

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2004

PRESENT: Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Douglas Foglio, Sr., Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Bob Fay, Paul Kussman, Dave Benton, Clint Andrews, Ken Sicard, Bob Gobeil, Larry Jacobsen, and Dwayne Woodsome.

Selectman Lord opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS:

Ken Sicard stated that when he purchased his property money was put into an escrow account to do drainage from his property down to Woodsome's. Stated that part of it was done but never the work by his property. Currently has two 18" drains emptying onto his property. There was \$2,700 escrowed but has no idea if the funds are still there. Dave Benton provided the plans approved by the Planning Board and according to the plan there was an easement for it to drain onto that piece. Ken stated that runoff has increased dramatically since he purchased the property. Dave reported that according to the plans, the drainage can't be altered. Doug suggested that they go back to the beginning of the process and research. Ken stated that he is in no hurry just wants to dry the lots out.

Dwayne Woodsome presented a petition concerning Nancy Brandt's dismissal as Town Administrator. Stated that per the Charter they now need to hold a hearing. Willis stated that they will take under advisement. Eric stated that per Sec. 801 of the Charter Personnel issues are exempt from this requirement. Dwayne felt that per Sec. 803 they are required to hold a public hearing. Willis stated that we will have it reviewed by the attorney for his determination.

Patti McIntyre, CEO stated that a representative of Carthage Lumber questioned how the board would feel about them developing the balance into 30-40 large lots instead of the 400 originally proposed and if they could receive an exemption from the growth ordinance if they do this. Eric stated that he is not opposed to listening to a proposal. Dwayne felt 40 vs 400 was a good deal and that there are state & federal laws that can get you around the growth ordinance. Doug felt that there are too many unknowns at this point. If you exempt them then other large property owners will want the same thing. They need to submit something in more detail. Patti reported that they still haven't put up their bond. If they don't act within a certain period of time the whole thing will be null & void. Patti will tell them to come back with a more detailed plan

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to approve referendum question #1, to purchase an Extrication Tool, as written. Vote 3-0. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to approve Question #2, to purchase a Municipal Vehicle for the ACO, as written. Vote 2-1 with Doug opposed. Discussed at length Question #3, to build a modern recycling center at the Transfer Station. Discussed possibly borrowing the funds to

complete the project all in one year and not stretching it out over multiple years. Could still be paid out of the fees. Motion by Doug to amend the question to read "\$284,908.00 out of Capital Improvement/Fees and \$86,005.00 to be amortized over a 5 year period to be paid out of Capital Improvement/Fees. Motion seconded by Eric. Vote 2-1 with Doug opposed. Discussed Question #4 and agreed to reduce the amount to \$10,000. Motion by Eric by amend the \$40,000 figure to \$10,000 to come from taxation. Motion seconded by Willis. Vote 2-1 with Doug opposed.

2. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to close the town offices on April 12th for computer updates. Voted. Passed.
3. Discussed the bill submittal policy. Motion by Willis that all bills be signed off by the department head prior to being turned over to the Town Administrator. Doug suggested that prior to voting on this they should hold a workshop with department heads and the treasurer. Agreed to hold over for a workshop next Tuesday morning at 10 am.
4. Willis requested that the unexpended balance of last years Transfer Station account be carried forward to cover the shortfall. Agreed that should find out how much they will be short first and can bring to a special town meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed when to schedule Selectmen's Meetings. Eric will get his schedule and be back in touch.
2. Discussed the request to purchase a town owned lot in Lake Arrowhead. Willis had looked at the property and felt it was worth more than \$500.00. Will hold over for Eric to look at the lot before making the decision.
3. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to increase the sanding rates by \$3.00 per hour. Vote 2-0-1 with Doug abstaining.

OTHER

1. Willis reported on the meeting with Chuck Morgan of SMRPC regarding the Pine Tree Zone. Doug going to Sebago Tech to review and pick up the maps showing the area we are requesting be included. Will prepare letter and Larry will hand deliver to Augusta this afternoon.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Doug made the motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Eric seconded, voted-passed.

SIGNED:

1. Concealed Weapon Application

APPROVED:

Date _____
