Present from Board:
Chairman Manseau, Selectman Brown, Dawson, Foye, and O'Leary.

Also present: Town Administrator Alice MacKinnon and secretary Catherine A. Woessner.

Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

At 6:01PM Chairman Manseau made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Selectman Dawson. Selectman Brown, yes, Selectman O'Leary, yes, Selectman Dawson, yes, Selectman Foye, yes, and Chairman Manseau, yes.

The regular Selectmen's meeting resumed at 7:23PM.

At this time Selectman O'Leary made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of March 11, 2004 until this matter has been resolved to its fullest, seconded by Selectman Foye. Selectman Dawson, yes, Selectman Brown, yes, Chairman Manseau, yes, Selectman Foye, yes, and Selectman O'Leary, yes.

Lochmere Road Project, Silver Lake Rd:
Selectman Brown reported that on Monday March 8th, there was a meeting at D.O.T. in Concord. Selectman Brown stated that it was proposed and agreed upon to focus all of their available funds only, since D.O.T. can no longer acquire any additional funds. Whatever funds the town and State have now they will combine and focus all of their efforts on Silver Lake Road. This means complete total construction; sewer, sidewalks, and drainage. They would do trenching and/or reclamation on Church St., and River Rd., with the sewer funds and put in the sewer line
in that area. Selectman Brown reported that the State currently has $450,000 encumbered towards the State’s obligation, and the town has $225,000 set aside for its 1/3 match. Selectman Brown said the town would have to come up with a little less than $30,000 for Silver Lake Rd to make up their 1/3 share. The State is not asking the town to reclassify Church and River Roads until they are completely done at a future date. They are going to keep Silver Lake Rd., remaining a Class II Road. The State agreed that the town would not be responsible for any costs associated with the at-grade railroad crossings on Silver Lake Road. Also, the railroad bridge that crosses over River Road remains the property of the State as part of its railroad corridor holdings. Mr. Barry from D.O.T., sent the Board a letter March 10th, stating a detailed review of the plans developed to date will result in some cost estimate reductions for the Silver Lake Road work. D.O.T. would support doing the Silver Lake Road reconstruction work first. Mr. Barry believes that the current funds in hand and $150,000 that can be applied from anticipated FY 2006 funding available July 1, 2005, will result in sufficient State funds to do the work. He also stated that the reconstruction of Church Street and River Road would have to wait a few years until the State and town are able to provide the funds necessary to undertake the work.

Alice asked the Board how they want to deal with the proposed Bond issue of $400,000 at town meeting. After much discussion the Board agreed to bond the $400,000. Selectman Foye made a motion to bond the $400,000 for Silver Lake Road Project and go back to town meeting next year and ask to put what is left of the $225,000 into Capital Reserve for the next phase of the road project in Lochmere, seconded by Selectman Dawson. Selectman Foye withdrew his motion, as it is a warrant article. Selectman Dawson withdrew her second to the motion. The Board is in agreement to bond the $400,000. The Board also agreed to ask Jim Bouchard from the Turner Group attend the town meeting on Saturday.

**Approval:**

Selectman Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4th, 2004 as written, seconded by Selectman O’Leary. All were in favor with the exception of Selectman Dawson who abstained from voting as she was on vacation.

Selectman Dawson commented on page six of the minutes regarding damage to Dunlop Drive by the construction company doing the work.
Selectman Dawson suggested keeping a list of such companies. Public Works Director Dennis Allen will keep a list of companies for further reference. Selectman Dawson would like a copy of the list placed in the Selectmen’s Policy folder. The Board was in agreement.

**Payroll and AP Manifests:** The Board approved and signed the manifests.

Chairman Manseau informed that Board that after town meeting he and Chief Chapman will meet to put together ground rules for the exploration committee to see what the needs of the police department are in the future.

Selectman Brown informed the Board that there were discussions with the Master Plan Update Committee regarding authorizing a Committee for Capital Improvement Program. Selectman Brown said if they do have a Committee for this, included in their charge would be to find a location for a new police department. Chairman Manseau said the police department committee is more along the needs of what their agency needs.

Chairman Manseau reported he was informed that the Conservation Commission submitted their section for the Master Plan update. He said it appears the Master Plan Committee took it upon themselves to rewrite portions and change it. Selectman Brown said the committee did do this to reduce it in size and make it more meaningful and specific. Selectman Brown said when the Master Plan reviewed Con.Comm’s section it was a copy of the previous one from 1994 and 1984 with a few additions included. Selectman Brown said the draft version of the Master Plan Committee would be sent to the Conservation Commission for their review before anything is finalized.

Selectman Dawson asked if anyone was going to address article #19 at last year’s town meeting, which asked to report back regarding the opening of Center Street.

Chairman Manseau said he would address this issue. Chairman Manseau said the cost of rebuilding the railroad crossing makes it unfeasible.

Selectman Foye adjourned the meeting at 8:01PM.