

## COUNCIL MEETING

December 11, 2001

Present: Bob Fay, Doug Foglio, Sr., Willis Lord, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Pam L'Heureux, Bob Gobeil, Jerry Daigle, Jason L'Heureux, Russ & Teresa Lowell, Dave Chauvette, John Monteith, Kevin Nelson, John Littlefield, Mark Sanders, Brad Elliott, Fred Fay, Scott Hamilton, Denise Waterhouse, Steve Wentworth, Gordon & Janice Daney, Lisa & Mike Bennett, Michael Bennett, Leo Binette, Chuck Binette, John Morin, Larry Jacobsen, Bob Davis, Mike DeAngelis, Dwayne Woodsome, Fred Bechard and Dave Benton.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bob stated that it is unfortunate that you don't always get what you deserve in life and in the case of Michael Bennett this is true. Coach Morin stated that Mike was a 3 year starter and on all special teams. Was undefeated as a starting quarterback his Sophomore year. Last year as Junior was a major contributing factor to the success of the state championship team. This year gave up the quarterback position to play fullback. Also played free safety the last six games of the year. Was always willing to play whatever position was necessary to make the team successful. Won the Dave Allen award this year by a unanimous vote for outstanding player of the year. Reported that there is one more All-Star team to be picked and he believes that Mike will make this team. Due to a misunderstanding regarding the due date and/or a problem with the mail, his material was not available for review by the selection committee for the Fitzpatrick Award and therefore he was not nominated. Mike DeAngelis stated that Michael demonstrated what it takes to be a consummate team player. Has also done a tremendous amount of community service. Fred Bechard stated that it was a pleasure to watch him on the field this year. On behalf of SAD #57, congratulations. Mike Bennett thanked everyone involved in doing this for him this evening. Could not believe what the people have done for him.

**Selectmen's Report:** Bob reported that the entrance/exit of the MacDonald/Leighton gravel pit is in fact owned by them. Bob apologized for the misunderstanding. Willis reported that work is being done at the transfer station and it is improving traffic flow. The compactor for cardboard will be installed within the next three weeks. Dave Benton stated that Paul Kussman came up with the plan for the work being done at the Transfer Station and the rest of the committee agreed with him. Bob discussed the future development along Rte. 202 and 5. Stated that people need to make their desires known. Bob also reported that John Monteith is resigning from the school board effective 12/31/01 and going to Florida for the winter. There is now an opening on the school board. Fred Bechard stated that there is not a better person to work with than John Monteith.

**Selectmen's Assistant Report:** Reported that the new building should be completed by the end of the month. Bob reported that they will be doing the roof of the current building instead of the floor of the town hall and the windows because there are a lot of leaks in the roof.

**York County Sheriff's Dept. Report:** Reported that he has discovered that there is a more thankless job than his and that is the job of Animal Control Officer. He thanked Kevin for the great job that he is doing. There were 340 calls for service in Waterboro for the month of November and he personally handled 107 of them. The busiest times of day are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the busiest day is Friday with Monday and Tuesday coming in second and third. Discussed the abandoned vehicle on Chadbourne Ridge Rd. He has sent a letter to the owner requesting that he contact him within five days of receipt of the letter or he will issue a warrant for his arrest. Has recovered street signs for the

towns of Dayton, Hollis and Lyman but none from Waterboro. Wants to work with the school and do some education there on the importance of these signs. Even though he does not necessarily feel that it is the children stealing these signs he does feel that they may have information.

**Assessor's Report:** Reported that he is still making corrections on tax bills, sending out supplemental bills and looking at 2002 and what we will need to do for April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Town Clerk:** Nancy reported that the 2002 licenses are in and she will be attending a class tomorrow on how to fill them out so they will be available for sale on Thursday.

**Treasurer:** No report but has been working very hard with Nancy and the auditor to straighten things out.

**Tax Collector:** Report attached.

**Code Enforcement Officer Report:** Report attached. Steve also reported that they are working with the BOCA '93 code. Stated that he will try to be in the office 9-10 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. daily as well as Tuesday evenings until 7 p.m. to meet with contractors and citizens.

**Planning Board Report:** Report attached. Also discussed Bartlett Pines Estates.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Three hearings coming up December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks & Recreation:** Reported that they have formed a second girls travel team this year. Thanked the schools for all their help with basketball this year, has created his first newsletter. The Sr. luncheons are starting up again this Thursday at the snowmobile club. Has been working on the inventory. Discussed the Tot Drop and Shop. Currently doing registrations for the Foxwoods trip. Discussed the Bruins trip. Will be doing a kinder-clinic for 1-5 year olds. Have the first ever cheering program in basketball headed up by Michelle Dion. Is working with the committee on their 5 and 10 year plans.

**Old Home Days:** First meeting will be held the first week in January.

**Constable/Animal Control:** Discussed someone having bait pile off West Road made up of deer carcasses. This pile is approximately 5' wide, 20' long and 3' high. The DEP gave the property owner 14 days to remove it. Stated that he is not trying to be mean to anyone when he goes out on his animal control calls, he is merely enforcing state law.

**SAD #57:** Reported that they are currently working on the budget but people need to understand that approximately 80% of the budget is state mandated. Fred reported on the enrollment as follows: June 2000 – 3,433 students, June 2001 – 3,559 students and Sept. 2001 – 3,673 students. Discussed new construction and reported that the states list has been promised this spring. He fully expects to be on the list. There has been a sub-committee formed to look at a location for a new middle school. New construction will cost 18-18.5 million dollars. The current middle school will become an elementary school. He encouraged people to attend the 15 budget meetings currently scheduled. Discussed building a high school instead of a middle school and Fred explained that is much more costly to build a high school.

**Road Commissioner:** Reported that they have completed the Roberts Ridge project except for the striping and one load of loam. Will complete the ditching once CMP moves the poles. Been working at the Transfer Station and will be in plans once it reaches a further stage. Will be putting up more sand the end of the week or the first of next week. Reported that they did have a problem with black ice today.

**Road Review Committee:** Reported that they have been working on the budget and going over the town owned dirt roads as well as working on their 5 and 10 year plan. Next meeting is the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. Discussed pond roads currently being plowed and the liability releases. The committee needs to provide a report to the Selectmen on these roads.

**E911 Report:** Reported that she has been working with the Road Commissioner and looking at downed street signs. She will be going with Sgt. Chauvette to the Jr. High. The E911 system should take effect Feb. 1, 2002. There are currently 75 missing signs.

**EMA:** Reported that she recently became a trainer on the state level for Weapons of Mass Destruction.

**Recycling Committee:** Reported that they have been working on a plan to get the funding to get the mercury products storage shed up and running. Been discussing pay per bag again, and working on their budget. On January 10<sup>th</sup> they will be bringing Reggie the Recycling Raccoon along with a group of kids from the Forces of Nature Environmental Club started by Nichole Tracy to the elementary school to kick off the banner contest. Reported that almost all wrapping paper is recyclable with the exception of the foils. Also reported that you can take packing peanuts to these shipping places and they will be happy to take them. Stated that paperboard does not go into the cardboard container.

**Conservation Committee:** The Moody Pond Preserve is still in the works and are trying to secure some properties in that area. Regarding the Ossipee Mtn project they are working to get the state forester to walk the site in preparation for the selective winter cut. Discussed a citizen who has a problem with a hemlock in Lake Sherburne. Will put them in touch with someone who may possibly be able to help them.

**Ossipee Lake Association:** Quiet for the winter.

**Library Board of Trustees:** Reported that they made \$260 Saturday at their holiday fair. Seventy-five children had their pictures taken with Santa. They are working on their 5 and 10 year plan and their budget. They met with the Selectmen last week and were very pleased with the outcome. Hope to get the front steps repaired very soon.

**Fire Dept. /EMS:** Reported that they had 23 fire calls in November making it 337 year to date and 27 rescue calls making a total of 4430 year to date. The next bean supper will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Will be putting the equipment out to bid again this month. Dwayne questioned setting the tank truck up at the transfer station but John stated that it would require leaving a tractor up there also because the landing gear is not capable of holding the tank when it is full of water.

**Lake Arrowhead Community:** Bob reported that their meeting this month has been cancelled and rescheduled for January.

**Saco River Community Television Corp.:** Reported Attached.

**Water District:** Reported that things are going well. Since Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> things have been shaky with Water Depts. And there is a situation with insurance companies canceling all water districts. Our policy will be cancelled on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussed possible help from the state senator and legislator. Was questioned if there will be any impact on the water if they have no insurance and was assured that it would not affect the supply at all. Was questioned if in our letter to our insurance carrier if LAC could be included because they also have a private water system.

**Finance Committee:** Still waiting for budget requests to come in.

**Charter Commission:** Reported that next meeting is December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Comprehensive Plan Update Committee:** Reported that they met last night and are planning a visioning meeting.

**Primary/Conditional Use Committee:** Reported that a hearing will be coming up. They have met several times regarding changes and would like to have public input.

**Transfer Station Committee:** Reported that they are meeting tomorrow night and hope to finalize fees.

**General Discussion:** Mike requested people to get in touch with him and let him know what they would like to see for Parks & Recreation in the future.

Council Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.