

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 20, 2010

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Cindy Moore, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, David Woodsome, David Benton, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Leo Binette, Chris Binette, Sue Rocray, Roger Lauzier, Rep. Joe Wagner, Dianne Holden, Jon Tufts, Willis Lord and Doug Foglio.

Meeting opened by Selectman Abbott at 6:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Selectman Abbott thanked those recycling and encouraged those who are not to do so.
2. Selectman Abbott reminded that the deadline for the Census was Friday so those who did not send the card back will be having someone come by to get the information.

### APPOINTMENTS

Mike Fitzpatrick of Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council explained that their CBI are on duty Father's Day to Labor Day and that last year 197 milfoil plants were removed from boats in Lake Arrowhead which could have gone into any other lake in Maine. Reported that they were given the largest grant and are a test location. They received a \$40,000 grant, must raise \$40,000 and \$40,000 in kind volunteer work. Stated that the council is also an interface with the new owner of Ledgemere Dam. They are hoping to do a full GPS mapping of the milfoil. Currently have a down payment on a second boat, trailer and harvester. They are asking for \$3,000 to help meet the requirement for the grant. Selectman Gale questioned the ongoing cost. Mike explained that this is a three year grant and if funded again next year will probably be back again. Discussed volunteer activities. Stated that Lake Arrowhead is 60-65% infested. They removed about 20 tons last year. The goal is to knock it back and make it a management issue every year. Selectman Girard explained that the town purchased GIS software last year, perhaps they could work together. Selectman Abbott explained that Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council is separate from Lake Arrowhead Community, they are a 501C. Also explained to Mike that per the Charter it will take a unanimous vote to put this on the warrant at this time.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Stated that everything she has is further down on the agenda so will address it then.

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT'S

1. Selectman Gale reminded that next Monday at 7 pm will be an information meeting on the Comprehensive Plan so anyone interested in joining or just learning about it should attend.
2. Selectman Girard reported on the 12 Town Group Meeting. Stated that the DOT is looking at returning some minor collector roads to municipalities and for us it's West Road, Goodwins Mill Road and Townhouse Road. Explained that this would be done over a 10 year period and the state will spend \$30,000 per year to bring up to state standard before turning them back to the town, there would also be an inspection and the town would have to agree. Stated that we are fortunate because we are looking at 9 miles of road but Parsonsfield is looking at 25 miles and budgets can't handle that. Also discussed candidates for Governor and MMA has interviewed eight (8) of the candidates and only one (1) mentioned working with municipalities, the rest had an us and them attitude.

### COMMITTEE REPORT'S

Road Review Committee – Jon reported that not much is going on. They had been working on two projects for the board, Safe Routes To school grant and the water situation on Hemlock Ave. and Oak

Lane. Those residents have two (2) issues, one is surface water and the other is drinking water. The committee is recommending drainage. Felt that the school is starting to realize they are some or all of the problem. Selectman Abbott stated that they are trying to get a meeting together with the school, school board and town. Jon stated that one problem is that those roads are below Route 5 and Old Alfred Road grade. Reported that the last storm 80-90% of the pavement was under water. Pam stated that FEMA has already been to look. Pam will attend the Road Review Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Pam also reported that she put in Form 7 today for \$20,000 for Mast Camp Road. Discussed obstructions blocking water flow and causing the problems on Hamilton Road.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Reviewed the possible referendum questions attached:
  - A) Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to make this a referendum question. Selectman Girard stated that to put on the warrant gives us an opportunity to discuss. Vote 4-1-0 with Selectman Girard opposed.
  - B) Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to put the welcoming signs up to \$10,000 from Conservation Account on the warrant. Chris stated that he hopes to have a prototype for town meeting but will get back to the board. Vote 5-0-0.
  - C) Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to put the Charter Commission question as referendum. Vote 5-0-0.
  - D) Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to put the Pay As You Throw System on as a referendum question. Vote 5-0-0.
  - E) Discussed the LD1 override and Selectman Gale suggested all in one article such as the Transfer Station. Selectman Girard felt it would be very dangerous to put all in one article. Doug stated that if the pay as you throw passes you need the LD1 override. Nancy stated that it is easier to tie to one article but if they vote down both your hands are tied. Selectman Abbott stated that he would like to sit with Clint before making this decision. Nancy stated that voters could also take from other articles and not have an LD1 override. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to put into the Transfer Station account. Chris asked that the board educate as much as possible before town meeting. Roger questioned if littering is being enforced and Selectman Abbott stated that Shawn is enforcing. Vote 4-1-0 with Selectman Girard opposed.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to appoint Shona McLaughlin to the Cemetery Committee. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Littlefield abstaining as he was not present for the interview.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to expend the funds to go with the higher quality study and not to exceed \$4,500. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Discussed the request from Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council for a warrant article requesting \$3,000 and Selectman Girard stated that we do have conservation funds and this is definitely a conservation issue. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to add to the town warrant with an appropriation of \$3,000 to come from the conservation fund. Vote 5-0-0.

## **OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the minutes of 4/610 as written. Vote 3-0-2 with Selectmen Moore and Girard abstaining. Motion by Selectman Girard

and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 4/13/10 as written. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Littlefield abstaining.

3. Doug stated that there are a couple of areas of serious erosion around Ossipee Lake. There is one bad area on Logan Circle going in to Bob Fay Memorial Park. Will look to see if there is any money left.
4. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.
5. Selectman Littlefield noted that the Town Offices will close at noon on Thursday.

**Action Items**

1. Pam to notify Mr. Fitzpatrick that his article will be on the warrant and he should be prepared for a presentation at Town Meeting.

**Agenda**

1. Workshop with Planning Board reporting. Selectman Gale suggested they discuss Goals.

**SIGNED:**

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 4/6/10 & 4/13/10
3. Appointment papers

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

**APPROVED:**

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