

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 1999

PRESENT: Dale Witman, Willis Lord, Brenda Charland, Patti Berry, Brenda Huntress, Fred Fay, Millard Genthner, Beverly Sinclair, Elias Smith, Pam Witman, Pam L'Heureux, Paul L'Heureux, Buddy Knight, Carol Look, Dwayne Woodsome, Jon Gale, Larry Jacobsen, Dianne Holden, Ed Doggett, David Benton, Bertha McAloon, Bob Gobiell, Jack Hewes, Ginny Hewes, Dianne Herle, Mike Curly, Elias Smith

Dale opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

At this time there was public discussion of the Warrant Articles for Town Meeting. Fred Fay questioned FEMA money for roads. Patti stated that the only road left is Bennett Hill Road. Dale requested Patti to add to the list for FEMA money.

Further discussion regarding Draft Town Warrant Articles was as follows:

Article 12: Dianne Holden reports this is based on the MMA survey of \$14.86 per hour for 36 hours and suggested to allot this amount and if not used, then to tum back into general funds.

Article 18: Regarding the stump dump, Dale requested this to read that the Finance Committee requested this amount.

Article 19: Dale noted the Selectmen's visit to the Town of Limington stated he would recommend Commercial Paving for recycling.

Article 22: Mike reports that the salary is not a figure he came up with and that the additional money would be for improvements to the park. Mike states that the equipment is outdated, is a liability, and would require use of the Trust Fund for replacement of equipment.

Article 24: Dwayne asks for an explanation of this article. Mike reports a need for a new tractor due to repeated repairs to the one we have. Mike states this tractor is 16 years old. Dave Benton questions what the tractor is used for, and Mike states it is used for all town properties.

Article 26: Dale notes that Selectmen have researched the 59 lots and came back with recommendations, and that most were deemed unbuildable. Dale requests Patti to have the list of unbuildable lots available at Town Meeting. Dale states verbiage would be included for using timber for revenue from this block of unbuildable lots. Bob Gobiell questions co-owned lots and Dale states they are either green span or unbuildable and can't be sold unless there is agreement by both Waterboro and Lake Arrowhead. Brenda Charland states they would be co-owned, which negates taxes and dues. Dianne questions who the

determination of "unbuildable" came from. Brenda states the determination came from her.

Ginny Hewes states she feels that the wording regarding conservation should be reworded.

Article 27: Dianne has questions regarding whether this should be Lake Arrowhead Estates and for Article 26 to be Tax Acquired Property. Dale states there may be a need for another inventory and that there is a map which will be available for March 13.

Article 32: Elias states the Fire Department continues to share with Shapleigh.

Article 33: David Benton states the number of hydrants will be increased.

Article 35: Bertha questions \$1,000 received being too low. Larry Jacobsen agrees.

Article 39: Bob Gobiell questions seal coating of new roads. Willis states that no new roads will be tarred.

Article 43: Bertha questions what part of Middle Road will be up for improvement. David Benton states there will be a 5-year plan in place for Town Meeting for new construction, with safety being their main concern. David further states that the plan is to complete their portion of Deering Ridge Road.

Article 44: Bennett Hill Road - Fred Fay says this is classified as Number 1.

David Benton states he is recommending refurbishing all the way through.

Article 45: Dianne Holden questions is this to come out of Roads & Bridges. Jon reports that there is more in this account this year. Bertha states that she feels we should not be cutting roads to support schools.

Article 49: Dianne questions if we should reword this, i.e., special interest from land plus interest from cemetery trust fund.

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Article 59: Will be deleted.

Article 64: Dianne questions miscellaneous fees; does Finance Committee have list. Jon states he will get the list to Dianne.

Dwayne Woodsome suggests not grouping Article 4, but for each to go separately to individual departments. Brenda Charland states that a motion could be made at Town Meeting that each would go into an individual account, to be worded as "account" and not "fees"

Dianne questioned possibly rewording Article 52 & 53 to say "plus revenues".

Willis motioned for the Boy Scouts to bring in the flag at Town Meeting to earn their Merit Badge and Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0

Dale motions to have Charles Niles for the prayer at Town Meeting.
Vote 3-0-0.

The Selectmen have received an invitation for March 6, at 8:30 A.M., from the Republican Town Committee, to discuss controversial articles for Town Meeting.

Dianne Herte requested that the next Selectmen's Meeting regarding the gravel pit discussion to be taped. Dwayne states we will not tape the meeting because they were advised by Karen not to tape due to the fact that citizens are free to attend. Dwayne requests Selectmen involvement after Town Meeting regarding gravel pits due to the Planning Board having a conflict of interest on some points. Dianne states she can tape the meeting, and Lary Jacobsen requests that she be sent a notice that she is welcome to tape as long as it is without disruption.

Brenda Charland motions that Patti issue a memo from the Board of Selectmen to the Tax Collector regarding taxes that remain unpaid relative to the four checks. Dale seconds. Vote 3-0-0.

Patti states that the town needs to stop commercial haulers from dumping shingles and sheetrock into the hopper and requests that a letter go out to each commercial hauler. Brenda Charland motions that Patti send a letter to commercial haulers copying RWS and dump attendants immediately. Willis seconds. Vote 3-0-0.

Millard requested copies of this letter go to him and Bob Gobel.

There is discussion and agreement that the Town Dedication this year will be for Dorothy Wakefield and George Whitehouse, with small bouquets to be presented.

Brenda motions that Mike McAlevey be Moderator for Town Meeting. Willis seconded. Vote 3-0-0.

Patti will check on status of Fire Department physicals.

Brenda motioned to approve Selectmen's Minutes of February 16. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0.

SIGNED

- Warrants for Bills and Payroll
- Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 1/26, 2/9, 2/16
- Two Requests for Background Checks for Resident concealed Firearms Permits
- Two Employee Requests for Time Off

ADJOURNMENT

Board adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

APPROVED

Date: 3-9-99

Paul A. White

Brenda Chauland

Wells A. Lord

- ADDENDUM -
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Discussion of the request from the Tax Collector to return a check for which overpayment of taxes was made. Brenda Charland makes the motion that the overpayment be returned to the person who cut the check. Willis seconded. Vote 3-0-0.

The letter from the Tax Collector regarding the audit is discussed at this time regarding four checks that never cleared for which a letter has gone out requesting payment. It is discussed and agreed that the Tax Collector is not responsible for these checks. Patti states that as of tonight one of the checks has been taken care of. Brenda states that the Tax Collector should send a second letter stating to the individual that as of a certain date the individual is in arrears and will be charged interest and are subject to lien. Brenda Charland motions that this Board ask Patti to issue a memo to the Tax Collector stating that she is not responsible for covering taxes that remain unpaid relative to the four checks. Dale seconds. Vote 3-0-0.

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Dianne Holden requests that the PO Policy be amended for monthly bills to go out on the 2nd week rather than the 3rd week. Motion is made by Dale to amend the PO Policy. Willis seconds. Vote 3-0-0 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Patti reports that Steve Foglio has requested that our attorney reply to a letter we have received regarding two gravel pits being illegal, to state that we have information to the contrary. Specifically, on the first pit, Mrs. Huntress was asked if any gravel was sold from that pit and she answered "no". Patti states that gravel was hauled and given away from this pit during these certain years to keep the grandfathered status. The second pit is not violating any town ordinance and is being investigated by DEP, so it would be a duplication of efforts for the town to get involved also.

Regarding the Physio Control Inspector, Patti recommended going with the new inspector. Brenda Charland motioned that we enter into a contract according to Selectmen's Assistant recommendation. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0.

OTHER

Key Leasing: Patti states she would like to search elsewhere. Dale states he is in favor of Patti researching another path. Brenda seconds. Vote 3-0-0 in favor.

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT REPORT

Patti reports she has discussed the situation with the skateboarders in the parking lot, and they have agreed to comply and have been advised they can skateboard here unless they violate the agreement.

Brenda motions that time off be granted for training as Personnel Director deems necessary at this time. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0

At Town Meeting the town dedication will be for Dorothy Wakefield with a small bouquet to be presented. Brenda motions that Mike McAlevey be the moderator for Town Meeting. Willis seconded. Vote 3-0-0.

Signed:

Warrants & Payroll

Request for Time Off

Selectmen's Minutes 1/26, 2/9, 2/16

2 Permits for Firearms

ADJOURNMENT

Board adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

APPROVED

Date: 3-23-99

Dale A. White

Willis A. Ford