

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2003

PRESENT: Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Doug Foglio, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Craig Kelley, Frank Allen, Paul Verrell, Sr., Bob Gobeil, Clint Andrews, Paul Kussman, Russ Lowell, Wendy Carter, Richard Pinette, Jerry Daigle, Mark & Beth Cyr, Larry Jacobsen, Kevin Nelson and Dave Benton.

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

Announced that there will be a community CPR course on Sunday, October 12th at Central Fire Station beginning at 1 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 p.m. – Opened bids for the Savannah Lane project. Bids were as follows:

D & R Paving & Seal coating - \$6,990.00

Dearborn Bros. - \$18,369.00

Motion by Doug to award the bid to D & R Paving & Seal coating for \$6,990. to be done under the supervision of the Road Commissioner and with inspections being done by Bill Thompson of BH2M and all product that's used be tested and specifications given to the contractor. Seconded by Willis. Voted. Passed.

7:05 – Selectman Lord opened the Public Hearing on the proposed changes to several road ordinances. Discussed the working of Section 7 of the Highway Entrance Ordinance. Will need to hold another public hearing on 10/21/03 because of changes. Discussed the crosswalk ordinance and including the crosswalk on Chadbourne Ridge Road but moving to the area of the culvert. Doug stated that the ordinance should also include crosswalk signs. Discussed the crosswalk in South Waterboro in front of the church and Curves. Bob Gobeil stated that they need stop lines by the crosswalks in South Waterboro by Milk Room. Will include this in the hearing on 10/21/03. Explained the change in the speed limit ordinance from 30 mph to 35 mph. Hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

Opened hearing on General Assistance Maximums at 7:24 p.m. Wendy explained the maximums and how they are set. Food allowance can be amended by the Selectmen by providing a local survey to DHS. Housing allowance can also be altered by conducting a local rental survey and contacting DHS for guidance. Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Eric to accept the GA Maximums as recommended by the GA Administrator. Seconded by Doug requesting that she also research local rental rates. Voted. Passed.

Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to accept the amended Winter Traffic & Parking Ordinance. Voted. Passed.

Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to accept the amended Parking and Traffic Ordinance. Voted. Passed.

Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to accept the amended Speed Limit Ordinance. Voted. Passed. High Entrance Ordinance and Crosswalk Ordinance will be brought back to another Public Hearing with changes on 10/21/03.

7:30 – Kathy Thompson was not present. Kevin reported on the reason she had requested to meet with the board as well as the situation on Bennett Hill Road. Reported that the person originally thought to have the barking dog does not own a dog and it is apparently the neighbor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jerry Daigle, Assessors Agent reported that new valuation is not increasing as much as in the past. Recommended a tax rate of \$19.20 which is an increase of \$1.70. This includes \$167,493 in overlay, a reduction in Revenue Sharing to \$440,403 and County Tax of \$245,995. Tax bills will be going out shortly after Columbus Day with dues dates of 11/17/03 and 5/17/04 with a late fee of 6.75%. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to set the tax rate at \$19.20. Voted. Passed.
2. Discussed items from the swap shed going to yard sales. Willis recommended requiring permits for yard sales. Eric suggested banning those persons who are removing merchandise to sell in yard sales. Doug suggested a meeting with the Transfer Station Manager on this and get his input then sending registered letters to those offenders stating that they will be banned from using the swap shed. Eric suggesting requiring them to go through the manager to use the swap shed. Doug also suggested enacting an ordinance so they can be prosecuted and stating that it be left for two weeks before it can be taken for a yard sale. Paul Verrell suggested limiting the number of items which can be taken per week. Larry suggested requiring them to sign a lot with the number of items. Clint to provide a list of offenders to the Town Administrator so certified letters can be sent.
3. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to accept the resignation of Patricia McHugh from the Public Safety Committee with regret. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Doug explained that he and Dave Benton have not had time to look over the Parking lot and sidewalk snowplowing contracts so will try to do for next week.
2. Paul Kussman reported on the inspection of the baler and stated that it is exactly the machine they are looking for. It is owned by Atlantic Leasing and not LL Bean. Stated that they will accept a 10-15% deposit and \$24,000 upon delivery. The deadline to commit to purchase is the end of next week. Doug stated that they have made other departments adhere to the policy requiring a referendum vote for items over \$25,000 and they as a board should also adhere to the policy. Eric expressed concern because there still isn't a plan. Recommended approaching Atlantic Leasing to see if they will accept a deposit pending a referendum vote. Will try to schedule a meeting for next Tuesday morning. Discussed the electrical concerns. Suggested also meeting with Central Maine Power also. Doug stated that the power is another cost not factored in. They should have an idea of the total cost before spending taxpayers money.
3. Discussed the lowering of the lake. Doug explained that the gates won't open all the way because there is a stop on them and that the water in the lake is the same height as the flowage so is not going down as quickly as it could. Explained that the gates should be able to open 8" more than they do. Dave stated that it will take 3 weeks to drop the lake at the rate is currently going.

OTHER

1. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to accept the minutes of 9/30/03 as written. Voted. Passed.
2. Eric read reminders.
3. Discussed the need to go out to bid for a furnace for the Library. Discussed holding a Special Town Meeting to fund this expense. Discussed possibly installing monitor heat. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold a Special Town Meeting and a referendum vote as soon as possible. Voted. Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. and go into a short workshop.

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 9/30/03
2. GA Maximums
3. Account Transfers

APPROVED

Date _____
