

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2000

PRESENT: Millard Genthner, Willis Lord, Pam Witman, Tim Neill, , Denise Waterhouse, Rusty & Theresa Lowell, Joseph Pelletier, Beth Cyr, Paul Kussman, Bob Fay, Steve Everett, Dale Witman, Jason L'Heureux, Dean Waterhouse, Diane Herrle, Wayne Paradis - DEP, Steve Kasprzak, Don Day, John Hewes, John Monteith, Charles Niles, Frank Birkemose Jr., and Wendy Carter.

Willis opened meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Millard to accept the minutes of 4/25 as written. Seconded by Willis. Vote 2-0.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 P.M. - Joseph Pelletier requested a Letter of No Action from the Board of Selectmen so that he could close on the sale of his property located on Map 54 Lot 10. The prior owner had constructed a deck which is in violation of the setbacks. Motion by Millard to send Mr. Pelletier to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance. Seconded by Willis. Vote 2-0.

7:10 P.M. - Steve Everett presented a plot plan for the lot donated to Habitat for Humanity which he has marked off on the property.

7:15 P.M. - Wayne Paradis of DEP addressed the board and made a presentation as to the background of the investigation as well as what is proposed to be done this year. Bob Fay stated that this was a state sanctioned project not a town project. Mr. Paradis stated that he does understand this as well as the fact that the town only acquired the property three years after operations ceased. Discussed test results from 1984 through now and their impact on the environment. Bob Fay stated that the town does have monitoring wells at the transfer station from which the data is sent in yearly and questioned if the DEP has checked this data. Mr. Paradis stated that the contaminants of concern are lead and chromium. The proposal for this year is to determine contamination at depth. They are proposing test pits in each lagoon. Dean Waterhouse questioned if drinking water in the area has ever been tested. Mr. Paradis stated that it has not to his knowledge. Bob Fay questioned why the Southern Maine Finishing site has recharged itself in less time than the lagoons and Mr. Paradis stated that there is more water in the area to cleanse it. The lagoons are mostly metals and metal does not decompose. Discussed water testing. Paul Kussman questioned how deep the new test pits will go and Mr. Paradis stated that at this point they are not sure. Will go as deep as necessary. Paul then questioned if he would go outside the lagoons. It was stated that they probably will not as they have not evidence that the contamination has moved laterally and after 20 years it is not likely to start moving in that manner. Diane Herrle questioned if the water has been tested for volatile substances. Mr. Paradis stated that he had personally observed the same seepage as she had and it had been tested and nothing of concern was found. Willis then questioned if they would be retesting within the gravel pit and Mr. Paradis stated that there is no reason to. Discussed possible interactions and the possibility of the lagoons causing cancer to residents in the area. Mr. Paradis stated that if this is of concern to the residents that they should contact the Department of Human Services as that is not his field. He is currently recommending approximately six samples in each lagoon. Will do this with a backhoe. Willis questioned how deep he would go and Mr. Paradis did not feel they would need to go very deep. Paul Kussman questioned if working in the adjoining gravel pit would affect the lagoons and Mr. Paradis stated that the only way the gravel pit operation would affect the lagoons is if they actually dug in the lagoons themselves. Dale Witman questioned who would bear the cost of the sampling and Mr. Paradis stated that the DEP would bear the cost. Bob Questioned testing across the street and Mr. Paradis stated that he would need proof of a possible problem to test. Will mention this concern to his superiors to see if there is just cause to do the testing. Dale questioned what is expected of the town and Mr. Paradis stated that probably nothing more than cutting a tree or two. He hopes to close this case with this round of testing. Dale then questioned if ever it needed to be excavated who would bear that cost and Mr. Paradis stated that he would prefer not to even consider that possibility at this time.

8:15 P.M. - Steve Kasprzak brought the board and the public up to date on the progress of the Municipal Building Committee. Requested permission from the Selectmen to send out the bid specs to the six contractors approved by the committee. Will hold the bid specs until final approval of the Planning Board and the electrical specs. There is a Public Hearing scheduled for May 11th with the Planning Board on the site plan. Discussed the access road and installing lights at that intersection. The Planning Board does not at this time agree with the committees recommendation that the access road connect with Old Alfred Road and are suggesting that it be changed to connect with Route 5. Tim Neill stated that when the plan was presented to the Planning Board the engineer did not know why the committee was recommending accessing onto Old Alfred Road and therefore they were unaware of the members feelings. This will be brought up again at the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Postponed the discussion on the Saco River Contract until next week when all members of the board are present.
2. Postponed discussion regarding the MMA application to be included in the Life & Casualty Pool etc. until next week when all members of the board are present.
3. Regarding the request from the Town Clerk for ballot clerks it was suggested that the Selectmen contact the Republican and Democratic Committees and get recommendations from them.
4. Set the Candidates Night for May 25, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

OTHER

Discussed the manner in which bills are being handled by the Library. Will discuss further during their workshop on Thursday.

Noted that the Thursday workshop will begin at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m. so that they might meet with Patti.

SIGNED

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

1. Minutes of 4/25.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Millard and seconded by Willis to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Vote 2-0.

APPROVED

Date: 5/9/00

Brenda Chauland

Willis A. Lord

Millard Lentner