September 1, 2004

Special Meeting

Present: Selectmen: Richard Sears, Nicholas Solley, Harry Wyant

Dick Sears called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Selectman's Office.

The meeting was called to review long-range capital plans with a view toward the future requirements of the Town in conjunction with the recently revised Plan of Conservation and Development. Public forums are planned during the month of October on the issues of Open Space, Housing, Education and Municipal and Community projects. These dates will be announced in the near future. It was felt these are necessary to provide information to the public and to hear what the public's wishes are in order to make informed decisions on the future facing the Town.

The Selectmen reviewed their Capital Plan as approved at the May, 2004 town meeting, as well as the outlook for future years. The increased need for a Building and Property Coordinator was discussed. This position has been has been reviewed for several years during budget work sessions and seems to be more imminent as responsibilities grow. The Planning Commission will initiate a Study of the Depot area. Major review of town building infrastructure most likely will result in the need for electrical, telecommunications and office space upgrades. If village centers become more developed, future need for sewage treatment plants and/or water systems may need consideration. Beach and recreation properties and buildings will need upgrading.

The long-range plan for Town roads continues, with roads being upgraded basically on a five-year schedule. The Board agreed to extend an invitation to bid for the reclaimation and repaving of approximately 1400 ft. of Shearer Road. Bids will be due on September 9th at 4 p.m.

Discussion will continue. This meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gollow
Selectman's Assistant