

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2001

PRESENT: Bob Fay, Doug Foglio, Willis Lord, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Paul L'Heureux, Don Drew, Ken Grant, Lauren Reese, David Benton, Fred Fay, Wendy Warren, Teresa Lowell, Paul Verrell, Sr., Diane & Eric Herrle, Beth & Mark Cyr, Mark Sanders, Scott Birkemose.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Paul Tibbetts addressed the board regarding a discussion that was held pertaining to him after he left the last meeting he had with the Selectmen. Felt that any citizen has a right to come in and express their views in a Selectmen's Meeting and should not be criticized in public when they are not present. Bob stated that Fred did grade the road after their last meeting and the board has instructed the road commissioner to get permission from the owner to do work on that road. Suggested forming an association to maintain that road in the future. The issue of private roads will be on the next annual town meeting and should provide for lively discussion but the decision will ultimately be the townspeople's.

Discussed the request from the Fire Chief for an EMS Lieutenant position. The Public Safety Committee met three weeks ago and voted unanimously that they not approve this. They felt that this is another administrative position and the duties are covered in the Chief's job description. John stated that the duties are almost the same as the Fire Lieutenants. Feels this would be a good morale booster and there is no added expense. Discussed what would happen if they go to an hourly rate instead of a stipend. Bob stated that he did want to put together a panel to work on this. Doug stated that he is very concerned about going against the recommendation of a committee. Until you look at the whole structure of command should not be adding positions. The Chief stated that he did not meet with the Safety Committee on this issue as he had training the same night as their meeting. John stated that nothing says he had to give this request to the Safety Committee. Mark Sanders stated that he feels this would bring unity to the department. Ken Grant stated that all the committee had was the job description and did not have anyone to explain it. John stated that there is no money involved, this just gives the person more responsibility to prepare them to move up the ladder. Bob felt that the biggest responsibility is maintaining morale. Motion by Bob to pass and allow the chief to create this position. Seconded by Doug. Vote 1-2-0.

Donald Boillard suggested that the town adopt a firearms ordinance based on a problem he had near his home over the weekend. Had people target practicing in the pit behind his house and aiming towards his house. Bob did not feel that the town needs an ordinance as there are state laws pertaining to such situations. Recommended that he talk with the state police and sheriff's dept. Mr. Boillard stated that he met with Roger Gobeil last week and the state will pay to equip his vehicle with a device that would activate when sirens are being used but the town would have to equip the fire trucks and ambulances and the state police and sheriff's dept. will have to equip their vehicles. Questioned the town taking over Old Alfred Rd. Asked the Selectmen to

send a letter to MDOT requesting sidewalks on the Old Alfred Rd. Bob stated that Steve Kasprzak will be resubmitting the original grant application again and they will be happy to write a letter. Stated that he will not endorse taking over the road. Discussed a crosswalk at the end of Hanna Drive. Fred did not believe they can put a crosswalk on a state road. Bob stated that they can do it but can not put in a crosswalk for every student. Motion by Doug to contact the town attorney on liability on those vehicles equipped and John to check on cost. Seconded by Willis. Vote 3-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Opened bids for the Fire Dept. equipment as follows:

John W. Smith - \$300 for 1972 Ford F600

Hurd Lumber - \$2,276 for 1979 Ford tractor and trailer.

Motion by Willis to accept the bid of John Smith and seconded by Bob.

Vote 3-0-0. John stated that one truck was not bid on at all. Suggested putting both back out to bid. Motion by Willis and seconded by Doug to reject the bid on the 1979 and put both back out to bid. Vote 3-0-0.

Bob reviewed the reminders of upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Doug and seconded by Willis to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Vote 3-0-0

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Municipal Snowplow Contract

APPROVED

Date: 11/25/01

John W. Smith
Douglas C. Feigley
Willis A. Lord