennis Long thanked Mike for the wood which the Conservation Committee delivered to elderly families. Dennis also said he is resigning from the committee.

Andy Brazier made a presentation for the Town to purchase the former Walker land next to the school, which is for sale. It is 120 acres and the asking price is \$175,000. The school committee has approved the plan, and they are asking for a retainer of \$500-\$1,000 to hold the land until a special Town meeting can be called. Selectmen will check to see if they can put up this money (retainer) without an appropriation.

- 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:** Rod will be in on October 26.

(B) **CABLE CONTRACT:** A meeting was held on Friday but did not reach an agreement. Nancy feels as soon as some minor details are settled, they will be able to conclude this negotiation.

- 6. NEW BUSINESS**

(A) **CARTOGRAPHIC CONTRACT:** Mike said he called Cartographic and told them the disk is unreadable. There is no point in paying for this portion of the contract if it is unusable. He has talked with Ben Gore about what is needed for the fire and rescue to upgrade their mapping. The contract is tabled until next week.

(B) **FLAT GROUND ROAD PROPERTY:** Mike said he had the land appraised and it may be worth \$10,000 to \$20,000. However, recent communication from the game warden and the DEP indicates that it may be more valuable for the Town to retain the land to protect the wildlife and vegetation habitat.

(C) **MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN:** Selectmen signed the return to be sent to Maine Revenue Services.

Nancy reported she attended the Eleven Town meeting Monday night. Joyce Wood made a 4-point presentation indicating the towns could save by combining efforts on GPS software, Grant Writing, Computer Consulting and Assessing.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 8:15 pm

- 8. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Ruma, Jim Driscoll, Mike Conway.
- 9. OTHERS PRESENT:** Chip Venell, Bob Cronin, Dennis Long, Robin Ham, Wayne Ham, John Moore, Percy Lowell, Pat Hannon, Dick Neal, Andy Brazier, Brian Beeler, Lorraine Yeaton.