

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2003

PRESENT: Doug Foglio, Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Tim Neill, Chauncey Gerry, David Woodsome, Dean Waterhouse, Clint Andrews, Kevin Nelson, Patti & Kevin McIntyre, Teresa Lowell, Frank Allen, Ralph Bowley, Fred Fay, Dwayne Woodsome, Paul Kussman, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Jon Gale, Debby Downs, Scott Bradford & members of Maine Bass Federation.

Selectman Foglio opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Patti McIntyre introduced Scott Bradford of the Maine Bass Federation to speak with the board regarding the warrant article to gate off the boat launch on Ossipee Lake. He offered a number of resources available for preventing milfoil and stated that several of the programs are free as an alternative to installing a gate. Also stated that local clubs would be happy to assist. Discussed draw downs to combat milfoil. Doug stated that the article states that the town would gate the boat launch and that it would be open dawn to dusk, requesting funds to hire someone to inspect boats and to purchase the gate and signs. Hope to protect one of the towns greatest resources and protect the taxpayers. They are not trying to stop anyone from using it. Stated that with prior notice, arrangements can be made to accommodate for tournaments etc. The article states that the gate will be open whenever there is someone qualified to inspect boats. Scott suggested that they try working with some of the options he suggested before going to the extent of gating the boat launch. Discussed the right of local taxpayers to use the lake whenever they want. Discussed possibly restricting to residents only. Doug stated that he is very concerned about people coming over from Lake Arrowhead, where we know they have milfoil, and bringing it into Ossipee. Discussed the milfoil stickers and the fact that the state isn't giving any back to the towns to help combat the milfoil problem. Kevin McIntyre stated that even though they haven't received money back, just by people having to purchase that \$10 sticker created a lot of public awareness on invasives. Repeated that the Bass Federation is willing to do anything to back the town in monitoring. Dave Benton discussed the rights of swimmers in that area and the lack of parking for those who want to use the beach because the space is all taken up by boat trailers. Chauncey stated that they need to monitor the other boat launches as well.

Dave Benton addressed the board to discuss the recommendations of the Transfer Station Committee. They discussed a clean up day and found it to be cost prohibitive so are recommended that they not do one this year. Discussed grant money. Meeting April 16th with Hollis, Limerick and others along with someone from the state planning office to discuss pay per bag, grants etc. Also recommended that if the Transfer Station sticker is not attached to the vehicle that they lose their privilege to use the Transfer Station. Clint presented information from the State Planning Office to purchase 20 backyard composters. They have an 80 gallon capacity and cost \$31.75 each. If the town purchases 20 of them it will add points towards their yearly recycling goal. Have to order by April 16th. Doug suggested getting one for people to look at and take orders until April 16th. Recommended going another year with Custom Transfer until things are either straightened out at RWS or they get grant money to upgrade the Transfer Station and take over themselves completely. Holding back on major decisions until they find out what direction RWS is going in. Doug suggested the towns fund an independent group to investigate RWS. Eric stated that until a fixed decision on the direction of the town he doesn't want to continue to put money into quick fixes. Paul Kussman stated that there are capital improvements already on the warrant.

Discussed snowmobile funds. Dave stated that they did not do the roads requested and that had been agreed upon and did other roads. Discussed the construction site where they trucks are coming out onto

Townhouse Road. Has been reported to DOT in Alfred. Reported that he will be posting several roads as closed due to mud in the hopes that it will deter some traffic.

OTHER

1. Motion by Willis and seconded by Doug to accept the minutes of 3/25/03 as written. Voted. Passed.
2. Motion by Willis and seconded by Doug to accept the minutes of 3/18/03 as written. Voted. Passed.
3. Eric suggested a property tax amnesty program for those serving this country in the war on Iraq.
4. Discussed reinserting schools in the F/A zone as a Conditional Use. Nancy to check to see if it can be done this late.
5. Eric read reminders
6. Willis reported that the Senior Luncheon has very poor attendance. Has offered to transport.
7. Jon Gale reported that there will be copies of the Comprehensive Plan available by this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Willis and seconded by Doug to adjourn at 8:50 p.m..

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 3/18/03 & 3/25/03
2. Dog Warrant

APPROVED

Date_____
