

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 1999

PRESENT: Brenda Charland, Millard Genthner, Willis Lord, Patti Berry, Pam Witman, Pam L'Heureux, Mike Curley, Bob Gobeil, Mark and Beth Cyr, Paul Verrell, Brad Elliott, Diane and Eric Herrle.

Brenda opened meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 p.m. - Mike Curley addressed the Board of Selectmen and resigned his position as Parks & Recreation Director with December 31, 1999 being his last day. He will be taking a position in Kittery. Motion by Millard to accept the resignation of the Parks and Recreation Director effective December 31st with regret. Seconded by Willis. Vote 3-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Moved the review of budget requests to the last item on the agenda.
2. Motion by Willis to appoint Gary Fecteau to the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Millard. Vote 3-0-0. Still need two citizens for this committee.
3. Received an application from Frank Faith Jr. to become a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Will set up an interview with Mr. Faith prior to next weeks meeting.
4. Received the recommendation from the Planning Board with regard to the Kasprzak proposal. Recommendation is that this be placed on the warrant. Motion by Brenda and seconded by Millard to place on warrant as an article. Vote 3-0-0.
5. Review all budget requests. Brenda suggested changing the requested salary for the Town Clerk to \$23,227.00 which will reflect a 4% increase. Patti noted that the insurance should reflect a 12.3% increase. Discussed the request for election booths and a new safe. With recommended changes will refer to the Finance Committee.
Changed salary for Tax Collector to \$22,810.00 which reflects a 4% increase. Referring to Finance Committee for a total request of \$28,710.00.
Changed salary for Treasurer to \$22,898.00 which reflects a 4% increase. Will not recommend any funding for a Deputy. Will be referred to the Finance Committee for a total request of \$28,690.00.
Brenda recommended changing the wording in the warrant from salary to wages in all instances this year.
Moving the request for the traffic signal to Roads & Bridges account. Request for Municipal Building and Assessor will be referred to the Finance Committee with no changes. Discussed a need to increase the hours for the Code Enforcement Officer. Felt there is not enough time allowed for enforcement. Will investigate increasing hours, increasing the funding for pin replacement and his phone expense before submitting to the Finance Committee.
Will change the request for the Librarian and her assistants salary to reflect a 4% increase. The increase in the request for the substitute is due to the fact that they have lost a lot of their volunteers and she is needed to work more frequently. Will refer this budget to the

Finance Committee.

Discussed the Parks & Rec. request. Bob Fay questioned if they will be hiring a new director for the same salary as the current one. Questioned also if Chauncey is covered to transport money to the bank. Patti assured that he is. Questioned the percentage of law enforcement on the Public Safety Committee and felt that there should be more citizens. Discussed the request of \$20,000 for a multi-purpose field at Friendship Park. Millard questioned if this should be a separate article. Patti explained that it was intended to be. Millard suggested dropping the salary to \$22,000 for a new hire and Willis suggested \$24,000. Agreed on \$23,000 and will refer to the Finance Committee.

Will refer the Planning Board request as written to the Finance Committee.

Will schedule a meeting with the Fire Chief and his officers, the Public Safety Committee and the Board of Selectmen to review their budget before referring to the Finance Committee.

Will schedule a meeting with the Road Commissioner, the Road Review Committee and the Board of Selectmen before referring to the Finance Committee.

Discussed the purchase of a new ambulance. Brenda felt this should come from the EMS Capital Improvement Fund. Will check to see if the repayment can also come from this account.

Willis suggested three columns in the warrant listing the Request, Finance Committee Recommendation and Selectmen's Recommendation. Brenda explained to the Finance Committee that per the towns attorney all requests should come from the Selectmen and not the individual departments. Jon Gale questioned if they need to have the department heads come in or just the Selectmen. Board felt they should still talk with the department heads. Discussed open versus closed warrant. Per the attorney it should be a closed. Willis felt that if it is to be closed then should be voted on by ballot and not hold a town meeting. Discussed the County Budget proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Patti responded to the request from Mrs. Herrle to put a stop work order on the Foglio pit. Mrs. Herrle quoted from Shoreland Zoning which does not apply in this case and after consulting with the attorney the request for the issuance of a stop work order on the Foglio gravel pit is denied.
2. Discussed the request from Willis to place an article on the warrant, if it is not done as a referendum question, for his proposed new municipal building. Brad Elliot expressed that as a bond question he did not feel it should be on the warrant and limit the number of people voting on it. Brenda explained that the attorney had confirmed that it may be done either as a referendum or a warrant article. Questioned how much the Board of Selectmen oversee the Municipal Complex Committee and felt they should be more involved. Discussed conflict of interest and felt that a couple members of the committee should not be voting members. Discussed the fact that several members are on multiple committee even though the policy is for any individual to only be a member of a single committee. Brenda explained that they are only on one standing committee and others are ad hoc and explained the difference. Brenda added that those serving on multiple committees are serving as representatives of a standing committee. Millard stated that he will endorse giving Willis the opportunity to place his article on the warrant but this does not mean he is favor of the plan nor that he will support

it. Brenda stated that when a Selectman or any other Board member, does something such as this it adds credibility to the plan. Brenda thinks this is undercutting the committee that the board appointed. Motion by Millard to place Willis article on the warrant or referendum as necessary as a separate article. Seconded by Willis. Brenda questioned Willis on the hiring of a consultant to make sure the figures he has presented won't change later. Willis assured her that they won't and he will have figures later this week. Willis stated that his article includes all site work, construction and some paving. Vote 2-1-0 with Brenda opposed.

OTHER

Motion by Willis to go into Executive Session with Doug Foglio Sr. with regard to possible litigation at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Millard. Vote 2-0-1 with Brenda abstaining.
Out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Willis to approve the minutes of 12/7 with an amendment to change the amount for the containers to read #3,400 each. Seconded by Millard. Vote 3-0-0.

Meeting will be held with the auditor at next weeks meeting and will include the Finance Committee.

Motion by Millard to go into Executive Session to discuss hardship abatements at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Willis. Vote 3-0-0. Came out of Executive Session at 10 p.m. Vote will be taken in next week's Selectmen's Meeting.

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT REPORT

SIGNED

The Board of Selectmen signed the Warrant for bills and payroll as well as:

1. Minutes of 12/7
2. Appointment papers
3. Duplicate original minutes of 11/16
4. Saco River Pole location permit
5. Disclosure statement from auditor

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED

Date: 12/14/99

Brenda Chauland
Willis A. Lord
Millard Glen Thner