

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2000

Willis opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Willis read the list of upcoming meetings.

Motion by Brenda to accept the minutes of 12/12/00 with the change to town gravel pit not landfill under the heading of Other. Seconded by Bob. Vote 3-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed the purchase order policy. Discussed bi-weekly payroll. Tabled until next week.
2. Discussed coordinating town hall closing with the school closing. Bob felt that any Selectman should be able to call off work. Discussed notifying employees and citizens of closing. Brenda suggested that the message on the 6166 phone line could be changed remotely and people could call in to find out if the town hall was open. Pam L'Heureux questioned other town depts. In addition to town hall employees. Brenda stated that the Librarian had called her last Thursday and the storm had passed by the town she was to open. Even though town hall was closed she was willing to open the library but her parking lot was not plowed. Felt the decision to close should be up to the librarian. Agreed to leave it that any Selectman can call off work. Larry Jacobsen questioned notifying TV stations of closing. Willis felt it should be left to the road commissioner because he is out on the roads and knows their condition. Teresa Lowell questioned why the Road Commissioner couldn't be an advisor on this subject. Willis stated that there should be a time limit to call off work so that the employees can find out in time to not attempt driving in to work. Brenda stated that you can change the voice mail messages remotely and people can just call in. Any Selectman who decides it is too bad to be out driving can call the assistant and have them change the message. So moved by Bob and seconded by Willis. Vote 3-0-0.
3. Discussed a policy to handle requests from Real Estate Agents and Title Companies. Bob Recommended that employees tell these people that we do not give out this information over the phone. Also set certain hours and days for people to come in and look up this information for themselves. Discussed possible computer programs so that the public doesn't have access to the tax cards etc. Brenda recommended that a policy be set and then allow the assistant to set the hours per when the Code Enforcement Office is open. Recommended moving the assessing cards so they are under the Code Office Secretaries care. Motion by Bob to instruct the staff to give no more information over the phone to agencies. Seconded by Willis. Vote 3-0-0. Requested that this item be brought back next week for a proper motion and to set the hours. Bob questioned if information would be given to citizens. Brenda stated that the motion only applies to agencies.
4. Discussed the protection order from Ernie Roberge Jr. States that he can not come to town hall, except to vote, nor can he enter the transfer station. Motion so moved by Bob Fay and seconded by Brenda. Vote 3-0-0..

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the lights at the fire station. Still waiting for Central Maine Power to complete their assessment. Should have more information in another week.
2. Discussion on the franchise fee check tabled until next week.

OTHER

Willis read a letter of resignation from Barbara Lord from the Taylor House Board of Trustees. Motion by Brenda to accept with sincere regret. Seconded by Bob. Vote 3-0-0.

Motion by Bob that the Saturday town hall is open that the Selectmen hold a posted workshop. Brenda questioned if it is a posted meeting can they conduct business and votes and would minutes be taken. Bob stated that if you post the meeting you can continue from the Tuesday meeting or just hold an informal meeting. Hours would be 9 to 12. The other suggestion was that you at least have one Selectman in the office so that people could come in and voice opinions or concerns. If all three are in it would be posted, votes could be taken and minutes would be taken. Motion by Bob that they hold a meeting with all three Selectmen in January and February. Brenda stated that she would agree only if it is held as a workshop. Bob amended his motion to call it a workshop. Seconded by Willis. Vote 3-0-0.

Brenda questioned how they are progressing with the propane for the fire station and how many proposals have been received. Recommended that they go with the only proposal they have. Would just be as simple as cutting a purchase order. Motion by Bob to accept the proposal as recommended by Shawn Shoemaker. Seconded by Brenda. Vote 3-0-0.

Discussed the extension requested by Doug Tardiff to move the Day house. No update yet.

Brenda questioned how the new maps are coming. Felt Scott should start to pressure them as they are well overdue.

Discussed the Genthner Ballfield. Scott to see that it is recorded. Thinks it may have already been done but will check.

Update on the flood pins not available. Scott spoke to Jim and is waiting for him to get back to him.

Brenda stated that she was very disappointed with the municipal plowing. Requested that Scott check to see if the Taylor House parking area is on the contract. Discussed the Friendship Park parking area. Bob Gobeil stated that the transfer station was not plowed well. Brenda stated that the library should be plowed before 2 p.m.

Discussed the Charter Commission Public Hearing and possibility that they will have to postpone to the following day which is their posted snowdate.

Teresa Lowell questioned if citizens could speak during the workshop as the Planning Board does not allow input from the audience. Willis stated that it will be open for discussion. Explained the difference between open and closed workshops and that both are legal.

Carol Cochran questioned why the Roberts problem was discussed in a public meeting a few weeks ago. Stated that she was embarrassed for them. Willis explained that because it was a request from one board to another it legally had to be discussed in a public meeting. Carol also reminded people that as of January 1, 2001 there will be no more snack tax.

Larry stated that the seniors are looking for another place to play cribbage. They begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday's.

Discussed the town report and how it is progressing. Scott explained that currently we are waiting for the auditors report which is due 1/2/01. Brenda stated that she has a couple of questions and some other changes before going to print.

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT

1. Scott reported that they have hired a Planning Board/CEO secretary and she started yesterday.
2. Scott reported that there was a problem with Donald Bergeron on the storm day. The Motor Vehicle Agent did not make it in and what he requested, the back-up was not able to do. After explaining this Mr. Bergeron became very angry, left the building, went to his truck and dropped the plow then proceeded to plow the front steps to town hall closed. Scott had to shovel them out and then sent a letter per direction of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Bergeron was told that he would not be able to do anything at town hall other than his excise tax. Scott stated that he received a call from Mr. Bergeron who apologized very sincerely and stated that he would not do such a thing again. Motion by Bob to accept his apology and have faith that he will control his temper in the future. Seconded by Brenda. Vote 3-0-0. Willis explained that the employees do not have to be treated in this manner and the Selectmen have the authority to restrict to excise tax only, any citizen who is abusive to the employees.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brenda and seconded by Bob to adjourn. Vote 3-0-0.

SIGNED:

1. Letter to MDOT

APPROVED

Date: 1/9/01

Willis A. Lord
Robert King
