

COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 12, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Present: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, David Lowe, Pam Witman, Bob Gobeil, Jack Seery, Tom Ursia, Matt Bors, Fred Fay, Mike DeAngelis, Jerry Daigle, Ruth Blake and Deb Eisenhauer.

Selectman Abbott opened Council Meeting at 6 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheriff – Reported on June and July. Reported that there were a lot of burglaries both home and vehicle as soon as school got out. Reviewed comparisons to last year the same period. Reported that he is trying to revitalize Neighborhood Watches. The top things being stolen are money and drugs. All major crimes have increased. Reported that there is a new sex offender in town for a total of nine (9). Stated that the Governor refused to sign legislation to modify the sex offender law and the law is being challenged in court.

Town Administrator – Reported that she heard from Maine Telecom and he hopes to be here the first of next week to upgrade the phone system. Because of all the thunderstorms recently he has been tied up doing repairs. Reported that the air exchanger has been installed. Reported that along with Tom held the first department head meeting on zero based budgeting and capital plans. They are putting together a time line and will be holding another meeting in the next month.

Selectmen's Report – Selectman Gale reported that he and Selectman Moore met with two of the three members of the Finance Committee and the question of a secretary came up and also that they need more members. They also talked with Chief Bors about his vehicle and talked about the West Road project. They are meeting every other week for workshops as they don't have enough members and will be meeting with them again regarding direction. Selectman Girard reported that she met with the Library Trustees regarding the roof and that Ruth will be working on specs and this will be on next weeks agenda. Selectman Grover reported that the paving is complete at the Transfer Station. Selectman Abbott reported that the board has taken a vote and Town Meeting will be on June 13th with the voting on June 12th.

Town Planner – Report attached.

Tax Collector Report – Report attached.

Town Clerk – Report attached

Motor Vehicle Agent Report – Report attached

Assessor's Agent Report – Report attached

Road Review Commissioner's Report – Reported serious drainage problems and areas that need rip rap. Haven't lost any pavement yet

Library – Reported that they have issued 48 new cards since July. Reported that they have 134 kids participating in the summer reading program. They still have museum passes available for anyone interested. Story Hour is going very well. The book discussion group is also going very well and meets at Raven Hill Orchard on Ossipee Hill Road. Reported that they have a new computer person, Sean Dutton. Reported that they had a girl painting murals on the walls of the children's room. Have more water leakage, there is water coming into the basement meeting room. Reported that last week the water pump went and had no water in the Library so had to close one day but was replaced yesterday.

Friends of the Library – Reported that the Walk-A-Thon and the auction both were very successful. This Saturday is the Mega-Sale 8 to 1 weather permitting. Agency one will be holding a yard sale to benefit the library the same day at their office on Route 5. There will also be a car wash at Lakeside Market the same day to benefit the special fuel fund. Reported that Biddeford Savings has committed to \$50,000 to the new library and we need to raise \$500,000. Also have about \$20,000 in grant applications out. Hope to have an estimate by mid-September on total cost. Reported that Frank Oliva will be presenting to the Planning Board of August 20th and invited the board to attend. Stated that he hopes to sit down in the near future to discuss the process.

Historical Society – Selectman Gale reported that they had a great meeting last Thursday discussing life on the lake prior to the '47 fire. Art In The Barn and English Tea are this weekend.

Lake Arrowhead Community – Reported that they had their annual elections last week. Evan was reelected and is the new Treasurer. They are selling unscreened loam very cheap and will be holding their 1st annual canoe & kayak race. Next meeting will be held on Saturday.

Lake Arrowhead Conservation – Reported that they have the milfoil harvester and are currently reconfiguring the pontoon boat. Should be up and running very soon. Discussed where the harvested milfoil will go.

Fair Hearing Committee – Haven't met.

Parks & Rec. Director/Committee – Report attached.

Fire/EMS – Reported that the new students have moved in. Working with the Maine Forest Service and on the 28th and 29th will be holding a chipping day in Lake Arrowhead. So far this year had had 1,368 actions for both Fire and EMS. Last year at this time was approximately 900.

Transfer Station – Reported that the appearance has improved at the Transfer Station with the paving being complete and are looking into incentives to make people want to recycle more. Stated that the new drainage is working and they need more members.

Old Home Days – Reported that they had a couple issues this year one being parking and the other the layout for the fireworks. Reported on participants and that next year will be held on July 10th and 11th. Selectman Girard commended the committee on an excellent job.

Lake Association – Reported that there is a lot of nervousness regarding the petition on the lake level. Selectman Moore stated that people living in coves will have no water if they drop it by 10 inches. Agreed they should have a session with them. Reported that Don is working very hard to regulate the lake level with all the recent rain.

General Discussion – Selectman Abbott stated that if not already involved consider becoming involved and put in an application for a committee.

Meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.

**Council Meeting
September 12, 2008**

Talking points from Town Planner

- CIP** - How to prepare components of the Town's 2009 – 2013 capital improvement plan initiated on July 31, 2008.
- GIS** - Investigating best practices for ArcGIS 9.3 (newest version) and best integration with updating of zoning and tax maps
Training on ArcGIS Desktop scheduled for early October
- RRIP** - Rural Road Initiative Program - Continuing conversations with the Maine DOT and optimistic place holder for \$450,000.
- RSMS** - Road Surface Management System ... evaluating a smart, cost efficient way of documentation for future prioritizations and future Federal/State funding resources
- MMBB** - Initial research on bond scenarios & bond issuance cycles, should bonding be considered for infrastructure and/or other needs
- CARTHAGE** - Conversations with civil engineers (Main-Land Development Consultants) and Attorney James Katsiaticas. Planning Board has been updated and is desirous of holding informational meeting

* **REMINDER:** Wrap-up session for 2008-2009 Goal Setting by the BoS.
Start time: **6 pm prompt** End time: **on or before 8 pm**
Location: South Station (courtesy of the Fire Department)
Pre-meeting incentives: Baked beans, Moxie & Smoked Salmon*
* limited quantity

Actual Date Between 07/01/2008 and 07/31/2008, Receipt Type Between 90 and 92

Receipt Summary

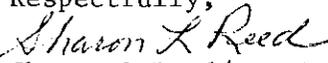
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90 Real Estate Payment	174	95,374.77
91 Tax Lien Payment	24	7,785.34
92 Personal Property Payment	5	1,282.65
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	203	104,442.76

Taxes Collected Between 06/01/2008 and 06/30/2008:

90 Real Estate Payment	375	238,672.19
91 Tax Lien Payment	6	3,797.25
92 Personal Property Payment	5	5,309.87
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	386	247,779.31

GRAND TOTAL: \$352,222.07**

The GRAND TOTAL amount above reflects the total taxes collected during June and July 2008.

Respectfully,

Sharon L Reed/Tax Collector

Council Report - August 2008

Town Clerk

1. Water District Special Election conducted July 21st – 90 people voted, **46** votes for Robert Gobeil, **44** for Timothy McCoy.
2. Applications for Absentee Ballots for the November election are available. **This is only the application**, ballots will be mailed out to the address given on the application when the ballots are received sometime end of September/ first of October.
3. Dog licenses – The state is sending copies of all canine rabies certificates to the towns. These rabies certificates are being cross checked with the town's records and any dogs not on the list as being registered are getting sent a reminder letter. Wade is following up on any that do not license after the 10 day period. Since April we have registered 207 new dogs.
4. Boat season is almost over....Yay

Respectfully Submitted

Kerry E Thorne

MOTOR VEHICLE AGENT REPORT

June 2008

The following is a list of vehicles registered through this office during the past month:

Passenger	381
Commercial	28
Trailers	102
Tractors Farm & special equipment	3
Motorcycles & motor homes	78
Transfers	37

Excise Tax in the amount of \$ 87,869.26 was collected in this office.
Excise Tax in the amount of \$ 13,079.89 was collected by Rapid Renewal

Total excise for the month \$ 100,949.15

Brenda J Crenna
Respectfully submitted
Brenda Crenner, MV Agent

MOTOR VEHICLE AGENT REPORT

July 2008

The following is a list of vehicles registered through this office during the past month:

Passenger	396-
Commercial	32-
Trailers	116-
Tractors Farm & special equipment	8-
Motorcycles & motor homes	65-
Transfers	40

Excise Tax in the amount of \$ 91,196.72 was collected in this office.
Excise Tax in the amount of \$ 15,142.31 was collected by Rapid Renewal
Total excise for the month \$ 106,339.03

Respectfully submitted
Brenda Crenner, MV Agent

Brenda J Crenner

MEMO

**To: Dennis Abbott, Chairman and
Members of the Board of Selectmen**

From: Jerry Daigle, Assessors' Agent

Re: Council Meeting - Assessing Update

Date: August 12, 2008

The following are some of the projects that the Assessing department has been working on since April, 2008:

- Town Tax Maps

The town tax maps are in the process of being updated, by Sebago Technics, for 2008 and they should be completed by the end of September. There are about 35 deed divisions or "splits" that need to be corrected on the tax maps along with various minor changes. This year we have 2 new subdivisions, which comprise of 17 new lots, that need mapping..

- FY2009 Property Valuation Adjustments

We have completed the annual review of Building Permits issued from April 1, 2007 through to June 30, 2008. This involves making field reviews and then upgrading the property data files in the computer to adjust property valuations for FY2009. Value adjustments for new houses, garages, additions, sheds etc. will be included in the FY2009 tax bill due this November. Personal Property accounts have also been reviewed and adjustments made for FY2009.

- Final Valuation Totals - FY2009

During August, we will be finalizing the FY2009 valuation totals for all Real Estate and Personal Property accounts so that the tax rate calculation process for FY2009 can begin. The tax rate is set by the Board early in October, and the tax bills mailed afterwards.

Parks and Recreation Report August Council Meeting

<u>Program</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Day Camp	101	40382
Teen Camp	49	16286
Gym Camp	50	6151
Swim	69	2630
Trips	57	1765
Baton	16	295
B/A Care	n/a	1734
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Legion: Finished 16-8 but eliminated from Zone 5 Tourney. Our best season, but sadly, Bob Davis' last. He'll be around to help out at tryouts next year. We owe him a huge thank you for establishing an amazing program.

Next: Two weeks of Gym Camp here at Town Hall. We're pretty much full.

Basketball, Cheering and Baton sign-ups starting in one month. We'll hold reg. here at Town Hall on a week night (Sept. 16?) and keep it open through early October. Check papers.

Misc: Dogs are not allowed at Town owned parks. It's unfortunate, but it must be that way. Buoys at Gobeil will be removed in mid-Sept. Filtration system is doing its job even with 15 inches of rain poring through it. Thanks Fred, Tommy, Mike.

Soccer field is in good shape, scoured it for debris and we're confident that the field is safe for play. Little League field will be worked on throughout the fall to remove dangerous humps. Tim McCoy has offered to assist us with his bobcat.

Basketball Court: Have \$3400 proposal from MT&T to refinish.