

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 21, 2007

PRESENT: Jon Gale, Cindy Moore, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Tammy Jo Girard, Nancy Brandt, David Lowe, Anthony and Elaine Taylor, Willis Lord, Jane Harriman, Atty. Gene Libby, John Cook, George Benner, Fred & Cheryl Parker, Frank Allen, Todd Abbott, Mark Lepper, Fred Fay, Peggy Dunlap, Elaine Adriance, John & Donna Mahoney, Bonnie Wickham, Paul Holdsworth, Kevin Smith, Rick Gould, David Watson, Paula Jones, Norm Dubois, Elaine Marino, David Woodsome, Patti Berry, and 4 unknown attendees.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectmen Abbott with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Selectmen Moore to open up the Public Hearing to receive public comment for the liquor license hearing for Sullies'. Selectmen Gale seconded. Vote 5-0-0. Atty, Gene Libby spoke and presented the Board members with exhibits. There is only one record of incident that occurred in June 2007 and it was an incident with smokers. There is a blind for a fence, another stockade type fence 40 feet away and then the neighbors house is an additional 10 feet away. Feels remark from the smokers equaled Mrs. Wickhams request. Sullies' has served 9,200 meals with only 1 reported incident. Can only take in consideration past year from September to present-cannot take in consideration license previous which is still in courts. Comments from the public were received from nice place to eat, family oriented, have not seen any of the actions that have been reported. Bonnie Wickham spoke and has had a problem with rudeness. Did not appreciate being talked to the way that she was. Peggy Dunlap and Jack Mahoney spoke in regards to the bus stop. The problem with the bus stop was at 8 am prior to the business being open. Parking vehicles at the end of the road waiting for the bus to pick up and leave off causes a blocking of the road.

Selectmen Gale made the motion to close the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. Selectmen Grover seconded. Voted 5-0-0.

HEARING OF DELEGATION:

Fred Fay asked if the Board had made a decision about the culvert on Scooter Way. Selectmen Abbott told Fred that waiting to see what the Town will get back from FEMA before making that decision. Fred also asked about Roland Denby's pond. Selectmen Abbott is not sure what direction to go through to excavate a private pond. Selectmen Moore questioned if D.E.P. regulate. Board agreed to get a reading on the pond.

REPORTS:

A) Town Administrator

1. Pam L'Heureux couldn't be here but wanted to report from last weeks meeting that the 911 numbers, 4 inches high are ok.
2. Collection agency. The Board has discussed this in previous years and no decision was ever made in regards to outstanding rescue billing going to a

collection agency. Preliminary audit at the end of 6/30/07 shows \$15,000.00 uncollected. Auditor again is recommending trying to collect. Treasurer, Julie Giles would like to send out one more request for payment and within the notice state that if not paid by deadline, will be turned over to a collection agency. This would give people one last chance to pay prior to going to collection. Selectmen Abbott would like a detail report of what years are included in the \$150,000.00.

3. Putting the paperwork together to get a grant from MMA Risk Services for an eye wash station at the Transfer Station and for ergonomic task chairs for the work stations that were just remodeled.
4. Reminded on Thursday, Sept. 20th from 6-8 p.m., Jensen Baird Gardner and Henry will be holding a municipal client seminar to review current legal issues, the new laws enacted and the implications of the new laws for Maine municipalities. Deadline to sign up is Sept. 7th.

B) Selectmen Reports

1. Selectmen Gal reported on the 11 Town Group meeting. Some issues were discussed. County finances were discussed. Discussed excise tax. There is a new law that allows towns to make the choice to rebate excise if an individual purchases a vehicle and then trades or sells it and transfer registration to a less expensive vehicle. This would include anyone who registers in one town and then moves to another. Town would rebate excise on a vehicle that they town did not receive the original excise paid. The 11 Town Group was unanimously a thumb down on this. Also discussed road standards. Each town has their own and discuss coming up with regional road standards.
2. SAD 57 consolidation meeting has been held and the directors will be voting on it tomorrow to stay as is and not consolidating due to the population in district.

C) Committee Reports

1. Transfer Station Committee Chm. David Woodsome addressed the Board and made a request to the Selectmen to make the Transfer Station Area a no smoking area.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Selectmen Gale made the motion to add Executive Session to the agenda at the end after the reminders. Selectmen Girard seconded. Voted 5-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectmen Grover to delay the decision on Sullies' for two weeks for Selectmen Grover and Selectmen Girard could come up with a resolution. Selectmen Moore seconded. Selectmen Girard stated that the discussion with the bus stop was a problem with parking on Ricker Lane; the issue was traffic was being blocked and Dep. Conger worked to make the Grange the bus stop which is a safety issue. It was a parking problem, not to do with the business. Selectmen Grover feels that the issues are later at night especially around the smoking area and would like to try to find a resolution. Selectmen Gale would like to stay on the issue of the license and if information is going to be germane to the license, do not feel the need to put off. Have received one complaint and does what Selectmen Grover and Girard does have anything to do with the license. Selectmen Grover feels that it is a yearly

thing. Selectmen Gale stated that need to look at what happen since last year, not the previous year. Selectmen Girard feels that she has enough information to make a decision tonight but still will work with Jane and the residents. Selectmen Abbott feels that looking at this year not sure what is going to gain any additional knowledge in 2 weeks. Everyone work together to mediate the situation. Selectmen Moore felt that last year was a learning curve. State never made a decision on last year. Main motion to delay the decision for two weeks. Voted 1-3-0. Selectmen Gale made the motion to grant the liquor license for the upcoming year. Selectmen Girard seconded. Voted 4-0-1 abstention.

4. Selectmen Moore made the motion for the ATV club to proceed with looking at what the town can do. Selectmen Gale seconded. Selectmen Grover would like to add that ATV club to assume legal costs and Selectmen Girard would like a public hearing. Selectmen Moore amend her motion for the ATV club to proceed with looking at what the town can do, any legal costs will be assumed by the club and a public hearing will be held. Selectmen Gale seconded. Voted 5-0-0.
5. Selectmen Moore made the motion for ATV club to work with Town Administrator, CEO to work out the moving of the trailer to the site. Selectmen Grover seconded. Voted 5-0-0.
6. State law does not allow active veterans taxes be exempt. Selectmen Grover made the motion to draw up a resolution for Rep. Larry Jacobsen and Sen. Jon Courtney to take to Augusta to exempt active duty military from taxes. Selectmen Moore seconded. Voted 5-0-0.
7. Selectmen Grover made the motion that the Fire Chief and CEO create a policy to inspect licenses from the State of Maine for inspection before approval. Selectmen Moore seconded. Voted 5-0-0.
8. Selectmen Grover made the motion that until new evidence is submitted on Amy Lane would like to table this indefinitely. Selectmen Moore seconded. Voted 5-0-0.
9. Selectmen Abbott feels it would be in the best interest of the Town to vote in November to establish a Charter Commission and have the election at the next Town election. State law does not allow that to take place. Election of members has to be held within 90 days of the passage of the question if not held at the same time. Nancy explained that if both were to be held in Nov. nominations papers should have been available on August. 13th. Selectmen Grover asked if the Nov. election could be pushed out a week but it is a State/Federal election. Selectmen Gale made the motion to include in the next annual town meeting the referendum question to establish a charter commission and the election of members. Selectmen Grover seconded. Voted 5-0-0.
10. Selectmen Grover made the motion to approve the proposal from Point & Pay to accept debit/credit cards. Selectmen Girard seconded. Voted 5-0-0.
11. Selectmen Grover made the motion to keep excise tax as current. Selectmen Gale seconded. Voted 5-0-0.

