

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2003

PRESENT: Doug Foglio, Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dean & Denise Waterhouse, Dean Look, Tim Neill, Teresa Lowell, Patti McIntyre, Beth Cyr, Bob Fay, Frank Allen, Bob Gobeil, Ralph Bowley, Sue Dunlap, Diane Herrle, Dwayne Woodsome, Don Scouler, Clint Andrews Paul, Kussman and Kevin McIntyre.

Selectman Foglio opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Announced that Meals on Wheels needs drivers for this area.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Eric spoke regarding management control over the Code Enforcement Office and Planning Board. Stated that he does not intend to ask the Zoning Board of Appeals to hear the case regarding Headstart again. Feels they do need to start managing town boards & committees. Need to have a Selectman at all Planning Board meetings. Willis stated that the Selectmen should have time to review everything from the Code Enforcement Office. Eric stated that he sent a memo to the Code Enforcement Office requesting all building permits within 10 days of issuance, need to know what everyone's doing at all times. Doug stated that if the board had let an individual appeal it would have gone forward and been heard. Certainly not in favor of reviewing everything done in the Code Enforcement Office. Patti stated that people are hired or appointed by the Board of Selectmen and have to adhere to state law, town ordinance or certification. Boards have to provide a notice of decision within 7 days and a copy is given to the Board of Selectmen. Eric did not feel the board should have to wait 30 days to hear information. Diane Herrle stated that she feels Doug should not argue this point as his firm did the site work on the project. Feels this is a conflict of interest. Paul Kussman stated that he watched the ZBA Hearing and feels they should bring in the town attorney to resolve this issue. Also stated that per the Charter the Selectmen are to uphold the town laws and ordinances. Tim Neill feels that the Selectmen appoint the members to these boards and therefore that is their influence. If made to schedule their hearings through the Selectmen he finds that totally unacceptable. Dwayne Woodsome explained the fee structure and the additional cost to the Planning Board if the Selectmen hold the Public Hearings for the Planning Board. Discussed when the Planning Board votes following the public hearing. Dwayne explained that sometimes it's the same evening and other times as long as six months later. Sue Dunlap suggested that if there is an item on the Planning Board agenda that the Selectmen are particularly interested in but can not attend, they could request that it be rescheduled or send a letter stating their opinion. Eric stated that they will take the input under advisement and bring this back next week under Old Business.
2. Motion by Willis to send the request for a grant to the state for monies for building and equipment at the Transfer Station. Clint explained that the building has to be done by October 1st but can ask for an extension. Grant is for \$82,500 and is for a building, glass crusher, baler and some other equipment that we don't currently have. Doug stated that we do have the funds to cover the 50% match but if the bill currently before the legislature passes it could increase the cost by 25% and is not sure we could cover that. Agreed that if this should happen and they find they can't cover the match, can always refuse the grant once awarded. Motion seconded by Eric. Voted. Passed.

3. Discussed a letter from the Code Enforcement Office regarding a faulty septic system. Was stated that there are two families living at this residence. Doug stated that they first should evict the tenants as they are not in compliance with zoning and that would reduce the amount going into the septic system. Should also record on the deed at the registry that the septic system is malfunctioning and needs to be replaced so that it is revealed during the title search. Suggested also sending a notice to the realtor. Motion by Doug to take whatever action is necessary to bring this home into compliance as a single family dwelling. Motion seconded by Willis. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Eric to reconsider the vote of last week on Victoria subdivision. Motion seconded by Willis. Voted. Passed. Diane Herrle stated that the owner did not put in any mobile homes until 10 years after the beginning of gravel extraction. Needs to be made to swiftly come into compliance. Motion by Eric to go along with the DEP and Code Enforcement Officers recommendation. Motion seconded by Willis. Vote 2-0-1 with Doug abstaining. With regard to the wells there is more information coming forward and the Code Office is working on it.
2. Discussed the proposal from ERUSA. Still not heard from the attorney so will move forward to next week if we have received his opinion at that point.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Don Scouler addressed the board. Stated that he lives next to a gravel pit on Townhouse Road and they were hauling at 3:30 Saturday afternoon and made four trips on Sunday. Questioned if the owner of that pit was aware that this is in violation of the ordinance. The owner had no knowledge of this occurring but stated that they will look into it. Diane Herrle stated that as part of the ordinance a pit is to be gated and locked when not in operation. Doug stated that it is gated and has had many locks cut off. It was not a Foglio truck doing the hauling but will look into it.

OTHER

1. Willis reported that \$7,762,437.83 was appropriated at Town Meeting which is \$625,956.61 more than last year. \$6,619,645.70 is from taxation of which a large portion is the school. Last year \$5,571,353.43 was appropriated from taxation which is an increase of \$1,048,292.27 over last year. Every \$300,000.00 is a \$1.00 increase in the mil rate. Doug explained that this will be reduced by \$175,000 based on new revenues. The increase should be about \$1.50 but won't know anything for sure until probably mid June.
2. Discussed reorganizing offices to accommodate addition positions.
3. Motion by Willis and seconded by Doug to accept the minutes of 4/28/03 as presented. Voted. Passed.
4. Willis read the list of reminders.
5. Dwayne Woodsome announced that there will be a site walk on the Carthage Lumber property at 5:30 p.m. on May 7th and at 7 p.m. there will be a public hearing prior to their regular meeting. On May 14th they will be holding two public hearings, one on the proposed doctors office in the former video store by Hannaford and on for Heritage Metal.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to adjourn at 8:30 p.m..

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 4/28/03
2. Abatements

APPROVED

Date _____
