

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

January 23, 2001

Present: Willis Lord, Bob Fay, Brenda Charland, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Bob Davis, Paul L'Heureux, Bob Gobeil, Larry Jacobsen, Jerry Daigle, Brenda Crenner, John Littlefield, Dean Look, Buddy Stearns, Teresa Lowell, Diane Herrle, Patricia McHugh, Dusty Lowell, Eric Herrle, Carol Cochran, Kevin Nelson, John Morin, Tony Vigue, Tom Cyr, Tim McCoy, Fred Bechard, Dick Bateman, Buddy Knight, Maura Krueger, Deb Wentworth, Dwayne Woodsome, Jerry Filliger, Gary Bryan, Dale Witman, Holly Gillingham, John & Wendy Carter and Dan Burgess.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Selectmen's Report:** Willis reported that they have appointed Nancy Brandt as the new Selectmen's Assistant, Patti Berry as the CEO/Planning Board Secretary and to maintain the WEB page and Marlene Farwell of Hollis as the Treasurer. Will be voting to accept the resignations of Diane Winne later during the regular Selectmen's Meeting. Have been working on the budget and the town report is complete. Stated that the road crew has been doing a tremendous job on the roads this year. Reported that we had a bad leak in the town hall last week from ice back up. Last day for warrant articles to be submitted is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bob stated that we are very fortunate to be able to hire the qualified people that they have. Nancy will remain town clerk, Dep. Motor Vehicle agent, Dep. Treasurer, Dep. Tax Collector and back up for Wendy Carter on General Assistance.

**Selectmen's Asst. Report:** Reported that currently working on budgets and the warrant.

**Assessor's Report:** Reported that for the rest of January will be checking names and addresses and bringing everything up to date in the computer. Looking into upgrading values. Bob questioned the 31 lots which apparently are not being tax and were found when matching addresses for E911. Jerry waiting for the list from Pam L'Heureux and then will research. Can go back 3 years for supplemental tax.

**Motor Vehicle Agent Report:** Report attached.

**Planning Board Report:** Reported that they have been working on gravel pits. Have had a full agenda for the last 8-9 months so have been scheduling additional meetings just to do the gravel pit work.

**Old Home Days Report:** Reported that the fireworks will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Have given the contract for the fireworks to the Selectmen to sign. Need volunteers very badly.

**SAD #57:** Reported that enrollment is up approximately 170 from last year. Enrollment is up 148 students at the high school and 40 at Waterboro Elementary. The elementary school currently has an enrollment of 685. May have to transport students out of town they the CEO does not approve another portable. Discussed the budget process. Will be a budget input public hearing tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Discussed the legislature and state funding.

**Road Review Committee:** Working on the intersection of Rte. 5 and Old Alfred Road. Just received the letter from Dave Chauvette and it was written 10/1/0. Discussed Sherwood Drive and Belanger Drive. Dwayne Woodsome wanted to correct a statement made at a previous Selectmen's Meeting where it was stated that Belanger Dr. was not built by town specs but by what the Planning Board told

the contractor to do. Bob stated that all roads going on the warrant will need to be inspected by the Road Review Committee. Discussed closing the road by Swetts and changing that intersection. Willis informed that committee that they will need to inspect West Shore Rd., Belanger Dr., and Sherwood Dr. prior to town meeting. Dwayne questioned why Belanger Dr. has to be by petition and the others don't. Brenda stated that she didn't think he was interpreting the minutes of 1/9/01 correctly.

**E911:** Reported that they are 75% complete in numbering the houses. Will probably be working on it again on Saturday.

**EMA Director:** Reported that she is attending training on Amtrak disaster and that is why she is not in attendance.

**Recycling Committee:** Reported they are planning a flyer to be handed out during the month of February at the transfer station and believe there will be an article on the warrant. Discussed cost and whether to give bags at no cost. Brenda stated that she does not feel it is ready for the warrant yet. Bob stated that the committee wants it on the warrant for discussion reasons.

**Library Board of Trustees:** Have formed a focus group.

**Fire Dept./EMS:** Reported 40 rescue calls for Dec., 461 for year and 46 fire calls in Dec., 300 for year. Have broken the \$10,000 mark for the thermal imaging camera. Have talked with Home Depot and Gildden and all paint for the new fire station is being donated. Brenda suggested borrowing the money they need to purchase the camera and John stated that they are looking into a grant for the balance. Will be putting in for a new ambulance this year but no funds will come from taxation. It will all be paid from rescue.

**Lake Arrowhead Community:** Dwayne reported that they are looking for a new wellhead protection. Will probably not make it for this years warrant. They are being more protective than the town or state requires. Larry Jacobsen stated that a lot of the requirements are federal not state. He has a copy of the federal regulations and will forward a copy to the Selectmen.

**Saco Rive Community Television Corp:** Reported that the new studio is up and running. Introduced Dan Burgess the new access manager. Provided a managers report. Hoping to have an open house in the spring. Discussed the wiring of the new town hall per the contract. Tony stated that new construction would be at cost and the contractor needs to work with Steve Newkirk at Adelphia. Discussed how the government channel will work. Discussed their budget request. Tony reported that they are requesting the same amount as last year which is \$10,000 less than what they receive for franchise fees. Discussed the use of the microphones. Discussed microphone for the Planning Board. Discussed poor picture quality.

**Finance Committee:** Still working to get final figures.

**Public Safety Committee:** Reported that they had a public hearing last Wednesday on police services and are recommending the proposal from the Sheriff's Dept. Next hearing will be 1/31 at Clubhouse 3 on Victoria Lane in Lake Arrowhead.

Council Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.