

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 1999

ATTENDING: Dale Witman, Brenda Charland, Willis Lord, Brenda Huntress, Jason L'Heureux, Bob Gobiell, Elias Smith, Millard Genthner, Fred Fay, Pam L'Heureux, Kathleen Welch, Ron Miller

Dale Witman called Selectmen's Meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The letter from Mike McAlevey regarding fire truck specs will be discussed at next week's Selectmen's Meeting.

Millard states that there needs to be a ban put on all brush, wood, and painted wood at the transfer station due to fire danger. Brenda motioned to direct the transfer station attendants not to accept brush or wood of any kind at the transfer station, to take effect immediately and until further notice. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

Willis states that he will have Nancy make signs for him to post in the post offices and stores, and he will make signs for the dump. Patti Berry will be asked to notify Hollis.

Willis reports that Chauncey Gerry gave him a verbal request for a 3-month leave of absence from his duties as Animal Control Officer. Willis motions to accept Chauncey's request for leave of absence. Brenda states that she wants to see something in writing. Dale states that, though willing to grant the request, he wants written notice. Brenda motioned that the Board of Selectmen direct the Personnel Director to request that Chauncey Gerry submit in writing a request for Leave of Absence, and when that comes through, she can act accordingly. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

Willis reports that he spoke with Mike McAlevey last Friday while he was in Augusta. Mike stated that Jim Libby had informed him that they were having a hearing of the Natural Resource Committee on reclassification of Buff Brook from a Class B to a Class AA, and Willis states that if this happens, it will limit being able to do anything on either side of the brook for 275 feet. Willis went to the hearing and spoke with Jim Libby and some others involved and it was voted to bump it up from a Class B to a Class A.

Willis motioned that a letter be sent to the Nature Conservancy from the Board of Selectmen stating disappointment in their approach of having Buff Brook reclassified. Brenda seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

Dale requested that the following verbiage be included: "In the future, if these types of issues arise, we would like to work more cohesively in an effort to more effectively reach our goals".

OLD BUSINESS

In regard to tire disposal on free dump day, Willis recommends a limit of four tires per vehicle. Dales states that this is self-defeating and that he stands in stark opposition to this due to the fact that there are tires being dumped in the woods. Brenda agrees that there should be a limit. Willis notes the expense to the town if we don't limit and Dale argues that we will "pay now or pick up later". Willis made the motion to limit the number of tires per vehicle on clean up day to four. Brenda notes that this is four per registration plus four. Brenda Charland seconded. Vote 2-0-1. Dale voted against.

There is discussion at this time regarding changing the date of May 15th for free dump day to later in the month due to the fire hazard. There is agreement that this decision should wait for one week.

Brenda Charland made the motion to grant the two requests for use of the Town Hall. Willis seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

SIGNED

The Board of Selectmen signed the Warrant for Bills and Payroll. They also signed the following:

1. Two Requests for use of the Town Hall
2. Tax Abatement Request

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brenda Charland made the motion to go into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss a personnel issue with Fred Fay. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

Brenda Charland made the motion to go out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

Brenda Charland made the motion to go into Regular Session at 9:15 PM. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

No action was taken on the personnel issue.

Brenda Charland made the motion to go into Executive Session at 9:15 PM to review a tax abatement. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

Brenda Charland motioned to go out of Executive Session at 9:30 PM. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

Brenda Charland motioned to go into Regular Session at 9:30 PM. Dale seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

Brenda made the motion that the applicant submit the request for abatement to the Selectmen's Assistant in writing, and the Board would direct the assistant to make a decision based on that application. Willis seconded. Vote 3-0-0 unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

APPROVED

Date: 5-4-99

Tah A. Willis

Brenda Chauland