

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2001

PRESENT: Willis Lord, Bob Fay, Scott Morelli, Pam Witman, Dave Fedrizzi, Bob Gobeil, Diane Herrie, Carol Cochran, Bob Hunt, John Littlefield, Teresa Lowell, Buddy Stearns and Dale Witman.

Willis opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Bob and seconded by Willis to accept the minutes of 12/19 as written. Vote 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. will be a meeting in the Superintendents Office to discuss living memorials.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 p.m. – Bob Hunt presented the draft auditors report. He is still waiting for more information on a check received for \$43,000 and sent to Standish as well as a final figure of debt to RWS before presenting his final report. Discussed a check from Frontiervision for \$43,000. Bob Gobeil had a couple of questions with regard to figures concerning Old Home Days. Advised that the town retain 1.6 to 1.8 million in reserve. Suggested that \$150,000 to \$180,000 could be used from surplus safely. Suggested appropriating only what was received last year for excise tax and not try to figure an increase. Discussed \$8,000 being carried forward from the Bicentennial Committee. Discussed employee training and switching from Northern Data Systems to an easier software package. Bob Hunt stated that our system is cumbersome even for him and he is a CPA. Discussed having appointed Nancy Brandt to oversee the Tax Collector, Treasurer and Motor Vehicle Agent. Bob Hunt also felt the Selectmen should be using their Finance Committee more than just once a year to prepare the budget. Dale felt the current system could provide the reports requested if the employees had the proper training. Discussed having a representative from Trio do a presentation to the Finance Committee.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Bob to appoint Larry Jacobsen to the grant committee. Seconded by Willis. Vote 2-0.
2. Tabled until next week the discussion on the changes to the Purchase Order Policy.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Reported that the franchise fee check received was non-subscriber reimbursement for things such as TV Guide etc. Had nothing to do with our normal Franchise Fee check. This is in addition to.
2. Discussed with the fire chief the angle of the street lights at the Old Alfred Rd. end of the access road. Agreed that they should be angled toward the end of the access road. Will contact CMP immediately and have them issue the work order.
3. The update on the Genthner Ball field was tabled until next week.

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT

1. Discussed the piece of Lake Arrowhead property which was sold twice. Agreed that the second purchaser was entitled to interest and agreed to pay at the same rate as would be charged for a penalty.

2. Discussed switching the office location of the Motor Vehicle Agent with the Tax Collector so that Nancy can begin being the Motor Vehicle backup. Will do as soon as possible.
3. Discussed the gentlemen's agreement the town has with J P Carroll for General Assistance fuel deliveries. Recommended that it go out to bid and find the best price. Invite J P Carroll, Deer Pond, William Swett and Buxton Oil to bid. Need to find out the smallest amount they will deliver and their availability.

OTHER

Motion by Bob to hire Scott for two additional weeks. Seconded by Willis. Vote 2-0.

Carol Cochran urged everyone to contact their legislator regarding tax on bottled water. Also discussed the snack tax.

Dale reported on the County Budget. Will be a significant increase due to this being the first year of the \$20 million bond, and a 30% increase in insurance for employees. Discussed health care and who it covers. In the past 3 1/2 cents of every dollar went to the County. This year will be significantly more. Questioned final figures on the jail and Dale reported that they are not available yet.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

SIGNED:

1. Minutes of 12/19
2. Gaming application for the Lion's Club Bingo

APPROVED

Date: 1/16/01

Willis A. Lord
Robert Fey