

COUNCIL MEETING

February 12, 2002

Present: Bob Fay, Willis Lord, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Bob Gobeil, Paul Kussman, Richard Sevigny, Howard Doe, Frank Tarazewich, John Littlefield, Steve Wentworth, Jason L'Heureux, Kevin Nelson, David Benton, Wendy Warren, Tammy Wells, Sgt. Dave Chauvette, Mike DeAngelis, Eric Herrie and Dale Witman

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Fire Dept. Awards: At 7 p.m. Howard Doe, Fire Dept. Safety Officer, presented Certificates of Merit to Jennifer Sandmeyer and Brianna Albert. On December 30, 2001, Jennifer ran to Brianna's home, got a sled and went back to her friend Brianna and pulled her home when Brianna fell breaking her leg while the girls were ice skating.

Selectmen's Report: Willis reported that the new cardboard compactor is in and running. Have hauled the first load of 5 ton. The next meeting of the Transfer Station Committee will be held on 2/27/02 at 7 p.m. at the town hall. They will begin working on long range planning. Have been negotiating to get rid of the tires at the transfer station. The road crew was out sanding until 12:30 a.m. Monday morning and went back out at 4 a.m. The citizens need to understand that there are a lot of roads in town and it takes time to get to all of them. The crews are working as hard as they can and getting to them as quickly as possible. Discussed the Transfer Station account.

Selectmen's Assistant Report: Reported that the phone system will be installed in the next 1 ½ weeks and will do the networking for the computers at the same time. Chairs have been delivered and have desks for the offices so are moving along. Not sure when we will be moving but it should be soon. Bob stated that as soon as fire extinguishers are installed can begin holding some meetings in the new building.

York County Sheriff's Dept. Report: Sgt. Chauvette reported that there were 289 calls for service in Waterboro for the month of January and he personally handled 92 of them. Thursday and Friday continue to be the busiest days and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. the busiest times of day. Has been working on traffic control. Sheriff's Dept. just hired a new school resource officer for the elementary school level. Discussed the school not contacting the road commissioner to find out about road conditions prior to sending out the buses. Sgt. Chauvette suggested that they also call York County Dispatch as they are on the roads and are able to report on conditions.

Code Enforcement Officer Report: Reported that in January they did 9 new houses, 4 of them in Lake Arrowhead, 4 renovations, 3 mobile home placements, 1 commercial, 2 foundation permits only, 17 occupancy inspections, 2 foundation inspections, 9 framing inspections, 4 plumbing inspections, 8 septic inspections, 3 repeat inspections, 3 violations, 6 informational type visits and 4 shoreland zoning inspections. Believes this was the slow period, this month is already picking up. Have done 6 new foundations and today alone received 4 applications for building permits and did 7 site inspections.

State Representative Report: Frank Tarazewich explained the school funding formula (see attached). There have been several bills introduced recently to try and change the funding formula which he explained. Discussed the local option tax. Discussed the budget shortfall which is currently at approximately \$250 million. Discussed nursing home problems.

Motor Vehicle Agent Report: Report attached.

Town Clerk: Report attached.

Tax Collector: Report attached.

Planning Board Report: Report attached.

Parks & Recreation: Reported that the new newsletter will be coming out tomorrow, Foxwoods trip is on Monday, February 18th. Reported on donations for the Community Center. Most recent program is an open gym at Waterboro Elementary School gym. Will be broken up by age groups. Currently have reserved the gym for every Saturday until April vacation. Also reported that they are expanding registrations on the golf league to 50 this year, currently have 40 registered so only have 10 slots left available. Discussed the newsletter being put on the towns web site.

Old Home Days: Have held a couple of meetings and things are going well. They do have a lot more help this year but can always use more.

Constable/Animal Control: Responded to 49 calls in January, 24 dogs-at-large, took 8 stray cats and 2 dogs to the shelter and 1 dog bite which was himself. Explained the new dangerous dog law passed by the state.

RWS Representative: Reported that there will be a regional meeting hosted by Waterboro on February 27th with Lyman, Hollis, Ogunquit and Limington also attending. This will be in conjunction with the Transfer Station Committee. Explained that RWS has been receiving a lot of returnables in the recycling container and are trying to become a redemption center. Currently could generate approximately \$80,000 per year by doing so. Discussed the small openings in the silver bullets and how difficult it is to put your returnables through these small openings.

Road Commissioner: Reported that he has not been doing much work recently except sanding, salting and plowing. Just received two boxes of signs and will put them up when he receives the tamper proof bolts.

Water District: Reported two more new customers coming on line soon. The new car wash will be extending the line a short distance onto Hamilton Road and will be connecting the new restaurant at the corner of Main St. and West Road. The well is a bit low because of the low water table but not a problem at this point. Because of the load now on the system they may need to drill another well in the next 3-5 years.

Road Review Committee: Reported that they recently met with the Finance Committee on their budget request and it went well. Have one addition to make to their request and will be doing that very soon.

Ossipee Lake Association: Mike reported that they have received a \$50,000 grant to do repairs along the beach area to divert run off from flowing into Ossipee Lake and to held with the erosion problems in that area. Are currently in the planning stages and probably will not begin work until at least late fall.

Fire Dept. /EMS:

York County Budget Committee:

Charter Commission:

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee:

Transfer Station Committee: Have a meeting scheduled for Feb. 27th at 7 p.m. with RWS. Hope to have the new dump stickers ready to hand out very soon. Will need volunteers from the committee to hand out the stickers at the dump when town hall is closed. Are having difficulty with the placement of the silver bullets. Trying very hard to make it convenient for all those who recycle.

Primary/Conditional Use Committee:

Council Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.