

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 1999

PRESENT: Mike Curly, Brenda Charland, Willis Lord, Patti Berry, Brenda Huntress, Bob Gobiell

Brenda Charland opened the meeting at 6:30.

APPOINTMENTS

Mike Curly was present to discuss the Parks & Rec budget. There is discussion about putting on a Warrant Article to accept donation of services for the department. Mike is working on a plan for the park and has spoken with Brad Elliott and Karen Haskell. Patti has a draft blanket article for money or materials on behalf of the departments of the Town and will fax to Karen. Mike states he would like some services provided, that there is a Parks & Rec Trust Fund available, but permission would be required to use the funds. Brenda states she wants this to go the Finance Committee for recommendation for support at Town Meeting. Willis questions the \$2,000 trust for the Lions field and Mike states this is under the Improvement Account. Patti is directed to change this account to Town Owned Parks. There is discussion regarding a Parks & Rec worker increasing hours from 25 to 40 hours from the end of April to the end of October for improvements such as planting shrubs and flowers, painting trash cans, etc. Brenda states that our director has been acting as maintenance person and that this should be looked at. Mike reports that Youth Basketball will now be self-supporting, and that the funding being requested for Parks and Recreation isn't self-supporting. Willis again questions the trust fund and Bob Gobiell explains it was started 12 yrs. ago for a tennis court and they now have \$13,000 in the fund, and it is agreed that we will meet again next week for further discussion if necessary. Brenda states that salary should be looked at by the Finance Committee, and Willis comments that the Selectmen should have some say on the recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

Patti reports that Millard is requesting a meeting be set up between RWS and Waterboro regarding new fees. Brenda states she would like for this to take place after Town Meeting. Patti will set up for April (not on the second or third Monday).

OLD BUSINESS

There is discussion at this time regarding a part-time assistant for the Assessor. Patti will set up a meeting with Jerry Daigle to determine if this is a just housekeeping task or if he will have an ongoing need for support.

OTHER

The Conservation Committee entered at 7:45 to discuss clearing acreage at the top of Ossipee Mountain, a project they would like to complete this winter. It was agreed that the Selectmen will discuss with the Conservation Committee at a separate meeting. Brenda states that this will require an article on the Warrant for Town Meeting. Patti will check with Karen to determine if this does have to go before the Town and will respond to the committee via e-mail.

There is discussion regarding money for smoke alarms, Patti will discuss with Elias whether or not department members are willing to go door-to-door to conduct the survey and give smoke alarms. Willis motioned go with the smoke alarm program. Brenda seconds. Vote 2-0-0 in favor.

ADP comes and inspects shock equipment under an agreement of \$2,700/yr. The new company would do two inspections a year at a cost of \$500/yr., and if repairs are needed, we pay. Patti states that Elias recommended going with the new annual program. Elias submitted a request for change of a service contractor. Brenda requested that Patti research the agreement in the area of preventative maintenance and have Elias come back next week to discuss, and Dale, as Chairman, would have to sign the contract Patti will present this at the 2/8 Public Safety Meeting. The program is a volunteer service of the Fire Department with no pay involved.

Patti requests that that the wording of the statement in the January 5th Selectmen's Minutes that "Mr. & Mrs. Herrle's request was late for submission for Town Meeting" be revised to state: "per the minutes of this Selectmen's Meeting, the Selectmen agreed to put their proposed gravel pit ordinance on the Warrant for Town Meeting if it is submitted in time to go through the process". Dale states that he thinks it is late for submission. Brenda motioned to restate the phrase. Willis seconded. Vote 2-0-0 in favor.

The silver bullet program for cardboard was discussed and the Selectmen agreed to place the containers. Willis motioned to go with the silver bullet program for cardboard. Brenda seconded. Vote 2-0-0 in favor.

Patti reports that one of the two generators came back repaired at a cost of \$2,500 and the second one will be less. Brenda states this was 'Dale's baby' and that the amount of \$10,000 has far exceeded what it should have been after all of the added costs. Brenda and Willis agree that this should be charged to EMA, noting that this account will now be overdrawn, and we will have to go to special. Brenda states it has been a 'live and learn' situation.

Patti reports that our attorney recommends filing a motion to dismiss the lawsuit on the Silas Brown property and notes that this will be a savings in attorney fees. Brenda motioned to go with his recommendation and Willis seconded. Vote 2-0-0. Patti stated that she has spoken with Dale and that he also agrees.

There is discussion regarding waiving building permit fees for Jim's Getty Station for placing a trailer at the site for temporary office space, and for rebuilding of the garage. Brenda motioned to give the Code Enforcement Office permission to waive fees. Vote 2-0-0 in favor.

Willis asks if the town should take ownership in helping with the rebuilding, but it was agreed that in light of other efforts by the public sector the Town will just do what we can to help.

Patti reports that the Workers' Comp mod rates for the town have gone down from 1.84 to 1.80 and should continue to go down.

Patti will get a meeting set up between the Road Review Committee and Selectmen.

There is discussion regarding waiting until Dale returns to sign the January 12 & 19 minutes.

SIGNED

The Board signed the Warrant for bills and payroll.

They also signed:

1. January 19 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

APPROVED

Date: 2/16/99

Brenda Chauland
Willis A Lord