

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2004

**PRESENT:** Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Douglas Foglio, Sr., Pam Witman, Cindy Moore, Tammy Wells, Clint Andrews, Frank Birkemose, John & Wendy Carter, Bob Gobeil, Everett Whitten, Larry Jacobsen, Patti Berry, Bob Fay, Don Boilard, Mike DeAngelis & Pam L'Heureux.

Chairman Lord opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

### APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to approve the Consent Decree for Christine Gagne with a fine of \$200. Voted. Passed.

Paul Kussman reported that the Transfer Station Committee met the previous evening to finalize their capital improvement recommendations. Discussed the Burn Pit vs chipper. Voted unanimously to discontinue the burn pit. Should go out to bid for hauling and chipping. Will need a concrete pad on level ground and Dunnell's has agreed to chip for \$2,000 each time. Figure that it can be done three times a year and will only cost \$6,000. Also discussed the backhoe and based upon the recommendation of Fred Fay the committee recommends purchasing the one from NH for \$22,000 plus \$500 delivery. Discussed the purchase and set up of the Quonset building. The building would cost approximately \$6,000 but with set-up and a concrete pad to put it on the total will be closer to \$18,000. Can get a matching grant from the state so would only cost \$9,000 to the town. Will save \$75 per month for containers. This will come from the 2002/2003 capital improvement money. Eric questioned where the building will be placed but they had not discussed that.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to accept the resignation of Bob Fay from the Public Safety Committee and Assessing Board of Review as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Voted. Passed.
2. Discussed the letter received from the Postal Service regarding the site selection. They are currently looking at two locations, beside Waterboro Crossing and the old Heritage building on Main Street.
3. Discussed a complaint regarding the cost of copies. Wendy explained that the individual complaining requested a large number of copies which did total \$24.50 per the fee schedule adopted by the Board of Selectmen. Stated that according to Jerry Daigle, in all likelihood the prices will go up again in the fall. They are in line with other town
4. Discussed the letter from the County Commissioner's Office requesting early payment of our County Tax. Doug suggested sending a letter to the governor stating that the towns are in no position to pay taxes early and suggest that the state pay their bills which could alleviate this problem. Discussed the towns current cash flow and Larry stated that the state is in so much trouble because they are spending more than is coming

in.

5. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to accept the amended crosswalk ordinance.
6. Discussed putting out feelers for the audit. Will hold off until after meeting with the auditor on Thursday. Discussed quarterly audits.
7. Will discuss Public Works rates vs Davis Bacon rates in a workshop
8. Sue Ellen addressed the board regarding the town report. Stated that she has researched past town reports and they are comprised of whatever the person in the particular position provides. Suggested appointing a committee to do a format for the town report. Motion by Eric to form a workgroup to work no more than 180 days and to be comprised of one member of the Finance Committee, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Public Safety Committee, three citizens at large and one member of the administrative staff. To report back in 180 days. Motion seconded by Doug. Voted. Passed.
9. Motion by Eric to postpone the appointment of the Planning Board until next Thursday. Motion seconded by Willis. Voted. Passed.
10. Motion by Eric to offer to the two candidates who received the most votes in order of ranking of the entire Hiring Panel. Seconded by Willis. Eric explained that they will offer it to the candidate with the highest ranking first and if refused will then offer to the candidate with the second highest ranking. If neither candidate accept will take it back to the Hiring Panel. Don Boilard suggested hiring a Town Manager and also increasing the board to five selectmen. Questioned why they don't hire the current administrator. Vote 2-1 with Doug opposed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Willis reported that he still has not gotten the quote from his neighbor but thinks it will be about \$1,500 per door. The cost is because they have requested white oak. Willis suggested that they use poplar.
2. Willis reported that he has spoken with Eric Hamlin, DEP and he did not know of the drainage plan. Is waiting for him to get back to him which he said he would if there was a problem. Motion by Willis to contract FR Carroll for \$16,680 to do hot top with slope at the entrance & exit of the Transfer Station. Patti questioned if they have submitted a written plan or if it's all verbal. Suggested submitting a written plan and getting it approved before proceeding. Doug stated that he has not been able to contact Mr. Hamlin since their last meeting. Has left several messages but not been returned. Eric seconded the motion with the provision that they receive a written response from DEP saying there's no problem. Vote 2-1 with Doug opposed.

### **OTHER**

1. Discussed the purchase of a backhoe for the Transfer Station. Motion by Eric to expend \$22,500 which includes the purchase and delivery of the equipment mentioned by unanimous decision of the Transfer Committee and take it out of capital improvements. Motion seconded by Willis. Doug stated that they are looking at a machine that you can not get parts for in this area. Stated that they have not needed this for the past two years and also questioned who can operate it. Patti questioned if it would affect Workman's

Comp. Vote 2-1 with Doug opposed.

2. Postponed the vote on the minutes of 6/10 until the next meeting.
3. Agreed to sign the Rescue Billing Checking Account approval and discussed the progress on collections.
4. Discussed an amount for the Transfer Station for the Special Town Meeting. Don Boilard suggested taking the money from the Road Commissioner if they are short.
5. Eric addressed Doug's suggestion of misappropriation of funds directed at Eric and Willis. Stated that it was not done and requested proof. Doug stated that they tried to expend money they did not have and tried to take money from the Hollis Contract and use it to fund the building and that money is for administrative costs. Willis stated that the committee used the figures given to them by the Administrator and Treasurer. Eric stated that the only expended money appropriated at a town meeting.
6. Patti questioned the statement of the Hiring Panel at the last meeting that there were three candidates for the Town Administrator's position. Eric explained that there were two based on the entire Hiring Panel and a third one that had the majority of the appointed Hiring Panel members only.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 10:10 am.

**SIGNED:**

1. Rescue Billing checking account approval

**APPROVED:**

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