

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2005

ATTENDING: Doug Foglio, Sr., Robert Fay, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Cindy Moore, Wendy & John Carter, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Dwayne Woodsome, Keith Montpas, Mark Cyr, Frank Allen, Paul Kussman, Tammy Wells, Bob Gobeil, Dana Morton & Jon Gale.

Selectman Foglio called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Foglio announced that there will be a Selectmen's Meeting on Monday at 4 pm to work on the warrant. Will also hold a regular meeting on March 29th which is the 5th Tuesday but because of inclement weather and cancelled meetings will meet this month.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Keith Montpas – Has a piece of property which is only .15 acres and abuts a town lot. Could not get a variance because the lot is too small and requested to purchase a piece of land from the town to enlarge the lot enough to allow him to build a garage on this lot. Selectman Foglio stated that the town bought this lot to allow for expansion and would seem foolish to sell some off. Selectman Fay agreed that we should not be selling off pieces of the lot. Mr. Montpas questioned if the town would be interested in purchasing his lot and was told to prepare something for town meeting and it would be presented.

7:15 – Dana Morton addressed the board regarding the town permit fees for the construction of the new middle school. Stated that the bids came in at 2 ½ - 3% over budget and is currently negotiating to lower costs. Stated that most towns waive the building permit fees. He is not asking the town to waive the fees completely but only to cover just the cost of the Code Enforcement Officer to do her job. Selectman Fay stated that he would like to know what the figure would be and get input from the school board and the administrator. Will bring back on March 29th. Selectman Fay questioned if they waived these fees in school districts or is this just in cities or towns with their own schools. Selectman Foglio stated that the expense to Waterboro is much more than the other towns in the district. Will check with the attorney to see if they can waive the fees.

7:30 – Pam L'Heureux addressed the board on behalf of a citizen asking about the Boston Cane. Nancy explained that the Boston Cane no longer exists and even the lapel pins that they use to have are no longer available. Use to give out a silver bowl but that has disappeared. Requested that Pam put together a criteria and submit it to the board.

7:45 – Wendy Carter requested permission from the Selectmen to head up a welcoming program and include the business association. She would like to compile a packet of information such as a town map, list of churches etc. and would include any information that the local businesses wished to contribute. Selectman Foglio stated that he is not in favor of her doing it in conjunction with the business association as part of her duties within the town hall. She stated that her part would only be to compile the town information. Selectman Foglio questioned if this isn't something that could be done on the internet. Requested that she put something in writing to present to the board.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

1. Reported that with regard to the Bagley Road decision it has now been appealed and will be going to the Maine Supreme Court.
2. Listed the candidates for the election on April 22nd.
3. Reported that they will be in a meeting with the Finance Committee tomorrow evening.

4. Reported that they have a target date of March 31st for the corrected May tax bill.
5. Presented a draft Building Use Policy for the Selectmen to review. Can address at a future meeting after they have looked it over.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Announced that they have an item of business that was not on the agenda. They have a resignation from Frank Birkemose, Jr. as Fire Chief. Did not want it announced until he had an opportunity to meet with the department and inform them which he did on Monday evening. The resignation is effective May 27th for personal reasons. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to accept regretfully and thank him for the job he has done. Voted. Passed.
2. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to accept the contract with Atlas Pyrotechnics for the fireworks at Old Home Days. Voted. Passed.
3. Moved the item regarding the Administrator to the meeting of March 29th.
4. Opened the bids for the town report. Only bid received was from Lincoln Press. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to authorize the Board of Selectman after review to negotiate with another company. Not enough time to bid again. Voted. Passed.
5. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to set Candidates Night for April 5th. Voted. Passed.
6. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to set the warrant review for April 12th. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectman Foglio stated that due to the absence of Selectman Chauvette they would be rescheduling the discussion on Ricker Lane for the March 29th meeting. The residents present stated that they had watched the tape of the last meeting where the vote was held and they accept the boards decision and therefore there is no need to reschedule.
2. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to accept the sign the agreement with the Nature Conservancy. Voted. Passed.
3. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to send the Chairman of the Board of Selectman of Hollis a letter signed by the Board of Selectmen of Waterboro telling him of our concerns and the advice that we got and at this time we can not do this. Voted. Passed.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Foglio to accept the minutes of 2/15/05, 2/22/05 and 3/3/05 as written. Voted. Passed
2. Read a notice from Dawn Smith regarding the parade to welcome home and thank the troops who served active duty which is scheduled for April 16th at 10 am with a rain date of April 17th at 1 pm.
3. Selectman Foglio explained the difference in the way the warrant will be presented this year. Will be capped instead of open-ended as it has been. Discussed the need to pay employees based on their knowledge.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

1. Paul Kussman addressed the board questioning if the Assessor will be available to answer questions on the revaluation or will he hold an informational meeting. Selectman Fay stated that he is available whenever he is in the office but could have him on the night we review the warrant.
2. Willis Lord reported that the County Budget Committee held a hearing last Wednesday on the budget and added an additional \$180,000 to the budget. This represents a 8.65% increase to Waterboro.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Voted. Passed.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll:

1. Minutes of 2/15/05, 2/22/05 & 3/3/05
2. State License of Robert Jones Junkyard
3. Nature Conservancy Agreement
4. Atlas Pyrotechnics Contract

APPROVED:

Date _____
