Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Lebanon Town Hall December 5, 2006 – 3:00 PM

MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk at 3:00 PM. Selectman Russ Blakeslee was present.
- 2.0 Blakeslee and Okonuk then moved the meeting to Old Meetinghouse Road, at Brewster Pond, to conduct a site walk on the road and state-owned property. Selectman John Bendoraitis joined the meeting at this location as well as Captain John Smutnik, DEP Enforcement and David Stygar, DEP Land Acquisition. Resident Trooper Mark Maynard and Constable Brice Padewski were also in attendance as well as resident John Okonuk.

The Selectmen asked the DEP if there were any plans in place to develop their parcel with improved parking. They replied there was no funding available for that purpose at the present time. They were also asked if the DEP might consider assisting the town with an upgrade to the Levita Road end of the access to which they replied no funding was available. The state land does have an open area, that is relatively flat, that could serve as a parking area for a few cars. The DEP will have the boulders removed from the road edge to allow vehicles to enter this area.

State officials recommend the town write Natural Resources Bureau Chief Ed Parker to request the acreage be properly posted in standard DEP language to identify public from private land.

Dave Stygar reported he had spoken with DEP Fisheries about the property and they said at their regional meeting they will discuss fishing access and parking issues at Brewster Pond.

The Selectmen drove from the state land up Old Meeting House (north) and found the road to be blocked (near Route 207) by water caused by a backed up beaver pond. Due to that issue, the only passable access to Brewster Pond is via Levita Road end.

3.0 Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM. Vote: yes, unamimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk First Selectmen