

COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2001

Present: Willis Lord, Bob Fay, Brenda Charland, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Pam & Paul L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Jerry Daigle, Beth Cyr, Larry Jacobsen, Don Drew, Len Van Gaasbeek, Fred Fay, Teresa Lowell, Bob Gobeil, Patricia McHugh, Russell Lowell, John Littlefield, Buddy Stearns, Brenda Crenner, Kathy Fagan, Carole Cochran, Dwayne Woodsome, Chuck Fochay & Dave Benton.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Report: Willis reported that the town reports are out in local stores, the warrant is at the printers and will be mailed to all homes. Announced that voting will be at town hall on Friday, March 9th 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and town meeting will be on Saturday, March 10th beginning at 10 a.m. at Massabesic High School. Fire Dept. will be burning the Day house this weekend. Thanked the road commissioner and crew for doing a great job this winter keeping the roads clean. Brenda noted that with the change in staff they have all done a great job and not missed a beat. Bob stated that after town meeting he wants to review the town report and revamp the way it's done to hopefully get it out earlier. Willis reminded everyone that candidates night is tomorrow evening.

Selectmen's Asst. Report: Reported that Printmail has the warrant and should have them to homes by the end of the week.

Assessor's Report: Reported that of the 30-40 problems found by E911 has only come up with about 4 properties which need further research. Doesn't feel there is anything that will generate much in taxes. There are only two (2) that may not be being taxed. (See report attached) Bob questioned what type of factoring he will use this year and Jerry stated that he will probably recommend that they increase land and building. Discussed the significance of April 1st. Brenda discussed the request by the Nature Conservancy to add a newly acquired property to the contract making them tax exempt. Discussed the road not being maintained by the Nature Conservancy. Questioned if a new property would automatically fall under the contract. Jerry to research and come back with a recommendation.

Motor Vehicle Agent Report: Report attached.

Town Clerk: Reported that moose applications are available. Late fees are \$5.00 per dog and after April 1st increase to \$10.00 per dog.

Tax Collector: Report attached.

Planning Board Report: Reported that they have been working on three (3) new sub-divisions and one (1) new site plan in the last month. One of the sub-divisions will be going to the road review committee. Not sure if zoning will allow a sub-division on a dead end road. Received a site plan for a car wash, quick lube, coffee shop and Laundromat on Hamilton Road. Has been sent to DEP. April 28th is a deadline for reclamation plans on gravel pits. Pam L'Heureux questioned when a new road gets named for the E911. Dwayne explained that in the past contractors provided the name with the plan, E911 will change things. Discussed what would be an acceptable period of time between phases on a sub-division. Discussed a sub-division on Roberts Ridge Road. Teresa stated that it was her understanding that the deadline for reclamation plans of gravel pits is April 10th not the 28th.

Parks & Recreation: Reported that they are hiring a new Director and the closing for applications is March 9th.

Old Home Days Report: Reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday. They need volunteers very badly.

RWS: Chuck Fochay, Gen. Mgr. Discussed the problems between RWS, Westbrook and Pine Tree Waste. Stated that Gorham, Scarborough and South Portland have also filed with DEP. Pine Tree Waste plans to locate a new transfer station only a mile from RWS. During the hearings DEP prevented RWS from discussing the financial impact and pollution. Board will be granting a permit to Pine Tree Waste to locate their new transfer station on the site in Westbrook. They will be taking in 1,000 tons of trash per day. Willis questioned if they will be bringing in from out of state in order to haul in that much per day. Mr. Fochay stated that they could but he does not know. Bob questioned if they will be lowering commercial fees as reported in the paper and what impact that will have on communities. Chuck stated that RWS can do nothing on their own, it has to be done within the communities through their representative. Discussed the financial situation of RWS and Chuck reported that they should be an approximate increase of \$4.00 per ton for the next fiscal year.

Road Commissioner: Reported that he has been busy just keeping the roads open.

Road Review Committee: Reported that they are currently taking some time off waiting to start on the new budget after town meeting.

E911: Reported that last Saturday they finished aligning the E911 maps. Hope to have ready for next week a list of addresses for town hall. This then goes to the post office. Pam still hopes to provide the first set of numbers to all households. Requested that the CEO notify E911 of new homes so a number can be assigned immediately. Willis questioned how long the post office will take and Pam hopes no longer than a month. Discussed the purchase of numbers.

EMA Director: Reported that things are very quiet. Does have some trainings coming up and just attended an Amtrak disaster training. Accepted the FAA generator which is 18,000 kw and propane fired. Dave Benton stated that if EMA doesn't take it the Water District would.

Recycling Committee: Reported that they have their brochure out.

Library Board of Trustees: Reported that they have started their focus group. Will be holding a cake sale for Mothers Day. Board is working on policies and will bring them to the Selectmen for review when complete.

Fire Dept./EMS: Reported 43 Fire and 42 Rescue calls during the month of January. New station is almost complete and should be turned over to the town very soon.

Water District: Have broken the 90 customer mark. With the cooperation of the bank will be extending from Shop 'N Save to Gorham Savings, this should be a short project. John Littlefield suggested canvas bags to go over the out of service hydrants to alert fire personnel. Questioned if they would be able to supply enough water should the car wash be approved and Dave felt they can handle it at this point. Reported that there is no outside meter on Shop 'N Save so have not paid for

consumption. School is using 10,000-12,000 gal. per day. Pam questioned if they are following PUC guidelines for billing and shut off. Dave stated that they are not just yet but will soon.

Public Safety Committee: Reported that they are working on two things for town meeting.

Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.