

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2003

**PRESENT:** Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Doug Foglio, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Kevin Nelson, David Benton, Paul Kussman, Fred Fay, Bob Fay, Bob Gobeil, Larry Jacobsen, Sandra Jorgensen, Wendy & John Carter, Tom Cyr and Richard Pinette.

Selectman Lord opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. for a Special Town Meeting.

Selectman Lord opened the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:20 p.m. and reported that only 295 votes have been cast in the school referendum vote so far with only 40 minutes left to vote.

### APPOINTMENTS

Chris Madden of the Post Office reported that they are working on a project to replace the post office in South Waterboro with a new 5,000 sq. ft. facility. Would like the location to be within a mile of the intersection by Hannaford. Would be leasing for 20 years with multiple year renewal option. No plans at this time to close the North or East post offices, this is only to replace Waterboro. All carriers would work out of the new facility and the North and East would only be for PO Boxes and retail sales. Willis noted that an offer had been made by the developer of Dunkin Donuts. Mr. Madden explained that they will advertise to the public. Doug questioned why you would want two post offices within ½ mile and make those from South Waterboro drive 3 ½ miles to get to the post office. Sandra Jorgensen noted that the location they are proposing is very bad if you want to walk, it is the most dangerous intersection in town with no sidewalks. Discussed the time frame and Mr. Madden felt that if everything goes smoothly it would be two years to opening. Stated that the building would not be tax exempt. Discussed free standing building versus a multi-unit building. Doug questioned the general value of the building for the tax base and was told approximately \$500,000. This would preferably be a wood structure with wood or vinyl siding. Sandra Jorgensen questioned how the public would be able to comment. Suggested publishing in the newspaper.

Kevin Nelson withdrew his request for an appointment with the Selectmen. Stated that he would speak with them after the meeting.

Paul Kussman presented the conceptual plan for the Recycling Center at the Transfer Station. Dave Benton explained the actual plan. Discussed requiring commercial haulers to recycle and extending the hours. Paul stated that the goal is to cover the cost with revenues but not sure they will be able to do that. The next step is to cost out the project. Sebago Tech. has offered to cost it out for \$1,275. Then the next step will be to go to referendum. Hope to spread the cost over a three year period. Willis stated that they do not intend to expend any tax dollars on this project, only user fees. Willis stated that of the 23 towns using RWS, 15 recycle more than we do. Need to reduce tonnage and the only way to do that is to increase recycling. Sandra Jorgensen stated that the best way to encourage people to recycle is to charge them for their trash. Paul stated that there is a written report with all the facts and figures available to anyone interested. Discussed pay-per-bag. Paul stated that there will be a meeting at 2 p.m. on Friday with Sebago Tech. to go over their cost estimates.

Doug read the results of the school vote as follows:

Article 2 – To construct a new Middle School – 241 yes 67 no  
Article 3 – To renovate the current middle school – 233 yes 78 no  
Article 4 – To add a cafetorium – 169 yes 135 no  
Article 5 – To add additional classrooms – 175 yes 132 no  
Article 6 – To add an additional gym – 128 yes 178 no  
308 total votes

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to reaffirm the policy regarding structures obstructing the plowed rights of way. Vote 2-0-1 with Doug abstaining. David reported that the state will be enforcing

the law the makes it illegal to plow snow into the road. Sgt. Chauvette has put an ad in the papers stating that this will be enforced. The fine for this is \$153.00. It is illegal if it obstructs the travel lane.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to accept the resignation of Tim Neill from the Planning Board with regrets. Vote 2-1-0 with Doug opposed.
2. Reported that they will meet in a workshop tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. to discuss the appointments to the Hiring Panel.
3. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to appoint Denise Everest to the Planning Board. Voted. Passed. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to appoint Jonathan Raymond to the Planning Board. Vote 2-0-1 with Doug abstaining as he was not in the interview.

**OTHER**

1. Willis reported that the warrants won't be ready for signing until tomorrow morning.
2. Motion by Doug and seconded by Willis to accept the minutes of 12/9/03 as written. Voted. Passed.
3. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to accept the proposal from Sebago Tech for \$1,275 and to come out of the Transfer Station Capital Improvement Account. Voted. Passed.
4. Eric read the reminders.
5. Willis stated that when the weather is bad people should call the Transfer Station ahead to make sure it's open before going up there.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Voted. Passed.

**SIGNED:**

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 12/9/03
- 2.

**APPROVED**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_