

COUNCIL MEETING

March 27, 2001

Present: Willis Lord, Bob Fay, Brenda Charland, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Jerry Daigle, Paul L'Heureux, Larry Jacobsen, Bob Gobeil, Paul Gilson, Don Holden, Russell & Teresa Lowell, Dean & Denise Waterhouse, Carole Cochran, Fred Fay, Tom Cyr, Maurice Ouellette, John Littlefield & David Benton.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Report: Willis reported on the annual town meeting. Reported that there will be an article to move town meeting to the last Saturday in April. Architectural Skylight will be staying in town. They plan to build an addition. Have begun the ground work next door. Read breakdown on town meeting appropriations. Brenda stated that they need to work on committee appointments. Would like to have the end of April as a deadline for committee applications. Next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be April 30th at 7 p.m. Willis reported that he and Fred Fay attended a meeting at County EMA. Discussed the make up of the Conditional Use committee. Reported that the auditor has resigned.

Selectmen's Asst. Report: Reported that the Hiring Panel has been working and have hired a Deputy Clerk and will be meeting to interview for a Parks & Recreation Director tomorrow.

State Police: Trooper Campbell reported that they currently have 3 troopers who live in Waterboro and all troopers who patrol the area also live in the area. Calls for service in 1999 were 728 and in 2000 were up to 788.

York County Sheriff's Dept.: Stated that they should begin working on the contract deputy very soon. Calls for service were up by 700 this year. Discussed briefly how the contract deputy will benefit the town.

Assessor's Report: Reported that he has sent out 140 personal property forms to businesses this week. Personal property tax brings in \$3.5 mil in valuation. Will be out looking for about 90 new homes built since April 1, 2000. Bob noted that Jerry was mentioned several times in the Maine Townsman.

Motor Vehicle Agent Report: Report attached.

Town Clerk: Reported that copies for town meeting minutes are ready along with a comparison to last year. Has been notified that the SAD #57 budget vote will be held on May 8th.

Tax Collector: Report attached

Code Enforcement Office: Report attached.

Planning Board Report: Report attached.

Parks & Recreation: Reported that they are still looking for a Director.

Old Home Days Report: Reported that they are holding regular meetings and things are moving along. They are in dire need of new members.

Road Commissioner: Reported that they have finally had a quiet week.

Road Review Committee: Reported that they have a meeting on Thursday. Will start getting the numbers together for the Townhouse Road project. They also need members.

E911: Reported that everyone who owned property as of April 1, 2000 has a number. Now working on construction after April 1st.

EMA Director: Reported that she now has an office in the new fire station. Phone number is 247-8888 and messages are picked up daily.

Recycling Committee: Report Attached.

Ossipee Lake Association: Reported that they will be holding their first Board of Directors Meeting the second Saturday in April. Will continue controlling the level of the lake. They usually adjust the level on April 1st but won't be able to this year because of the ice. Discussed pollution caused by ice fishing.

Library Board of Trustees: Focus group still meeting.

Fire Dept./EMS: Reported another busy month. Moved all the apparatus into the new station today. Hope to hold an open house in June. Hope to empty Center Station by April 1st. They have their thermal imaging camera. Still doing fundraising to purchase the accessories.

Saco Rive Community Television Corp: Reported that the access center is very busy. They have a lot of volunteers coming in to assist. Have started an employment bulletin board so job openings can be posted on there.

Water District: Dearborn Brothers have been awarded the bid to extend the water line to the bank. Won't start until after April 15th as the state won't allow them to open up the road until after that date.

Finance Committee: Nothing going on right now.

Charter Commission: Holding meetings. Inviting different departments. Currently in the information gathering phase. Has good attendance. Have already met with Parks & Recreation and past Selectmen's Assistants.

Comprehensive Plan Committee: Reported that they need to have more people turn out. Southern Maine Regional Planning was surprised at how much the town has done on their Comprehensive Plan and we are further ahead than most towns. Hope to have Planning Board participation this time.

Council Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.