

PUBLIC HEARING
Recall Ordinance/Charter Commission
Thursday, October 12, 2000

Present: Willis Lord, Brenda Charland, Scott Morelli, Pam Witman, Beth Cyr, Teresa Lowell, Paul Kussman, Don Mondor, and Bob Fay.

Reviewed the warrant for November 7th. Explained the question on the town hall addition/renovations. Discussed the recall ordinance. Willis explained that the recall ordinance is almost identical to the one adopted by Buxton. Brenda stated that until around three years ago a municipality had to have a charter to recall. Since that change it can be done with either a charter or an ordinance. If you have neither, you can not recall any elected officer. Scott noted that copies of the ordinance are available at town hall.

Discussed the Charter Commission question.

Brenda announced that next weeks Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Thursday instead of Tuesday. Bob Fay questioned if they will be having a representative from the Sheriff's Dept. and State Police for the hearing on police services. Also discussed holding a hearing in Lake Arrowhead also. Scott to contact Jeff Brown of LAC regarding this. Discussed surrounding communities who have gone with the contract deputy program. Brenda stated that the state police did not have a night shift until they recently put on a midnight shift. Don Mondor the roundtable discussion on the structure of town government which he is hosting on the 23rd. Stated that the purpose is only to get citizens thoughts on what they think town government should be. He will be there to facilitate the discussion. He will raise subjects for discussion. Discussed electing Finance Committee, Planning Board and some other committee members.

Willis announced that the tax rate will be \$18 mil this year which is a \$.50 decrease. Will also have a substantial overlay which he is trying to put into a fund to be used only to defray taxes next year. The state is increasing the valuation dramatically and will be sending a field rep to meet with the Selectmen, Assessor and the Assistant to the Selectmen to explain how they arrived at their figures.

Hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.