

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2001

PRESENT: Bob Fay, Willis Lord, Pam Witman, Fred Fay, Bob Gobeil, Dean Look, Paul Verrell, Sr., Jason L'Heureux, Russ & Teresa Lowell, Eric & Diane Herrle, Mark & Beth Cyr, Dean & Denise Waterhouse, David Benton, Paul Kussman, Mike McAlevey, Frank Allen, Larry Jacobsen and John Littlefield.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bob clarified the rumors regarding his involvement in the resignation of the CEO. Stated that he wrote his letter after received the resignation and not the other way around as was the rumor. Did also state that the town will probably not be able to improve on Jim Webster, he has done a fine job.
2. Motion by Bob to accept the resignation of Jim Webster as CEO. Failed due to lack of a second. Willis requested that in the future all letters going out of the Selectmen's Office be approved by all Selectmen.
3. Motion by Willis to accept the resignation of John Carter from the Finance Committee with regret. Seconded by Bob. Vote 2-0-0. Motion by Bob and seconded by Willis to appoint Paul Verrell, Sr. to the Finance Committee to replace John Carter. Vote 2-0-0.
4. Eric Herrle addressed the Townhouse Road project being done by MDOT. Questioned what their plans are. David explained that they will cut trees, pull or grind the stumps, do ditching from Route 5 to where the first log cabin is, do shouldering, when necessary ditches and culverts, will grind the road from Route 5 to Deering Ridge Road, pave shoulders and the road. Will spray hydroseed in grass areas. Discussed bike paths and resetting CMP poles. Dave explained that Blair Watson is the engineer and should be bringing in a set of plans very soon. Eric stated that he has received a letter from the state informing him that he must remove his stone wall or they will remove it at his expense. Asked the Selectmen to intervene on his behalf to keep the stone wall. Mike stated that he has spoken with Jane Lincoln and she will be looking into this matter. She will get a plan to the town and get back with any information she can get. Discussed using local contractors. David could not explain why they want the stonewall moved unless perhaps for sidewalks. Eric explained that the stonewall was already there, they just rebuilt it. Can still get a car off the side of the road with the stonewall. Has done a lot of research and a document from 1791 only describes the first three miles of 29. Feels that they have lost their Right of Way. Mike agreed to work with Herrles, the town and the state on this issue emphasizing that safety is the first priority.
5. Discussed the cost of switching from single phase power to triple phase power at the Transfer Station and Bob agreed to let the vote from last week stand.
6. Motion by Bob and seconded by Willis to appoint Shawn Shoemaker Chairman of the Lake Arrowhead Committee. Vote 2-0-0.
7. Motion by Willis and seconded by Bob to appoint Dave Benton Chairman of the Transfer Station Committee. Vote 2-0-0.

OTHER

1. Discussed snowplowing, will send letters to residents on non-town roads. Discussed hauling stumps from the Townhouse Road project to the town stump dump then billing the state for the grinding.
2. Announced the Waterways and Transfer Station Committee meetings tomorrow night. Willis reported that 50,700 lbs. Of metal have been hauled in one month.

3. Motion by Willis and seconded by Bob to appoint Larry and Sharon Rowles to the Old Home Days Committee. Vote 2-0-0.
4. Diane Herrle addressed the sewerage back up at the elementary school today. John Littlefield received a complaint on this as Health Officer and has been to the school. Will be going back tomorrow. This occurred at around noon and the students were not dismissed, only told not to flush. Questioned why the portables which are at the high school were not brought down for them to use.
5. Motion by Willis and seconded by Bob to accept the minutes of 8/28/01 as written. Vote 2-0-0.
6. Mike reported on Augusta. Stated that they are in recess right now. Gave a brief overview of what they have been working on and answered questions from the audience. Stated that the Senior Health Plan has increased and they have an RX plan. Hopefully this will help the elderly in Maine with prescription costs. Discussed work being done in the Legislature on foster care. Reported that there are over 3,500 children in foster care and only 701 will be adopted. Reported that the states reunification program is failing. Discussed nursing homes and the Route 5 project from Hollis to Limerick which is to be done next year. Discussed teacher shortage and stated that it is primarily in Language and mathematics. Discussed what the state is doing to help citizens who have been laid off by plant closings. Reported that there will be no new tax in Part I of the budget but Part II includes a 2 ½% increase in the Meals and Lodging Tax. Discussed school construction and Mike reported that the state spends approximately \$76 million per year on school construction. The state is underfunding the school formula and school construction. Reported that when we do the redistricting based on the census, northern Maine will lose one state senator and York County will gain one. Discussed an East/West highway and the dairy compact.
7. Bob announced that the Selectmen's Meetings of September 18th and 25th will be held. Willis will not be going on vacation so will still hold the regularly scheduled meetings.

Bob reviewed the list of upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Willis and seconded by Bob to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 8/28/01

APPROVED

Date: 9/10/01

Robert Fay
Willis A. Lord