

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

### **JUNE 15, 1999**

Attending: Dale Witman, Brenda Charland, Willis Lord, Millard Genthner, Patti Berry, Elias Smith Jr., Pam and Jason L'Heureux, Eric Herrle, Mike McAlevey, Nancy Brandt, Jerry Daigle, Bertha McAloon, Mike Curley, Brenda Crenner, Frank Birkemose Jr.

The meeting begins with Staff Meeting. Jerry Daigle, Brenda Crenner, Mike Curley and Bertha McAloon all gave a brief statement as to the status of their job. Nancy Brandt brings up the subject of the Selectmen putting an article on the warrant that pertains to the employees without discussing it with the employees first. There is much discussion regarding this issue. Dianne Holden made the statement that this is the second time in less than a year that the Selectmen have put an article on the warrant without discussing it with the staff. Dianne adds that there is need for more communication and that the lack of it does not make for a good working atmosphere.

Elias Smith Jr. reports that the fire department is giving a fire fighter program through the schools.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

The bids for the lawn equipment for the Parks and Recreation Department are submitted to the Board for opening. Willis Lord opens and reads the bid from Shaw's Ridge Equipment. It is for a John Deere 602 18 horse power mower with a 48" deck with mulcher at a price of \$4139 for a 36 month lease at \$134 per month with a clause that should town meeting not fund this in the future it could be returned with no penalty. Brenda Charland states at \$134 a month the cost truly is \$4824. Brenda Charland opens and reads the bid from FM Abbott. They bid on two tractors: 1. Toro 20 horsepower mower with a 52" recycling deck for \$6,307. 2. Toro 18 horsepower mower with a 48" recycling deck for \$5,550. David Abbott states at this time that the Selectmen have to take into consideration that the John Deere is a lawn tractor and that the Toro's he quoted were commercial mower decks which is what the town wants. Brenda Charland made the motion to award the bid to FM Abbott for proposal #2. Willis Lord seconds. Motion carries with a vote of 2-1-0 with Dale voting against.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Received the recommendation from the Public Safety Committee regarding the Fire Truck bids. The Committee recommended that was go with the bid from E-1 through R & R Safety for the Navistar International for \$124,900.00. They specified that the reason they recommended this company is because they were the only company who met the specs exactly. Willis Lord made the motion to award the bid to E-1. Brenda Charland seconded. Motion carries with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor.

2. Patti Berry gave the recommendation of the interviews held for the stump dump attendant position that were held with Millard, Willis and herself. The recommendation is to hire Earl Manning. Brenda Charland made the motion to hire Earl Manning. Dale Witman seconds and states he will vote at Millard's discretion. Motion carries with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor.
3. Discussion regarding the minutes of 6/8/99. Willis would like the minutes to state that he made a motion to have an article at special town meeting to ask for moneys for studies to bring the town's gravel pit into compliance.
4. Discussed the proposal made by Jensen and Baird for legal services to the town. Patti will invite a representative from that company to discuss their proposal in the near future.
5. The Public Safety Committee delivers their recommendation for the appointment of Fire Chief. Dale reads the letter. The Public Safety Committee recommended that the Selectmen appoint Frank Birkemose Jr. Willis Lord made the motion to appoint Frank Birkemose Jr. as Fire Chief as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Brenda Charland seconds. Motion carries with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor.

Willis Lord thanks Elias for all he has done for the town. Brenda Charland thanks the Public Safety Committee and Mike McAlevey for their work, and Elias for his work as Chief and as member of the department and we hope that he would continue working for the department.

Dale Witman reads a letter presented to the Board from Lake Arrowhead giving their appreciation to the Waterboro Fire Chief and the Department for their efforts in fighting a fire that occurred in Lake Arrowhead over the weekend.

#### OTHER

1. Willis states that he will set up a third night to go over the Lake Arrowhead lots.
2. Brenda would like to invite the kids who submitted a proposal for a dirt bike track to the Selectmen to discuss this with them.
3. Millard Genthner reports that on June 21 at 7 p.m. there will be a district budget meeting to accept the additional moneys from the state and then to turn it over to the towns.

#### SIGNED

The Board of Selectmen signed the warrant for bills and payroll.

Dale Witman made the motion to adjourn at 8:30. Willis Lord seconds. Motion carries with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor. Meeting is adjourned.

#### APPROVED

DATE: 6-22-99

Dale A. Witman

Willis A. Lord