

Selectmen Meeting Minutes March 9, 1999

Attending: Dale Witman, Brenda Charland, Willis Lord, Patti Berry, Roland Denby, Fred Fay, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Bob Gobeil, John Howes, Rick Emmons, Tim Greation and Tim Anderson.

Dale Witman calls the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

7 p.m. John Howes and Rick Emmons to request a consent agreement on Map 45 lot 1789 owned by Rick and Kelly Emmons. John Howes is the real estate agent selling the property. Tim Greation is the real estate agent representing the buyer Tim Anderson. The Board reviewed the survey and the original plans for the home that was build in 1987. Rick Emmons is the second owner since the house was built. The deck is 4' in violation of the 35' sideline setback. Brenda Charland made the motion to grant the consent agreement with a penalty of \$1.00. Willis Lord seconds. Motion carries with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor.

7:15 p.m. Roland Denby requests to address the Board concerning his pond where a dry hydrant was installed on his property. Water from the brook is washing silt into the pond. Since the road was banked, the water is coming off the road onto his land now also. Roland would like to get the pond cleaned out, and get the fencing that was around the hydrant pipe replaced. Roland is worried about the liability. A meeting will be set up for next Tuesday at 8 p.m. with the following people invited: Roland Denby, The Selectmen, Steve Foglio, Elias Smith and an officer of the Fire Department, and Fred Fay to discuss the need, value and benefit of fixing the dry hydrant. Pam L'Heurux states that the fire department goes up there every spring and cleans up the area. Patti will research any permits that were obtained from DEP to do this in the past. The dry hydrant was put in in September of 1960. Roland states that he would like to get some kind of written agreement regarding the hydrant for the future.

8 p.m. Nancy Keefover was invited as the chosen person to be hired as the Public Safety Committee Secretary. Patti interviewed her on the committee's request. The committee met with Nancy at their meeting last night and are requesting that the Board of Selectmen hire her. Willis Lord made the motion to hire Nancy Keefover as the secretary to the Public Safety Committee. Brenda Charland seconded. Motion carries with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the preparations for town meeting day. The heat has been requested to be turned up for Saturday. Patti will have water at the head table. Two microphones have been purchased from Radio Shack so that everyone at the head table has one.

Nancy is all packed with what is needed to be brought over to the school on Friday, and we will be setting up during the day on Friday.

2. Discussed Mike Carter returning back to work from his approved leave of absense. As was stated in Mike's request for his leave, he would be returning in March and this is his first week back to work. There is discussion as to the need to vote to rehire him. As this was an approved leave of absense it is decided that it is not necessary to rehire him.
3. Discussed the discussion that Jerry Daigle had with Karen Lovell regarding her letter last week about co-owning lots in Lake Arrowhead and whether or not the town can consider those lots tax exempt. Jerry had stated that if the lots are unbuildable and called conservation land or green space, they could be considered valueless and therefore there would be no taxes assessed. Karen does not see a problem with doing that. Patti will get Karen's opinion in writing before Friday so that it will be available for Town Meeting day should there be any question. Willis brings up the fact that it has been stated that Lake Arrowhead Board of Directors would have to review and ratify the decision not to assess dues on the co-owned lots. Willis asks if this will be mentioned at town meeting. Brenda argues that the article only gives the Selectmen the authority to enter into negotiations regarding the co-ownership of these lots. She states of course the Selectmen won't "give away the store". The Selectmen need the authority from town meeting to go any further in our negotiations with Lake Arrowhead, that is all this article is doing.
4. Patti reports that ads have been run for the motor vehicle agent position that will be open in July. She has staggered the ads in different newspapers and the applications will be due by May 28.
5. Patti reports that there will be adds run for the fire chief appointment that expires as of June 30. The Public Safety Committee is posting the ad at the fire stations and decided to advertise also to possibly draw a qualified person who is not currently serving on our department.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pam L'Heureux asks the Board if any of the Selectmen are interested in attending a week long training in emergency management in Emettsburg, Maryland. The government is paying for town officials to take the class. Pam could arrange for whenever the Selectmen would want to go. They will get back to her.
2. Brenda Charland reports that Adrienne Johnson who is on our School Board of Directors has been appointed to the State Board of Directors and they are working on a resolve to get the state pay more of their allotted 55% of the school funding. Right now they are paying 44%.
3. Brenda Charland reports that the Water District Trustees are holding a meeting on March 22 at 7 p.m. at the town hall for the purpose of opening the bids submitted to extend the water system. The Trustees would like the Selectmen to attend and to open the bids. There were four invitations to bid sent out to local contractors and four sent out to out of town contractors. This will be the only order of business at this meeting.

4. Brenda Charland reports that she has been asked to serve on the Board of Directors for the York County Municipal Officials Association to replace Bob Brandenstein who is stepping down and she has accepted.
5. Brenda Charland made the motion to accept the minutes of February 23 as corrected. Willis Lord seconds. Motion carries with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor.

SIGNED

The Board of Selectmen signed the Warrants for bills and payroll.
They also signed the following:

1. Selectmen meeting minutes for February 23, 1999.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

SIGNED

Date: 3-23-99

Dale A. Wither

Willis A. Lord