

## COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2001

Present: Bob Fay, Doug Foglio, Sr., Willis Lord, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Fred Fay, Dave Chauvette, Paul Verrell Sr., Scott Birkemose, Adrienne Ayotte, John Monteith, John Littlefield, Mark Sanders, Mark & Beth Cyr, Mike DeAngelis, Tom Cyr, Wendy Warren, Jerry Daigle, Denise Waterhouse, Teresa Lowell, Dave Benton, Diane Herrle, Paul Tibbetts, Donald Boillard, Joseph Curran and Dale Witman.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adrien Ayotte of Architectural Skylight reported that they currently employ 60 and their payroll is approaching 2.5 million. They are bursting at the seams and have been looking at moving to the Biddeford/Saco area. Need not only more space but more technical personnel which they are having difficulty finding in this area. Feel that moving closer to the Portland area they might have more luck. Handed around photos of some of their work and explained what they do. Reported that they received an award for best WEB site. Have two companies at the same location one being [eskylight.com/inc](http://eskylight.com/inc). On this WEB site you can design your own skylight at home. Reported that they have hired several people from the high school.

Joe Curran, York County Commissioner attended to answer questions on the budget. He represents the towns of Old Orchard, Saco, Alfred, Lyman and Waterboro. Reported that the major increases are in EMA, DA's office, Treasurer, Maintenance, Jail, Probate, Sheriff's Dept., and Court Security. The real large items are the debt service and capital improvements which covers the new jail. Reported that the budget increased 46% last year and anticipate that it will increase another 45% this year. Discussed the new jail and possibly opening it up to take in boarders from other areas. Will be a 220 bed facility plus 30 in the pre-release center, could hold as many as 500 inmates. The payment for the new jail is \$1.7 million. The construction should be finished in 2003. Discussed the reasons for hiring new staff now, so they can be trained by the time the facility opens. Reported that the Communications Center is requesting a 68% increase but have not had an increase since 1994. Discussed the modular units they have placed outside the current jail, will be moved to the new site and become part of the pre-release center. Reported that the new jail should come in on or under budget.

Dale Witman explained that the budget committee will be holding its first meeting tomorrow evening. Discussed opening up the new jail to other areas and help offset the cost.

**Selectmen's Report:** Doug reported that he and Nancy are working on a new business directory. Should have more information next week.

**Selectmen's Assistant Report:** Reported that tax bills are out, budget requests are coming in, have received information on a meeting regarding Community Development Block Grant.

**York County Sheriff's Dept. Report:** Reported that road sign theft will not be tolerated. Requested any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals doing this. Reported that he will prosecute to the fullest. Reported that he has been working on all the illegal dumping. Also stated that because of a computer crash his numbers for the month are not accurate but did have 190 calls for service and personally handled 71 of those calls. Has been targeting certain roads for speeding and still has more on the list to do. High volume of calls are 7 a.m. to 8

p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. Discussed the neighborhood watch program in Lake Arrowhead.

**Assessor's Report:** Reported that tax bills have been mailed and now working on making corrections. By the end of November should begin preparing for 2002. Has received over a dozen calls and was able to handle most of them over the phone. Discussed cell towers.

**Motor Vehicle Agent Report:** Report attached.

**Town Clerk:** Report attached.

**Code Enforcement Officer Report:** Report attached.

**Planning Board Report:** Report attached.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Report attached.

**Parks & Recreation:** Reported 175 registrations for recreational basketball, working on the budget and the committee has approved what he has prepared so far, Saturday will be doing a clean up on Crystal Lane in Lake Arrowhead to prepare for a skating rink, have had requests to compile a book of winning poetry from the contest so is working on that, has submitted a proposal to Lake Arrowhead for a swim program. It will be a 7 week Saturday only program. Reported that they should be receiving an additional \$1,500 from Gorham Savings Bank for the new field, will be hosting a Tot Drop and Shop program which will be low cost babysitting at town hall so parents can do Christmas Shopping. Cost will be \$2.00 per hour. Has a trip scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> to see a Bruins game at 1 p.m. and a Foxwoods trip scheduled for Presidents Day in February.

**Old Home Days:** No meetings until January.

**SAD #57:** Reported that we are currently 25<sup>th</sup> on the list for new school construction and the new referendum that just passed will not help that much. They are still negotiating, have completed with the teachers and are now working with administration. Will be a meeting held tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. at Waterboro Elementary School.

**Road Commissioner:** Reported that he is wrapping up his paving, completing Blueberry Road and did some on Starr Hill, New Dam Road is almost finished. Will be striping after 1 a.m. tomorrow morning on all the newly paved roads. Discussed the missing street signs, have spent \$3,000 on signs since July 1<sup>st</sup> and only appropriated \$1,000. Dave Chauvette repeated that people need to get involved and provide information. Doug suggested welding the signs to the post and Dave Benton stated that then they remove the entire post from the ground. Reported that he will be putting the winter salt up very soon and starting on Roberts Ridge Road by the end of the week.

**Road Review Committee:** Reported that they have met with the Planning Board on the sub-division on West Rd., met on the southern part of Middle Rd. and will have a budget request and also met with the Selectmen on what to do with the Road Block Grant money. Will have an article at town meeting on whether to keep the money in town or put with the state money for work on West Rd. like was done this year for Townhouse Rd.

**E911 Report:** Towns portion is complete and waiting on the post office. Discussed the requirements for house numbers and possibly enacting an ordinance. Nancy believes it may already be covered in the current E911 ordinance. Discussed how they handle handing out numbers in Rangeley.

**Recycling Committee:** Reported that they ran an information booth on election day, have new signs on the containers at the transfer station, have the poster contest going on in the schools, are trying to get information out on the state ban on trash burning, doing research on grants and working with Phillip Tarr of Lake Arrowhead.

**Library Board of Trustees:** Reported that they have a Book/Bake Sale coming up along with a Christmas Party for the children and pictures with Santa. Want to schedule a meeting with the Selectmen on the 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the direction they want to take towards a new library.

**Fire Dept. /EMS:** Reported that they had 25 fire calls in September making it 314 year to date and 43 rescue calls making a total of 403 year to date. Served 159 at the last bean supper and the next supper will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Held a 16 hour class on HazMat and 36 completed the class. This moves them up one level in handling hazardous materials such as chemical spills. Received the new ambulance on October 25<sup>th</sup> and this is the first ambulance not paid for with tax dollars. Also reported that even though this is a larger unit it does fit into the new station. Had a structure fire on Route 5 this morning.

**Lake Arrowhead Community:** Bob reported that they have a new manager, Phillip Tarr of Bridgton and he was unable to attend due to a conflict, he is a Selectman in Bridgton. Will be at next weeks Selectmen's Meeting and the next Council Meeting. Will be a meeting of the Lake Arrowhead Committee on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.

**Saco River Community Television Corp.:** Reported that the rebuild is complete and they are currently turning on the new system.

**Water District:** Reported that the new credit union is on line as well as two other new customers and they have just winterized the hydrants. Requested that anyone seeing a dripping hydrant please report it.

**Charter Commission:** Reported that next meeting is scheduled for the first week in December.

**Transfer Station Committee:** Reported that they will be holding a meeting tomorrow evening and hope to complete the new fee schedule. Will then begin working on a long range plan. The burn pit has been cleaned out and reopened.

Council Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.