

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2003

PRESENT: Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Doug Foglio, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Kevin & Nancy Nelson, Jason L'Heureux, Frank Allen, Dean & Carol Look, Bev Sinclair, John Cloonan, Pam L'Heureux, Richard Pinette, Russ Lowell, Frank Birkemose, Jr., Scott Birkemose, Scott Bernier, Diane Herrle, Mike & Lisa Bennett, Bob Fay, Howard Doe, Don Boillard, David Woodsome, Frank Birkemose, Sr., Joe Guarino, Larry Jacobsen, David Benton, Paul Kussman, and members of the Waterboro Fire Dept.

Selectman Lord opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. for a Public Hearing to purchase a Yankee Air Rescue Craft with grant money for the Waterboro Fire Dept. Chief Birkemose explained the varied uses of the boat. Price is \$30,685 for the boat and trailer. Funding was provided by Homeland Security and is 100% with no matching funds under First Responder Preparedness. Discussed using the balance of the grant to wire the town hall and fire station to use the generators we already have. Public Hearing closed at 7:22 p.m. Eric felt they need to include radios, life jackets, survival suits, headsets, etc. Discussed how the funding is handled and Pam L'Heureux explained that they can either handle it by issuing a purchase order or the town can front the money and be reimbursed. Doug suggested discussing further at a workshop as he still has many questions. Motion by Eric that we approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and EMA Director. Doug questioned if they are rushing into this. Chief Birkemose agreed to sit down in a workshop and discuss it but wants to move it along as quickly as possible. Will take eight weeks for delivery. Willis stated that if this is a top priority then why hold off and chance losing the money. Motion seconded by Willis. Discussed purchasing a cascade system with this grant but they hope to hear in the next few days if they receive another grant for the purchase of this system. Paul Kussman questioned what the terrorist threat is in rural America and if this is the best way to spend this money. Feels that this is a misuse of funds. Eric stated that he had the same concerns but could not find anyone with a better idea. Vote 2-1 with Doug opposed.

APPOINTMENTS

Diane Herrle reported on the Reapportionment Committee Meeting held last Monday. Stated that Fred came in with three proposed plans. She did contact Susan Cameron at the Board of Education and found out that some of the things stated by Fred Bechard were incorrect. Requested citizens to attend the next meeting which will be held next Monday, August 18th at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria and support Waterboro and their need for fair representation. Doug stated that Lee Steele is going to ask Larry Jacobsen and Richard Nass to put in a bill to redo the school funding formula. Feels that Waterboro is paying \$500,000 per year to little. Doug wanted to have a representative from the Dept. of Education come in to explain how they are going to figure the school funding formula. Diane stated that they did not even begin to follow state law on how this reapportionment committee is supposed to be conducted such as agree upon rules of order and elect a chair. Eric stated that next Mondays Selectmen's Meeting will be at the reapportionment meeting. Discussed the effect of having the schools in Waterboro on our total valuation. Bob Fay stated that he feels it's a good thing that we have the schools in our town. At least the children don't have to be bussed out of town.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Scheduled a staff meeting for September 10th at 5 p.m.
2. Motion by Willis and seconded by Doug to hold the Aug. 18th Selectmen's Meeting at the high school. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed accepting a gift of land in Lake Arrowhead. Motion by Doug that we accept this property subject to review by the towns attorney to make sure that there are no hidden encumbrances that would hinder disposing of this property. Motion seconded by Eric. Voted. Passed.
2. Discussed the no engine brake signs. Dave stated that he is waiting to receive the standards from the state on these signs because if they do not meet the state standards they are not enforceable.

Questioned how this will be enforced. Most felt that they would self police once the signs are in place. Eric felt they should also notify Poland Spring that this ordinance is on the books and that the signs will be going up soon. Doug felt that the money should not come from the Road Commissioner's budget as this cost was not figured into his budget. Eric agreed and felt they need to first find out the total cost.

3. Willis read the letter from the Road Review Committee and Road Commissioner regarding the requests for changes in speed limit on Route 202, Starr Hill Road and Hamilton Road. Dave stated that the committee felt that because the request came from one business on Route 202 whose driveway is not safe then that wasn't just cause. If the driveway is corrected then they should perhaps ask the state to do a traffic study for that whole industrial area. Discussed hidden driveways on Starr Hill Road and questioned if they were put in incorrectly. Also discussed the speed limit ordinance. If you want to change the speed limit you also have to change the ordinance. Selectmen will take their recommendations under advisement. Felt they should have a meeting with the Selectmen, Public Safety Committee, Road Review Committee and Road Commissioner. Doug read the current speed limit ordinance.

OTHER

1. Willis discussed the volunteer picnic held on Sunday. Thanked Larry Jacobsen, John and Wendy Carter for their work in putting this together.
2. Nancy reported on the work station study. Has a couple new chairs coming as well as headsets for the employees to try. Nancy to seek prices to meet the recommendations and present a package for the Selectmen to review. Will go over with the employees at the staff meeting.
3. Discussed replacing the doors and steps on the town hall. Doug stated that they need to get a price on the stairs and send a bill to the contractor for his share. Doug to bring in prices on new stairs. Nancy to find out from Dept. of Labor the required width of a platform.
4. Willis reported that they received the report on the Transfer Station from DEP. David Benton to provide a record of the conversation that he had with the representative from DEP.
5. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to accept the minutes of 8/4/03 as written. Voted. Passed.
6. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to go into Executive Session to discuss a Code Enforcement issue.
7. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to come out of Executive Session. Motion by Eric to have the CEO check to see if someone is living there without an occupancy permit. Doug stated that he will second if they include in the motion, provided that they are not camping on their own property. Voted. Passed.
8. Changed the date of staff meeting until Sept. 24th due to a conflict.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 8/4/03

APPROVED

Date _____
