

COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 2001

Present: Bob Fay, Willis Lord, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Paul L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Bob Gobeil, Jerry Daigle, Russell & Teresa Lowell, John Littlefield, Carole Cochran, Dave Benton, Fred Fay, Paul Kussman, Wendy Carter, Larry Jacobsen, Dave Fedrizzi, Paul Verrell, Sr., Eric Herrle, and Jon Gale

Called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Selectmen's Report: Bob reported that they are very pleased with Dave Chauvette and the work he is doing in town. They feel he is doing a spectacular job.

Selectmen's Asst. Report: Reported that she has started working on the town report and they will be meeting on this next Monday. Want to send out the town report just before town meeting so to include the warrant. There is a meeting tomorrow at 4 p.m. on the roads with the Road Commissioner and the snow plow contractor, the town attorney is writing up a release of liability form. Lake Arrowhead Committee is meeting on Thursday at Central Station at 7 p.m. immediately following the memorial service.

York County Sheriff's Dept.: Reported 266 calls in August. Has reactivated the Crime Watch in Lake Arrowhead and there will be a meeting at Clubhouse 3 in Lake Arrowhead on October 18th regarding ATV's which are a serious problem in that area of town.

Assessor's Report: Thanked the board for granting him another twelve months in Waterboro. Discussed the new software and the transition from the old programs. Did acquire an additional \$6,000,000 in valuation. Tax rate would be \$20.60 if set tonight and may not be quite this high. Should have a report to the Selectmen in the next couple of weeks. Reported that the tax rate will go down but the valuation went up so will basically be a wash.

Motor Vehicle Agent Report: Report attached.

Town Clerk: Report attached.

Code Enforcement: Report attached.

Planning Board: Report attached.

Parks & Recreation: Report attached.

Old Home Days: No meetings until January. Still need more volunteers. Bob stated that they need more local businesses to participate in the parade.

Constable/Animal Control: Bob reported that there have been a lot of dog complaints and they are very active. Willis reported that the new game warden is Eric Blanchard and he can be reached by calling Gray. Discussed dogs chasing deer.

SAD #57: Bob reported that he intends to contact them regarding the septic problem at the elementary school.

Road Commissioner: Reported that they are working on West Shore Rd., Townhouse Road for the state, paperwork for the intersection of Townhouse Road and Roberts Ridge Road. He is proceeding on New Dam Rd., they are removing the knoll, have culverts in place and will then gravel. Has been over the paving with F.O. Carroll and the price is down \$1.00 per ton this year. Is having a serious problem with signs disappearing, some are being pulled out post and all. Only had \$1,000 for signs and his last bill was \$1,400 and have only covered 1/3 of the town. Reported that some people are upset about the name of their road but feels they should have participated several years ago when the names were being discussed. Still has to do the New Road which is covered by FEMA money and needs to do some work on Starr Hill Rd. Will be putting up salt very soon. Discussed the pond at Roland Denby's. John Littlefield stated that the work was done within the last month by the fire department. Discussed cleaning out the pond while it is almost dry. John to take a look at it and will work with Dave. Discussed the intersection of Ossipee Hill Rd. and Straw Mill Brook Rd. Paul Kussman questioned if the Selectmen should look into requesting an investigation into the sign vandalism. Discussed prosecuting if caught. Discussed educating the kids in school on the danger of missing street signs.

Road Review Committee: Reported that Fred Fay is the new chairman. Currently working on future road projects, plowing and maintaining sidewalks. Will have to come into town meeting with an article for sidewalks.

Conservation Commission: Reported that their meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. here at town hall.

Library Board of Trustees: Reported that there is not much going on right now.

Fire Dept. /EMS: Reported that they had 34 fire calls in August making it 255 year to date and 36 rescue calls making a total of 313 year to date. Served 230 at the last bean supper and the next supper will be held on October 6th. There is currently a ban on all open fires and the burn pit is closed. The water table is down 10" so it will take a lot of rain before things can be opened up again. They will be holding a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. on September 20th at Central Station in honor of those killed and injured on September 11th.

Lake Arrowhead Committee: Reported that the first meeting of the Lake Arrowhead Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 20th following the Memorial Service at Central Station.

Water District: Reported that he received a call from the engineer for the new credit union regarding fire service for the new building. All hydrants are now numbered. This month will be sending a package out with bills regarding the options available to past due accounts. The final option will be to shut off service. Have never done this before and it is being abused so it is time. Discussed servicing the Old Alfred Road and Dave reported that they have not money available but that a survey was done several years ago and there was very little interest by the homeowners in that area. Stated that if there were any problems with the water in the area they might be able to get grant money. John requested a list of hydrant numbers and location for the fire department.

Finance Committee: Reported that they met with the Treasurer this evening regarding the audit, the new Trio system and reports that can be derived, and where accounts are at this point. Bob requested that the Finance Committee be involved in deciding how much surplus to use when the time comes.

Public Safety Committee: Reported that they have discussed a notice for the paper regarding snowplowing damage within Right of Ways and that the town is not liable as well as a notice regarding parked cars on roadways and that they will be towed.

Charter Commission: Reported that they have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening.

Comprehensive Plan Committee: Reported that their next meeting will involve a representative from the State Planning Office and SMRPC. They have divided into smaller groups and each is researching a different area such as roads and their condition, listing all businesses in town etc. Next meeting will be held on Monday, September 24th at 7 p.m.

Cemetery Committee: Reported attached.

General Discussion: Fred reported that he and Dave spent approximately 3 hours riding over some of the back roads in town such as McLucas Rd., Thyngs Mill Rd. and Ross Corner Rd. You can get through them all but have to go very slowly, the biggest problem is big rocks. Have applied for a mitigation grant which could help upgrade some of these roads. Discussed with the fire chief the number of Indian tanks the department has and he reported that they have at least 50.

Council Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.