

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2007

ATTENDING: Robert Fay, Dwayne Woodsome, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Ron Perro, Lisa Bennett, Chief Matt Bors, Pete Turgeon, Angela Theriault, David Woodsome, Scott Bernier, Dennis Abbott, Janice Young, Linda Hanscom, Doug Foglio, John & Wendy Carter, TammyJo Girard, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Willis Lord, Bob Gobeil, Ray Lauzier, Ed Bennett, Brigit McCallum, Jack Seery, Alton Woodsome, Fred Fay, Dan Babb, and Ginny Day..

Selectman Grover opened the meeting at 7:00 with the pledge.

Opened the Public Hearing on Referendum Questions.

Question #1 - Selectman Gale explained the reason for the Charter Commission being formed. Selectman Fay stated that Candidates Night the candidates can explain what they want to change in the Charter.

Question #2 - Doug Foglio explained that the Land Trust is looking for the support of the townspeople and not just the Board of Selectmen. This is to preserve town land for the future and if anything goes wrong with the trust then the land would be returned to the town. Also stated that every parcel proposed will have to be evaluated. Reported that over time the town will be asked for small amounts of money but for the most part there will be no expense to the town. Stated that some restrictions will be negotiated with the Board of Selectmen and the Land Trust at the time of transfer. Explained that the Board of Selectmen already have the authority to do this and they want the townspeople's approval. Reported that they are currently looking at 10 parcels out of the 50 - 70 that the town owns and listed the lots they are interested in. Discussed a reverse lease for property that the Parks & Rec. will use. Stated again that this will not be a cost to the town.

Selectman Gale stated that the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee all endorsed Questions 3, 4, 5 & 6 unanimously.

Question #3 -Explained that the air packs they have now are 15 - 20 years old. They are looking to replace the 22 that they already have. Scott Bernier explained that the tanks they currently have weigh approx. 20 lbs. and new ones would only weight about half of that. Chief Bors explained that they do have the means of refilling the air bottles as they have a cascade system mounted on a trailer so it can be taken to the fire scene. Also stated that all funds are generated by the ambulance.

Question #4 - Replacement of the 1973 truck. Chief Bors reported that the current truck is again. In 2005 it was used 46 times and out of service 4 times, in 2006 it was used 24 times and out of service 6 times for a total of 45 days, in 2007 has already been used 22 times and out of service for 7 days. Pete stated that the transmission is failing, there are rust holes in the roof and the rear main seal is gone. Will cost \$15,000-\$17,000 to repair the transmission and then there is no guarantee. Currently it leaks oil and transmission fluid in the bay. Explained that this is not just used for high-rise buildings but also to reach across an area. Dan Babb stated that no taxpayer dollars are going into this and

Selectman Moore stated that this is coming from a dedicated account that can't be spent on anything other than a capital improvement. Chief Bors stated that they are not looking at new but a 1992 used truck and hope to sell the old truck once replaced. Selectman Grover also stated that this account has to be used for equipment and stated that he is very supportive of all these purchases this year as we need to invest in the future. Selectman Moore stated that it is a very well thought out plan. Janice Young stated that the Finance Committee looked at repair vs replace and it's far cheaper to replace based on the age of the fleet..

Question #5 - Already have this truck and this would be the first payment. Replaced a 1975 Mack. This vehicle has responded to 38 calls already this year

Question #6 - Disposed of the tanker over a year ago and now have no tanker. It was needed 43 times in 2006 and needed it 7 times so far this year. Currently depending on mutual aid.

Question #7 - Selectman Woodsome reviewed the problems with North Station and explained that the \$25,000 is sitting in an account for a park at center station once DOT completes their work on the intersection. At this point it doesn't appear that this will happen any time soon. Explained that they are looking to fix it temporarily to allow 3-4 years to come up with a plan. At this point a 40' x 60' building would require sit plan review as the lot is so small. Hope to be able to purchase additional land

Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to close the Public Hearing on the Referendum Questions. Vote 5-0-0.

Opened Public Hearing on the Parking and Traffic Ordinance. TammyJo explained that this all started with the Fire Dept. and Contract Deputy based on people parking in Fire Lanes. They have added definitions, changed the lettering, added no parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, 15' of the approach to any stop sign or intersection, handicapped parking and penalties to include but not be limited to legal fees. Stated that fire hydrants should be posted as Tow Away Zones. Also explained that this will bring the fines right to the town instead of going through District Court and that currently the town has nothing to enforce. Mrs. Hanna of Ricker Lane questioned if there can be an exception at bus stops. At this point has been told by the deputy that if this ordinance passes she will get ticketed when she sits at the end of her road to put her child on the bus. Also stated that there is no bus stop sign. Felt there should be an exception during bus pickup and drop-off times. Discussed reducing the waiver fines.

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to come out of the hearing. Vote 5-0-0.

Selectman Grover suggests a 5 minute recess before going into the regular Selectmen's Meeting.

Selectman Grover reviewed the two public hearings held beginning at 7 pm

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she received a call from Mr. Merritt, the sex offender, and he has found a place to live just waiting for the current tenants to move.

2. Reported that she contact Steve Searles who will be doing the work on the old town hall and he will be starting next week so she will be ordering a dumpster
3. Reported that there was some confusion on the electrical work at the Transfer Station but that has all been taken care of.
4. With regard to putting the insurance to bid she would suggest doing that in January or February as this time of year the policies are up for renewal and has already started filling out renewal forms.
5. With regard to closing the library has received an email from Jonathan Willard questioning if the Selectmen have the authority to close the library and suggesting that it not be closed.
6. Reported that the Finance Committee will be making an amendment to another warrant article. They took the 10% insurance from General Government as well as individual departments so there is a large discrepancy. The Chairman said to make the correction but will not without a vote of the committee. Will have to be done at Town Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the new road name, Charland's Way, off Straw Mill Brook Road. Vote 5-0-0
2. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to close the Library and Transfer Station for Town Meeting. Vote 5-0-0. All agreed that it is the Selectmen, not the Board of Trustees that have this authority.
3. Selectman Grover stated that he had received a letter from a local insurance company asking to be included in the bid. Agreed that it can wait until January or February. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to have Nancy start getting a bidders list together after Town Meeting. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Fay abstaining.
4. Reviewed the Selectmen's explanation of the warrant. Selectman Fay stated that he was not notified of the meeting last Thursday to prepare this. Also questioned why the full motion wasn't included on the explanation of the employee's benefits. Selectman Moore stated that she was not present either. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the explanation as written. Vote 3-2-0 with Selectmen Woodsome and Fay opposed. Selectman Woodsome requested to make a statement and was gavelled down by Chairman Grover.
5. Dave Woodsome addressed the new Transfer Station Stickers. Requested that they be green, go on the inside of the window this year, and charge \$5.00 for the first and \$2.50 for additional stickers. Stated that these need to be ordered to be ready for July 1st. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Moore that they charge \$5.00 for the first and \$3.00 for additional ones, they be green and go on the inside. Vote 5-0-0.
6. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to go past 9:00 to 9:30 p.m.
7. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to schedule the April 10th Selectman's Meeting at 6:30 to sign warrants with Candidate's Night at 7 pm.

OTHER

1. Dave Woodsome reported that the contract with D & E for hauling ends in June. Will put on the April 17th agenda. The committee will have a booth on recycling voting day. Reported that Hannaford wants to do something for Earth Day, they have 4-6 managers available 1-4 and he would like a booth or table at the store to promote recycling even if only their products. Earth Day is April 22nd which is Sunday but will go all week. Currently working on the ordinance and hope to have it ready to present to the Selectmen next week. Discussed the contract with D & E. Dave believes there is an option for renewal for 2 years at 10% increase. Motion by Selectman Woodsome to authorize Nancy and David to go out to bid for the hauling. Failed for lack of a second. All agreed that Dean has been very helpful. Will get copies of the contract for each Selectman prior to the April 17th meeting. Asked to request a one month extension from Dean so this can be worked on.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0
3. Selectman Fay questioned what minor changes were made to the personnel policy as stated in last weeks minutes and no one had a copy with them. Selectman Grover stated that the minutes are accurate. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 3/27/07 as written. Vote 5-0-0
4. Discussed the meeting on Thursday to tape a review of the warrant. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Fay to change from 6:00 to 7:00. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Moore abstaining.
5. Selectman Grover read the reminders. Noted that the Selectmen's Meeting will be at 6:30 next Tuesday.
6. Selectman Woodsome stated that on April 14th York County Soil will be holding a training on the front runner. Anyone wishing to rent this equipment will be required to take the course.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll:

1. Minutes of 3/27/07

APPROVED:

Date: