

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 1996**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Present at selectmen meeting: Dale Witman, Dennis Abbott, Bob Fay, Pat Sicard, Bob Gobeil, Jon Gale, Rex Koller, Patti Berry.

6:45 Jon Gale enters meeting at his request regarding the budget process. He would like to see the Town use a zero based budget. The Finance Committee would like to have as a goal, no increases in taxes. Selectmen approved the Finance Committee's letter to be sent to all departments.

6:55 Rex Koller enters meeting at selectmen's request to explain his involvement with the Saco River Corridor Commission and to sign his appointment papers for another term, if he is interested in that. Dennis asks Rex if the meetings are constructive. Rex says "absolutely" Dennis asks does the commission do something above and beyond what DEP does. Rex says that Dennis Finn, the Director of the Saco River Corridor Commission, evaluates all the sites and makes recommendations. Bob asks if Rex thinks there is a lot of duplication of what Shoreland Zoning does, and does the commission ever vote against what Dennis Finn recommends. Yes, they do turn down applicants.

7:00 At this time meeting adjourns to Council meeting.

9:05 Meeting resumes after Council meeting.

9:05 Harry Baker enters meeting at his request regarding his business on Robert's Ridge Road. He asks if he can set out his A-frame signs in the morning and pull them in at night.

The selectmen don't see a problem with this, as long as it doesn't obscure the vision of the road.

9:10 Mr. And Mrs. Patterson enter meeting upon their request regarding a lot in Lake Arrowhead that abuts their lot. They would like to purchase this lot. Last week, at the special town meeting it was voted in to sell the lots owned by the Town on a sealed bid basis. Dennis motions to set the minimum acceptable bid at \$2500.00, with a non-build able clause written into the deed. This motion was voted in by the Board.

**DISCUSSION**

There was a complaint from a citizen of Waterboro about a dog problem. The person wants to remain anonymous. The Board wants to turn the complaint over to the Sheriff's Dept. and the State Police, after getting the person's permission to do that.

Dennis motions to accept the Road name changes as voted on by the Town at Special Town Meeting on November 12. Bob seconds. Dale abstains. He has been informed that there are still problems with the names voted in at special town meeting. Motion is passed.

A petition was presented to the Board requesting paving the entire length of Ricker Lane. Dale motions to go through the process of getting committee recommendations and set this up for Annual Town Meeting.

A young man has approached the Town Hall with a request that he do community service through Cumberland County Court systems. He is ordered to do 25 hours of volunteer work. Patti researched with the courts the offense. After discussing the fact that this boy is going back to school, is polite whenever he has come in and his crime is minor, the Board agrees to let him do his service with the Town. The Board requests that this be done under Dave Dittmer's supervision.

Town owned property was discussed. The Board would like the committees that might be interested in these lots to look at them and see if we can do anything with them. The conservation Committee and the Park's and Rec. Committee for example might be able to utilize some of this land to the Town's advantage. Pat Sicard attended the Conservation Committee meeting last week, and the lots that they are interested in at this time are Ossipee Mountain, and Moody Pond. The Board would like to get a complete inventory of the town owned property categorized. The Nature Conservancy will be holding a workshop soon with the Conservation Commission.

Town Businesses were discussed. Pat would like to get a listing of all the businesses in Town and organize a business association. We need to first, identify the business in town and then do an outreach to them to get them interested. It is a project that Pat will be focusing on in the future.

## **SIGNED**

The Board signed the Warrants for Bills and Payroll.

They also signed:

1. 11 Tax abatements.

2. 2 Hardship abatements.

3. Appointment papers for Rex Koller to Saco River Corridor Comm.

4. Two Me. State Police request for background check.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into executive session at 9:50 to discuss a personnel matter.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion for adjournment was made at 10:00 p.m.

**APPROVED**

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