

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2005

**ATTENDING:** Doug Foglio, Sr., Robert Fay, Jon Gale, Cindy Moore, Dwayne Woodsome, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Wendy & John Carter, Bob Gobeil, Clint Andrews, Fred Fay, Don Boilard, Willis Lord, Ralph Bowley, Everett Whitten and David Woodsome.

Selectman Foglio called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and introduced the new Selectmen.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that town meeting raised \$1,215,500 from taxation which is just the municipal budget and doesn't include County Tax, SAD #57 or Homestead Exemption. Last year raised \$1,219,334. With LD1 could have increased by \$65,000 but instead saved \$68,838.
2. Received a letter from SAD #57 Superintendent Fred Bechard which states that the Building Committee voted unanimously to pay all building costs to the town. Their only request is a breakdown of the costs not just a total figure. Nancy to schedule a meeting for May 5<sup>th</sup> with the school.
3. Need to set a date for the Hiring Panel and for a workshop with the town attorney. Schedule the Hiring Panel for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to review the applications for Fire Chief. Reported that one member of the Hiring Panel is a member of the Fire Dept. and checking with the attorney to see if this member can participate in the hiring of a Fire Chief. Will schedule the workshop with the attorney at 5:30 prior to the next regular Selectmen's Meeting that the attorney is available.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Held no discussion on the weight slips. Selectman Foglio stated that Clint Andrews has a complete spreadsheet so Nancy to sit down with Clint to compare to last year and see how the trash is flowing.
2. Could not locate the Service Agreement/Contract with Commercial Paving so will move to next week.
3. Selectman Foglio explained that the Assessing Maintenance Agreement is a renewal of the contractual agreement they have had with the Assessor for years. Need to revise to allow for the five (5) member board to sign and will bring back next week.
4. Selectman Foglio explained that the Assessing Revaluation Agreement is for the revaluation and also needs to be revised to allow for five (5) signatures. Will bring this back next week also.
5. Discussed the request from Robert Hindle, Map 19 Lot 7, to remove buildings from his lot. The attorney suggests that the buildings could be removed with an agreement that all back taxes be paid by a certain date and if not paid by that date the town could auction the property immediately. Agreed that the land has more value without the buildings. Nancy stated that they would need to abate the taxes on the buildings. Discussed why the buildings are being taxed if they are on the property illegally. Nancy explained that if anyone built a house without permits on a property they would still be taxed. Motion by Selectman Fay that all taxes be paid prior to the maturity of the third lien and that the taxes be abated on the buildings if we get this agreement. Also that the Chairman sign the agreement for the board. Seconded by Selectman Gale. Voted unanimous.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectman Foglio explained the current Purchase Order/Payment Ordinance. Currently Payroll can be released with only one (1) signature and the Town Administrator. Explained that the Administrator reviews and approves all bills prior to payment. Questioned if with the five (5) member board they want to change this policy. Will allow time for the new members to review and bring back.

### OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to allow the active Chairman to sign concealed weapon permit applications. Voted unanimously.
2. Selectman Fay thanks Clint Andrews and Jerry Daigle for attending Town Meeting.
3. Selectman Foglio read a letter from Tony Wolfinger, Chief of Ross Corner Fire Company regarding the new Engine 1 which went into service November 2004.
4. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay that they accept the minutes of 3/29/05, 4/12/05 and 4/19/05 as written. Vote 2-0.
5. Reported that they have received the bill for the County Tax which is \$290,393.33. This has a due date of September 1<sup>st</sup> but can be paid no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> or their will be late fees.
6. Selectman Foglio reported that Waterboro was hit very hard the night before with burglaries. Plummer's Hardware, the storage facility on Main St. and several other places were hit.
7. Reported that a citizen had reported dog carcasses being dumped off Chadbourne Ridge Road. Selectman Foglio, Fay and Gale went to investigate but couldn't locate. Have contacted the Sheriff's Dept. and have been told that they are coy dogs. The Game Warden is currently involved. Did locate a tremendous amount of trash dumped out there including two burnt cars. Requested that if anyone has any information regarding the dumping to please call Town Hall or the Sheriff's Dept. and if it is with regard to the animals to contact the Animal Control Officer.
8. Selectman Foglio stated that the Town Administrator has provided a list of things for the new board to consider which includes realignment of offices, Saturday hours and scheduling a staff meeting.
9. Selectman Foglio stated that they need to seek bids to have the chipping done at the Transfer Station. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay that Nancy and Clint put a package together to put the grinding out to bid for review by the Selectmen. Voted unanimously.
10. Selectman Foglio reported that the Selectmen in Lyman have requested a copy of our snowplow contract with the specifications. Can be sent to Charlie Harrison.
11. Selectman Foglio reported that they need to set up a meeting with the towns of Lyman, Limington, Ogunquit, Hollis and Waterboro to select a representative from this district to RWS. Selectman Foglio stated that he would like the meeting held here within the next couple of weeks. Willis explained that these representatives will meet monthly and the full board will only meet once a year.
12. Selectman Fay reported that they will be meeting with the Conservation Commission in June regarding putting some of our land in a local trust. Also need to set up a meeting with the Historical Society and Taylor House Board also regarding a trust.
13. Selectman Foglio stated that they need to look at the number of committees and see about reducing the number. Also discussed the Recycling Committee and suggested that they join with the Transfer Station Committee.
14. Selectman Foglio explained that the locks have been changed in the town hall and no keys are being given out at this point. Discussed the building use policy. Selectman Gale suggested that non-profits who use the building pay a security deposit to cover the cost of damage and any custodial services required. Will review the new policy written by the administrator and bring back at a future meeting.
15. Discussed the number of tax bills returned. Nancy explained that they still have to be mailed back out.
16. Discussed problems with the post office.
17. Discussed Saturday hours. Selectman Woodsome stated that most services can be done on-line or by mail. Will discuss in a staff meeting prior to making any decisions.
18. Nancy reported that she is looking into having an ATM machine installed in town hall since we do not accept debit or credit cards.
19. Selectman Foglio reported that the heating system renovations have been completed and it now keeps the building at a constant temperature. All offices can now control the individual temperature.
20. Selectman Fay read the reminders and stated that Old Home Days needs more help.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Voted. Passed.

**SIGNED:**

Warrants for bills and payroll:

1. Concealed Weapon Permit Application

**APPROVED:**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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