

COUNCIL MEETING

August 14, 2001

Present: Bob Fay, Willis Lord, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Bob Gobeil, Virginia Schaeffer, Nichole Tracy, Paul L'Heureux, Fred Fay, Edie Hutchinson, John Littlefield, John Monteith, Jason L'Heureux, Barbara Billingslea, Russ & Teresa Lowell, Jerry Daigle, Pam L'Heureux, Paul Kussman, Jon Tufts, David Benton, Bob Mehlhorn, Sheryl Harmon, Paul Gilson, Jill Clay, and Larry Jacobsen.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all present introducing themselves.

Selectmen's Report: Willis reported that the month of July cost over \$40,000 at the transfer station and listed the costs for the month. Reported that recycling is at 21% currently. Have had another person leave trash in front of the gate and discussed closing the pit due to the high fire danger. Reported that the auction was held on Saturday and sold 30 out of 37 lots.

Selectmen's Asst. Report: Reported that we are still upgrading the computer system and the last week of this month will be switching over Motor Vehicle so will be very slow. Reported that we received a grant for a mercury added product storage shed. Discussed whether or not there will be a cost to the town.

York County Sheriff's Dept.: Reported 293 calls in July and Sgt. Chauvette handled 163 of the calls himself of which 97 were motor vehicle complaints. Has been and will continue to work different shifts so people will not be able to predict when he may be patrolling. Has been receiving calls on his voice mail which should have been handled immediately and been called into the department. Urged people to call his voice mail only when it involves something that can wait. Stated that ATV complaints in Lake Arrowhead are very high and he is working with them to help resolve this issue. Also stated that littering is increasing and he will be working on that also.

Assessor's Report: Reported that most of the field work is done, the selectmen have voted to increase the valuation by 20%, the new software is in but progress is slow until he gets use to it and that he should have the tax bills out by the first of October.

Motor Vehicle Agent Report: Report attached.

Town Clerk: Report attached.

Parks & Recreation: Mike made a presentation of plaques to Sheryl Harmon, Robert Gobeil, Barbara Billingslea, Virginia Schaeffer, Jill Clay, Paul L'Heureux, and Paul Gilson as the seven people who put the Old Home Days event together. The town is very grateful for these seven dedicated people. For Parks & Rec. report see attached.

SAD #57: Announced that Superintendent Bechard was named Superintendent of the Year. Also had a principal named Principal of the Year, the football coach as Coach of the Year and the winner of the Fitzpatrick Award all from Massabesic.

Road Commissioner: Reported that they have done some shoulder work on New Dam Road and Middle Road and will be reconstructing 3,350 ft of New Dam Road, has been working with Pam L'Heureux on street signs and asked that people report seeing anyone tampering with street signs, the budget for these signs is running out. Also are crushing gravel for the ensuing year.

Road Review Committee: Reported that they did meet and discuss sidewalks. They feel it is time to do work on the sidewalks as well as plowing them in winter. Snow removal on West Road would require them hauling it away. Will work up a price and present to the selectmen. Started looking at roads which they may be able to get funding on to do the work. Discussed the Townhouse Road project. Reported that John Swett is very agreeable to what the town wants to do at the intersection of Townhouse Road and Roberts Ridge Road.

E911: Reported that February 2002 is the firm date for E911. Must allow 60 days for the notices. Discussed mailboxes in Lake Arrowhead and house numbers.

EMA Director: Will be attending the DARE Fair on Sunday, has a hazard mitigation grant application and is working with the Road Review Committee on 4 roads. Announced that she is the Region I President for New England and CT.

Recycling Committee: Reported that they are working on a new brochure with updated information on recycling. Looking into the price difference between putting tires in the compactor vs hauling for recycling. Looking at the compost pile and feel that perhaps they will do away with it. Also have discussed meeting with other recycling committees from other communities to get ideas. Will be meeting with the Finance Committee regarding the transfer station fees.

Conservation Committee: Reported that the selectmen have met with the conservation committee and discussed their plans for Ossipee Mt.

Ossipee Lake Association: Reported that their annual meeting will be held this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the town hall.

Library Board of Trustees: Reported that they took in \$980 on the book fair. The next book fair will be in December. Received their first private donation to be put towards a new building fund. Also need to start thinking about what to do with the current library.

Fire Dept. /EMS: Reported that they had 27 fire calls in July making it 189 year to date and 45 rescue calls making a total of 236 year to date. Only had 123 attend the last bean supper.

Saco River Community Tel. Corp.: Report attached.

Taylor House: Reported that they will be holding an art show on August 25 1-4 and August 26 1-4 by local artists. The Lioness English Tea will be on August 26th also. Tickets can be purchased in advance. They are making progress on the painting contract and are looking at the problem in the barn and the chimney problem.

Historical Society: Reported that they are planning their Flea Market for September.

Water District: Reported that they have approximately 100 customers and will be doing shut offs. Notices will be sent out at the end of this billing period.

Finance Committee: Reported that they have a meeting scheduled for this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Charter Commission: Reported they are in the information gathering phase and putting together an outline of a charter. Next meeting will be held on August 22nd at 7 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan Committee: Reported that they did receive a \$10,000 grant.

Cemetery Committee: Reported that they had 10 full mornings of work using the NROTC installing fence at several sites and Alan Roberts has put in 102 hours and covered 103 miles at the cemeteries.

Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.