

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**May 8, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Bob Fay, David Woodsome, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Todd Abbott, Bob Gobeil, Steve Searles, Eric Jacobsen, Mary Ross, Roger Lauzier, David Benton, Corey Woodsome, Paul Cessari, Dwayne Woodsome and Tom Seery. Others present for the public hearings.

Selectmen Grover opened up the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 - Opened the public hearing for the Parking & Traffic Ordinance. Reviewed the changes made in the last few weeks. Todd requested clarification on Section 2B as it sounds as though snowmobiles and ATV's can park in Fire Lanes. Dave Benton questioned if all the hydrants need signs. Stated that the Water District has not been involved in any of this and if they need signs then someone needs to come up with the money. Pam L'Heureux questioned if when it states "no parking within 15 feet of the approach to any intersection" that applies to fire personnel and Selectman Grover stated that he feels common sense comes in there. Thought that this should go back to the Public Safety Committee to address the concerns expressed. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Moore to close the hearing at 7:08 pm. Vote 4-0-0.

7:15 - Corey Woodsome explained that he is leasing the former Lee's Family Restaurant from Larry Jacobsen and would like to run an upscale steak and seafood restaurant. Tom Seery questioned if they are to close to the Middle School to hold a liquor license and Selectman Grover assured him that he has spoken with the Code Enforcement Officer and they meet all town requirements. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to close the public hearing at 7:11 pm. Vote 4-0-0

7:30 pm - Chief Bors was not present but Selectman Grover explained that he has signed the contracts for the new equipment and the attorney has reviewed the contract. Stated that the contract has plenty of loopholes but all in the towns favor. Nancy stated that Matt questioned going with the low bid for SCBA's as they are looking at a lease and only two companies do SCBA's and Selectman Grover stated that they have been training with Scott and the company had been very good with maintenance and they would need other training if they changed companies. Also stated that they were both generally the same price.

7:45 - Lynda Greene, Superintendent reported that the overall increase is .04% or \$13,000. Explained how they prepared the budget and reviewed some of the cuts that were made. Reported that the increase to Waterboro is \$107,817 which is approximately \$.30 on the mil-rate. Explained that the reason Waterboro's went up is because the state valuation went up and they have no control over that. Discussed full day kindergarten and the improvement in test results and that next year it will be in all schools. Reported that there

will be a budget hearing on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Line Elementary School and on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Massabesic Middle School. There will also be information available on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 9 to 11 am at the Central Office with the vote on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the accreditation process and assured all that they are accredited. Stated that the boards' commitment is to improve reading, writing and math in all the schools. Discussed school consolidation and the lack of information available to the public. Lynda suggested contacting your legislator requesting local control in this matter. Selectman Abbott stated that we need to work towards one election in an effort to get more people out to vote. Suggested looking at a combined June vote and not have two elections two weeks apart. Also discussed combining the school, state and local vote and Lynda suggested coordinating this with the other towns in the district. Lynda also suggested working together for supplies and Selectman Gale reported that he had been talking with Bill Brockman about janitorial supplies but this could be expanded. Lynda would like to get a meeting scheduled with the Selectmen from all six towns. Selectman Gale commended the school for keeping it to a \$13,000 increase

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman to approve the liquor license application for 199 Sokokis. Vote 4-0-0
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the resignation of Jessica Peck from the Library Building Committee, had applied for the wrong committee. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to appoint Jessica Peck to the Library Board of Trustees. Vote 4-0-0
4. Discussed the request from Lake Arrowhead for the town to deed over two lots. Selectman Abbott explained that the town has them because they were part of the swap pool and explained the history of that. Stated that he didn't have a problem deeding them over but they should pay any legal fees including the recording of the deed. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Gale to deed the two properties to Lake Arrowhead Community with the standard language that we've used in the past that says no building shall ever be built and we need to understand if they can put postal boxes on it if it carries that restriction and that Lake Arrowhead pay for any legal fees to include registering the deed with York County Registry of Deeds. Vote 4-0-0
5. Selectman Grover stated that the front counter is the incorrect height and width. Selectman Gale stated that they ought to move on this immediately as we've been waiting a long while already and do the job for the least cost. Nancy stated that we need to do a temporary fix right now for all three employees. Selectman Gale stated that they have acknowledged that it's not right so need to take care of it now. Bob Gobeil questioned if it wasn't built to specs originally and Selectman Grover stated that it has never been right. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott for Nancy to consult with a builder for lowering the counter and to chisel out a portion of the counter and come back with a proposal or two for next week. Vote 4-0-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Selectman Grover reported that he has a list of master electricians to do the wiring for the generator which he will email tomorrow and Nancy can proceed with the pre-bid meeting. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Gale to move forward. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Pam L'Heureux reported that she went to a FEMA meeting today with Fred and they filled out the paperwork indicating that they will be filing. Right now we are looking at \$565,000. Also looking at a grant for road damage that occurs every year. Selectman Abbott stated that they need to put closure on the figure for the special town meeting. Pam stated that it now looks like the split will be 75% Federal - 15% state - and 10% town
3. Selectman Gale reported that the Commissioners met last Wednesday and has formed a committee to look at the deficit and come up with a recommendation on how to handle it as well as prevent it from occurring again. Will be discussing this at the 11 Town Group on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Reported that it appears like most of it came from the construction of the new jail. Discussed the Treasurer and Selectman Gale stated that the Treasurer is elected and no experience is required while they oversee a \$20 million budget. Selectman Moore questioned the County Managers roll in all this and Selectman Gale reported that since the Treasurer is elected and therefore is not responsible to the manager. Feels that County Government needs a major over-hall. Selectman Abbott questioned what the figure would be to pay this off in a year and Selectman Gale wasn't sure but it would be over \$100,000 which would put us over LD1.

## **OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to sign the warrants for bills and payroll.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of 4/10/07 and 4/19/07. Vote 3-0-2 with Selectmen Girard and Abbott abstaining as they were not yet on the board. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes of 4/24/07 as written. Vote 5-0-0
3. Dave Woodsome reported on the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee and listed all the businesses that assisted in promoting recycling during Earth Week. Also listed the winners of the energy efficient bulbs. Reminded residents that are using the CFL bulbs they do have mercury and can not be thrown in with the household trash. These need to be brought to the universal waste and they will be disposed of at no charge. Discussed a clean up day and stated that there have been no funds appropriated for the type of clean up day where residents can clean up at no charge. If groups would like to do roadside pickup they would need to organize it as the committee is too tied up with other things at this time to organize it. Reported that as of May 1<sup>st</sup> EcoMaine was to release 6 silver bullets for the schools to recycle. Currently working on the Solid Waste/Hazardous Waste Ordinance and their next meeting will be Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the town hall annex. Selectman Abbott explained that the ordinance being crafted was trying to cover too much and they now hope to streamline it with the rules and fees separate.
4. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0
5. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the

minutes of 5/1/07 as written. Vote 4-0-0

6. Selectmen Grover read reminders.

**HEARING OF DELEGATION**

1. Steve Searles reported on the renovations to town hall. Stated that he is about half done and now on the worst part. Has not found any major damage. Had an issue with power today as CMP can't come until a week from Thursday to move the meter and a power line so they can do the corner of the building. Presented a revision to the original proposal removing the sales tax. Also presented proposals to do some additional work amount to \$1,492.42. Explained the problems where the new addition meets the old building and reported that moisture is really getting to the building. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to put this on the agenda tonight. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to go ahead as presented by Steve. Vote 4-0-0.

2. Selectman Moore requested a workshop to discuss some changes with Nancy. Agreed to meeting next Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

3. Nancy reported that they may need to put a request for another ballot counter on the special town meeting as they just received notification that the current machine will no longer be supported after November 2008. Also reported that the state is going out to bid for machines and everyone will be using the same machine. Thought perhaps now would be the time to buy both machines as they are hoping to get a good price.

4. Will want to make sure the Road Commissioner is present at next weeks meeting as they need to what number to use and how to fund for the special town meeting. Also discussed not doing the paving right away. Selectman Gale will go to the 11 Town Group about coordinating paving with the FEMA funds and will also discuss a single election date.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Selectmen Moore and seconded by Selectmen Abbott to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

**SIGNED:**

Warrants for bills and payroll.

Minutes of 5/1/07

Appointment papers

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