

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2002

**PRESENT:** Bob Fay, Willis Lord, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Bob Gobeil, John Swett, Mike DeAngelis, Richard Sevigny, Fred Fay, Denise Waterhouse, Mark & Beth Cyr, Russ & Teresa Lowell, Dave Benton, Larry Jacobsen, Paul Brochu, Paul Verrell, Sr., Darrell Delano, Mike Bouthillette, & Charles Emmons.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a Public Hearing on the Discontinuance of a section of Roberts Ridge Road and a layout hearing on Killock Drive.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 9<sup>th</sup> will be Candidates Night

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month the Senior Luncheon is held at the snowmobile club.

John Swett thanked the town for the change on Roberts Ridge Road.

### APPOINTMENTS

7:00 p.m. – Richard Sevigny suggested that all the private roads should be listed separately on the warrant so they are each voted on individually based on their own merits. Requested that the Selectmen formally vote to put these on the warrant. John Swett spoke on the East Shore Road. Stated that the town maintains approximately 8/10 of a mile of this road but the plan is to ~~stop~~ *NOT* maintaining the additional 6/10 mile. There are 20 some cottages on that 6/10 mile. Willis stated that the first 8/10 mile was accepted as a town road because of T.R.I. money years ago. Bob stated that the residents of this road have taken it to town meeting a couple of times but it has failed both times. Esther Prokey stated that the only reason it failed the last time was because one of the abutters was not willing to give the town some of their land in order to widen the road. Discussed the handling by petition. Nancy informed them that it would have to be submitted by 4/9 or 4/16 in order to make it into the warrant and would require 161 signatures. If they choose to do it by referendum vote they would need the petition in by 3/12. If it were to go referendum they would be required to hold a public hearing.

7:15 p.m. – Darrell Delano stated that his road has been plowed for the past 25 years. Questioned what the Selectmen are doing about this and what is the recourse to the homeowners on these roads. Bob stated that it is the position of the Selectmen to resolve this once and for all. They want to determine if it is a private or public road. Explained that this can be put on the warrant by the Selectmen, by petition or they could seek legal recourse. Debbie Sullivan spoke on Logan Circle. Stated that there are people on that road with health issues and questioned what would happen if someone needed an ambulance and had not been plowed out. Bob explained that in an emergency there is a provision where the town can open up a private road. Charles Emmons of Logan Circle stated that they are not asking for anything more than to make it possible to be plowed. John Swett asked if the cottages were taxed seasonal. Bob stated that these roads will be on next weeks agenda to vote on whether they will put them on the warrant. Richard Sevigny stated that it is not against the law to plow private roads it is only an opinion of the justices. Mike Bouthillette of Logan Circle asked why it can't meet town specs when it is regularly graded. Explained that a neighbor has lost some of his yard to widening of the road. Bob stated that if we are correct and can not maintain private roads, it is an issue of liability. Maintenance and plowing are separate issues. If the voters decide they are private, then they will have to bring them up to town specs and then come back again to have them accepted.

7:30 p.m. – Martha Huff and Ben Severance of Hollis thanked the board and the town for extending the agreement with Hollis for another year. Have been researching the possibility of opening up their own facility but there are very few residents who use it and would not be cost effective. They are interested in pooling their resources and doing a regional program. Will set up a meeting with the Transfer Station Committee to discuss the possible regional recycling. Discussed extending the Hollis agreement for another year if we can reach an agreeable financial arrangement. Discussed curbside pickup. They felt that from a cost standpoint it is much less expensive to have curbside pickup. Discussed having Hollis residents pay the fees at the Transfer Station instead of through their town hall as its being done now. Russell Lowell questioned if the agreement with Hollis hasn't been done through Town Meeting in the past. Bob stated that it will go to Town Meeting, that the Selectmen are working out the details of the agreement. Ben stated that it will cost them \$78,000 to get started in Hollis on their own facility and that would only be the concrete work, some used containers and no building. Willis noted that we have received \$4,682 in 7 months and Martha agreed as they appropriated \$10,000. Bob stated that he would like to see a flat fee from Hollis and the residents pay the fee structure. Discussed putting this on a workshop and will get back to them within 10 days with an answer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Willis reviewed the annual report from State Police Troop A. Reminded people that they need to get their new dump stickers. Bob noted that about a dozen people received stickers filled out using a regular pen which will fade. They need to come back in so the correct marker can be used to fill in their registration number on the sticker.
2. Doug reported that the Selectmen have gone through the new building and assigned office space. At this time the Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Deputy Sheriff, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Selectmen, Selectmen's Secretary, Assessor, Selectmen's Assistant, Code Enforcement Office and Planning Board will be in the new building. Parks & Recreation, General Assistance and Animal Control will be in the old building. This will make available 7 meeting rooms. Currently there are 42 committees operating in town right now. Dave Benton noted that they will have the Old Fire Station once the state does the work on the road. Motion by Doug to accept and sign the print of the town hall layout and seconded by Bob. Vote 2-1-0 with Willis opposed.
3. Bob congratulated the Transfer Station Committee for doing a wonderful job. Dave stated that he has a great committee and they work very well together. Will now start working on long term plans. Discussed possible illegal dumping.
4. Discussed the vault door and Doug to price a steel door.
5. Discussed the cost of the transfer station. Noted that it took a major jump in 1995 and has stayed pretty consistent since then.

## **OTHER**

1. Motion by Willis and seconded by Bob to appoint Paul Verrell, Sr. to the Charter Commission. Vote 2-1-0.

Motion by Willis and seconded by Bob to accept the minutes of 2/26/02 as written. Vote 2-0-1.

Bob reviewed the list of upcoming meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Doug and seconded by Willis to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Vote 3-0-0.

**SIGNED:**

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 2/26/02
2. Deed
3. Concealed weapon application

**APPROVED**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Fuz

William A. Lord