

## COUNCIL MEETING

**PRESENT:** Dianne Holden, Glenn Bean, Sr., Deborah Miles, Bob Gobeil, Gus Cook, Fred Bechard, Millard Genthner, Dale Witman, Pam Witman, Jon Gale, Roland Denby, Len Van Gassbeeck, Kathy Hardy, John Monteith, Dwayne Morin, Robert Fay, Dennis Abbott.

Chm. Abbott opened up the Council Meeting allowing the committees to give a brief report, with the remainder of the meeting going to the Finance Committee to explain their recommendations.

**S.A.D. #57 DIRECTORS:** Millard reported that the local increase if the budget passes is \$66,000.00. Fred reported that the new issue of SCOPE will be mailed tomorrow and the district has the lowest cost per pupil. The new budget is only 2.1% increase over last year. Sel. Fay asked why is there a need for an assistant principal at the Elementary School and not at the Junior High. Fred stated that the Jr. High has teacher helpers and this is not the start of a trend to have asst. principles in all the elementary school. Fred also reported that there will be a public hearing next Monday with the vote on May 2nd. Dale told Fred that he would like to see a further breakdown on voting articles. Chm. Abbott asked if there has ever been consideration for a sports trainer. If someone pays \$25. to play, wouldn't mind if training was available at the facility. Paying allot for physical therapy. Fred stated that do employ for varsity contests. A request from the Athletic Director for a sports trainer was in his budget, but the Board denied it and is sure it will be back on the budget table next year. Deborah told Fred that she has a concern over increases in the future. The town is a residential with no commercial base, will people have to sell their houses to pay their taxes. Fred stated that the average is about 100 more children extra each year.

**LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY INC.:** Len reported that the LD is written, a few words have changed and waiting to hear when the Public Hearing will be, probable the second or third week in May.

At this point, the Finance Committee went over the warrant to explain the committee recommendations. Dale reported coming in with a total of \$1,748,553. in recommendations or \$154,928. increase. Requests were \$1,840,273. came in plus \$254,000. and at this point approximately there will be a \$1.55 increase in the mill rate which includes the school budget. Prior to the Annual Town Meeting, the committee will be meeting with the Selectmen to go over numbers in revenues and make changes on recommendations on the town meeting floor. Haven't utilize money from surplus. One of the increases was the library, which had a 13% increase. The library felt that it was a bare bones budget but the committee couldn't understand why a bare bones budget would have such an increase.

Discussed the bridge on the West Road by Federal St. Glenn will take Fred down to look at the bridge and Fred stated that the school will support the Town in getting state funding to get it repaired. Fred asked how bad was the bridge, and Dwayne told him that after he looks at it will wonder about having buses go over it.

Adjournment was at 8:30 p.m.