

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

2/18/97

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Bob Fay, Dennis Abbott, Dale Witman, Pat Sicard, Patti Berry,

There was brief discussion before appointments about recommendations on the warrant. The board agreed not to make any recommendation on the warrant for the three elected officials, but would meet with them again and whatever recommendation that is made will be from the floor at town meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

6:30 Parks and Recreation Commission enters meeting upon selectmen's request. Dave Dittmer, Bob Gobeil, Greg Mehlhorn, Andrea Lefebvre, Bob Davis and Don Martin are present. Bob begins the discussion about Dave's job description. It was done by Dave and Pat Sicard with changes from the selectmen and final approval by the selectmen. Bob suggests that to be prepared for town meeting the rec program will need support of the committee if they want funding for a full time director. In Bob's opinion, Dave has done a good job and he would like to see him continue. Bob Gobeil asks the selectmen about cemetery trust funds. It was established years ago. Dennis Abbott explains that we are not creating another trust fund, we are just moving the funds out of Park's and Rec. account. Park's and Rec will still be maintaining the cemeteries. Dale Witman says it is just a shift in bookkeeping.

Andrea Lefebvre has a question for the board, she feels there is a misunderstanding with the committee position regarding the director. She thought the original warrant was for a recreation director not for Parks. It is not personal against Dave but if the selectmen don't need the Committee, all the people who are on the committee could be doing other things. Bob Fay says that #1, all personnel work under the selectmen, #2 Bob agrees that Dave should have met with the committee before putting out the budget for Parks and Rec. Greg Mehlhorn says that the committee is not getting information until after the fact.

Bob Fay feels that there are differences of opinion. The director is not working under the committee, he is working with the committee. Bob does agree that Dave needs to learn to work with the committee and they have to open up to Dave as well. All involved could learn to cooperate better.

Bob Davis states that he has had jobs where he has written his own job description.

Dave Dittmer says that he has been here for 6 months, he feels he and the committee can work out these problems together. He has not asked them for their help enough, and when he did, for Winter Carnival, they were there, and were a big help.

Bob Fay says live and learn.

Greg Mehlhorn asks the Board if Parks and rec have their backing for a full time director. All three selectmen say yes.

At 7 the meeting adjourns for council meeting.

At 9 the meeting reconvenes.

The Board of Selectmen open up the sealed bids for portable toilets. There were 3 bids, from, 1. Associated Septic Services, 2. G & F Septic Services and 3. Stop and Go Septic Services. A decision will be made at a later date.

Dennis suggests that wording be added "selectmen recommend sum suff. to be funded out of overlay" on Article 60.

Bob Fay asks if the board is going to submit an article to cover the planning board fees. A brief discussion resulting in no they are not, because spring fees might very well cover expenses.

Bob motions on Articles 23,24,26, and 27 that the wording "to be spent under direction of the road commission with approval of selectmen" be added to the wording of the article. Dale has some reservations because both the road commissioner and the selectmen are elected. Dennis thinks we should add the wording and have an advertised meeting in cooperation with road commissioner to establish rates on road work before spring construction season.

Bob Fay motions that no Finance Committee recommendations be put in the warrant on non-money articles. Dennis seconds, Dale votes yes. Motion is passed.

Pat asks when can the board meet with Neal Courtney about the fire department survey, they decided to do it after town meeting.

A discussion about whether to have Dave Dittmer talk about the article for Parks and Rec or the selectmen. It is decided to let him talk about his program and the selectmen will talk about the rest.

SIGNED

The Board of Selectmen signed the Warrant for Payroll.

They also signed: 1. Letter to David Fedrizzi.

2. Minutes for 2/4 selectmen meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment was made a 9:45

APPROVED Date 2/25/97

Phil Fuy, Clerk of the Court, District of Columbia