

**TOWN OF ACTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

1. **PUBLIC FORUM:** Asst. Fire Chief Petey Smith was present to discuss the meeting held last week in Waterboro relative to dispatch. Petey reported there were many unanswered questions and no answers that were favorable to Acton. The Gray group reported they have grants to upgrade equipment and are forming committees to meet with them but it may take two years before any major changes take place. Response time for dispatching is still the biggest issue for Acton. Too much valuable time is elapsing before our units are toned out. Petey gave the selectmen informational handouts. Percy Lowell and Chip Venell both noted that the selectmen should contact the governor and the newspapers. Bob Anderson suggested that payment be withheld for lack of service.

Dick Neal reported the Mary Grant Committee received \$87 in donations at the apple festival. Dick Johnson gave trees that could be sold for a donation.

Tom Cashin asked selectmen to consider abandoning or discontinuing the Old North Shapleigh Road before development occurs. Selectmen agreed to look into the matter. Possible they will ask the Road Committee to advise.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved with the addition of 6.(B&C)
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Approved as written.
4. **WARRANT:** Approved and signed.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - (A) **ASSESSING:** Rod will be here Friday.
  - (B) **CABLE CONTRACT:** Moving forward with arrangements.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - (A) **DYMZA/CLARKE REFUND:** Problem arising from 2004/2005. Elderly parents,(Dymza) were property owners and paid taxes. Clarke, their daughter, also paid. Second payment was to be returned, but while it was entered in records, did not get paid. On a motion by Mike, selectmen voted to repay overpayment.
  - (B) **VETERAN'S EXEMPTION:** Computer error omitted 37 veteran exemptions from tax bills. Selectmen will abate.
  - (C) **ESTABLISH DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS:** On a motion by Mike, it was voted to invite each department head to meet with selectmen. Meetings will not be lengthy but will keep all concerned apprised of what is going on. Selectmen will plan to meet with a different department every two weeks.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 8:48 pm
8. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Ruma, Jim Driscoll, Mike Conway
9. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Chip Venell, Petey Smith, Tom Cashin, Percy Lowell, Dick Neal, Bob Anderson, Lorraine Yeaton