

Selectmen's Meeting
October 30, 2007

Present: Tammy Jo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Mike De Angelis, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Wayne Gautreau, Don & Dianne Holden, Leo Binette, Scott Bartlett, Vice President F.E.T., Coco Canning, President F.E.T. and State Biologist
Opened meeting at 7:00 pm with pledge.

Announcements

Selectman Abbott announced that there was a workshop earlier. Also announced that for those interested there are a couple new plates available and they are an Agriculture plate for passenger vehicles available now and a "Support Our Troops" plate which will be available November 1st. These come with an extra fees for anyone interested.

7:00 -Selectman Abbott stated that a lot are present by invitation as there has been a lot of discussion in different meetings regarding an event held each year by F.E.T. There has been as much positive as negative but invited the organizers to discuss these issues. A lot of us want to see this thing preserved. This started as friends getting together to have a good time and now has evolved into a major event in southern York County. Want to discuss, clean up, Warden or law enforcement presence, number of vehicles on the ice, sanitation facilities, parking and respect of the lake in general. This is an effort to see what we can all do and pitch in and ensure that as this continues that it continue to grow and make sure that it is managed. Can't throw that whole burden on the F.E.T. folks because it's bigger than that now. If people have an issue would hope that they also have a solution. Coco stated that they certainly want to work with the town to make this a great event. Scott stated that some of the issues brought to their attention have already addressed from day one. Selectman Abbott started the discussion with the concern about clean up and Scott explained that they work with D & E who brings a dumpster to the boat launch and they hand out trash bags with the registration. They also bring in a non-profit group to do clean up after the event. They canvass the whole lake and bring back all the trash and put in the dumpster, they also do a bottle and can drive on the lake and they receive \$500 from F.E.T. Also Coco and his father go out the day after the event and do another sweep of the lake for trash. Selectman Abbott reported that just before ice out there was a significant amount of trash removed from the lake which was post this event. Commended F.E.T. for their efforts as well as some of the volunteers and homeowners on the lake. Wayne Gautreau stated that a lot of complaints came from the lack of respect for citizens property on that day. Stated that there should be a stronger warden's presence not only that day but all season. Great fear for the number of vehicles out on the ice particularly this year. Francis explained that there is a long history of anglers using private property for access but usually try to make contact with the property owner for

permission. Also explained that they have scheduled the event later in the season so that the recreational anglers get first crack at the fish. Discussed how many fish are stocked into the lake and the types. Scott stated that they stock at least twice as many as are taken the day of the event. Selectman Grover stated that he has received questions from a couple of people questioning the erosion caused by this event. Stated that a vehicle drives on the ice they have dirty slush all that type of stuff has been a concern. They town has put quite a bit of money into preventing erosion and questioned how we can prevent that from happening. Have potentially over 100 cars going onto the ice with gas and oil etc. Questioned if this is healthy for the lake. Francis stated that the type of impact by this one event is not something you want but probably not of significant impact. Stated that the thing causing the most damage would probably be phosphorus from run off. Discussed parking/shuttle buses to prevent such large numbers of vehicles on the lake during this event. Coco stated that they have never recommended that anyone drive on the lake but can not prevent them. Will add something to the posters for the tournament to try and discourage people from driving onto the lake. Discussed an emergency response plan in the event someone broke through the ice for that day. Discussed the no parking zone along route 5 by Gobeil Park. Dana Blackburn discussed the tremendous amount of trash he picked up this spring including couches and trash barrels. Discussed people removing their name and number from ice shacks so they can not be tracked then leaving them to sink. F.E.T. agreed to publish an ad about all the trash on their web-site, and discussed posting on the ice shacks after the event about not leaving their trash and recycling. Will schedule a couple of meetings closer to the date of the event to meet with the Board of Selectmen. Wayne Gautreau thanked the Selectmen for pulling this meeting together and hope that they can all work together. Scott Bartlett also thanked those who have helped F.E.T. throughout the years to make this event a success.

New Business

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to sign abatements.
Vote 5-0-0.

Old Business

Draft of Contractor's Contract prepared by Nancy. To review and will bring back next week for approval.

Selectman Abbott reported that there are four members of the previous Hiring Panel interested in coming back on that committee. As soon as he contacts the two of them will make appointments.

Other

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept minutes

of 10/23/07 amending as follows, Selectman Grover amended that he did agree with Selectman Gale that he was in favor of the ice rink and also in the Town Administrator's Report he questioned who issued the building permit. Vote 5-0-0 on the amendment. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes as amended. Vote 5-0-0.

Selectman Abbott read reminders.

Agenda Items

Ice skating rink - Old Business
Goals assessment report to accept
Contractor's Contract for action
Code of Ethics for discussion
Library Building Committee
Library Sign
Library tree removal
Appointments to Town Planner Interview Panel
Discuss/vote Land Trust Request
Agreement with ATV Club

Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Signed:

Warrants for Bills and Payroll
Abatements

Approved:

Date:

