

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2001**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Willis Lord, Bob Fay, Brenda Charland, Pam Witman, Tim Neill, Paul Kussman, Dwayne Woodsome, Bob Gobeil, Paul L'Heureux, Teresa Lowell, Beth Cyr, Dean Look, Patricia McHugh, Ray Payeur, Mark Cyr and Russell Lowell.

**HEARING ON REFERENDUM QUESTIONS**

Bob explained that the three referendum questions. This would change the Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Treasurer from elected positions to appointed. Stated that these positions need experienced people and that is in jeopardy when holding an election. Currently there are good people in these positions and by making them appointed could keep them that way. Explained that the board has formed a hiring panel to assist the Selectmen in the hiring process. A lot of towns in the area are moving to appointing these positions. Paul Kussman stated that he sees the benefit of appointing but does also have concerns about possible conflict of interest. Hearing closed.

**HEARING ON ACCEPTING JOHN SMITH ROAD**

This is the road in front of the new fire station connecting Old Alfred Road and Route 5. No comment from the public. Hearing closed.

**HEARING ON OVERLAY**

Willis explained that the purpose of this is to repeal the article passed in June and replacing it with a permanent one. When the gravel pit and transfer station were opened the Board of Selectmen at the time did not know it was a residential zone and illegal for both operations in that zone. Dwayne Woodsome explained that only the town pit is illegal and that the other two pits within this zoning change are grandfathered and will not be affected whether this passes or fails. This also does not open up for more gravel pits. Paul Kussman stated that it appears this is being done in this manner so as to not treat the town property unfairly. Is against this article and disagrees with the criteria used in making this decision. Bob stated that if it was not done this way it would be spot zoning and that has never passed a town meeting in this town. Brenda noted that it will only be increasing from 1 to 2 acre lots. Discussed DEP restrictions. Hearing closed.

**HEARING ON CONTRACT DEPUTY**

Paul L'Heureux explained the article and the reason this was initiated. Explained that the federal money is for three (3) years and the contract would be for four (4). The contract would be subject to town meeting funding. The cost is approximately \$43,000 the first year, \$25,000 the second year, \$36,000 the third year and \$48,000 the fourth

year and on. Stated that this is entirely a quality of life issue. Brenda explained that town ordinances are not enforceable by the Sheriff's Dept. not but would be by a contract deputy. Dale explained that this grant is about to expire and the last position is being held for Waterboro until town meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>. After that the program is over and if in the future the town decides to go this route will have to pay total cost from the beginning. Discussed how the officer would be dispatched. Paul stated that eventually this town will need our own police department but doesn't feel that currently that is the way to go. It would probably cost more to start our own department than to contract services out. Just the liability insurance alone would be very expensive.

#### **HEARING ON BELANGER DR. & SHERWOOD DR.**

Discussed requests to make these town roads. Discussed sub-divisions building roads to town standards. Discussed advantages and disadvantages of sub-divisions. Questioned moratoriums on building.