

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

March 12, 2002

Present: Bob Fay, Doug Foglio, Sr., Willis Lord, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Richard Sevigny, Paul Verrell, Sr., Teresa Lowell, Dean Look, Donald Boillard, Paul Kussman, Jason L'Heureux, Pam L'Heureux, Eric & Diane Herrle, Russ Lowell, Fred Fay, Mark Sanders, John Littlefield, Don Holden, Guy Litalien, Dave Benton, Beth Cyr, Steve Wentworth, Mike DeAngelis, Scott Hamilton, Dwayne Woodsome, Jon Gale, Bob Gobeil, Mark Lacourse, Jerry Daigle, Larry Jacobsen, Elaine Pellerin, Ernie Roberge, Jr., Wade Roberge, & Dale Witman.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Selectmen's Report:** Reported that they are busy working on the warrant. Currently handing out the new Transfer Station Stickers which take effect April 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob stated that he will be asking Doug and Willis to meet with Hollis and try to reach a fair financial arrangement and if they can't we will end the relationship. Discussed the Transfer Station Committee meeting held Monday evening. Reported that there will be two accounts that they will need to get immediate money for at Town Meeting and they are the Transfer Station and the Treasurers account. Discussed the increase in requests. Listed the candidates who have turned in their papers and the position they are seeking. Reported that the accountants are trying to put the audit together.

**Selectmen's Assistant Report:** Reported that the deadline for referendums and candidates was today. Hope to have the ballots by the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessor:** Reported that he is currently updating the tax cards and will be posting the annual notice. Beginning his field work April 1<sup>st</sup>. Not sure yet how much the value will increase over last year. Added \$8 million in new value last year and anticipate adding \$6-\$8 million again this year. Explained the significance of April 1<sup>st</sup> and the state law. Will not be factoring up again this year and explained why they did last year.

**Code Enforcement Officer Report:** Report attached

**Motor Vehicle Agent Report:** Report attached.

**Town Clerk:** Report attached.

**Tax Collector:** Report attached.

**Planning Board Report:** Report attached. Also reported that they held a public meeting to review the proposed zoning changes for town meeting. Will be some fee increases. The Lake Arrowhead Wellhead Protection will probably not be on the warrant this year. Discussed proposed sub-division on the West Rd.

**Parks & Recreation:** Presented plaques to Guy Litalien, Paul Cesari and Don Holden for the work they have done in acquiring two grants for the town. Reported that the committee has put together 13 summer activities which include a trip to Foxwoods on Memorial Day.

**York County Budget Committee:** Reported that Steve Foglio was elected Selectman in Limerick and was a representative at large. He will be able to participate in the final vote but then will be done.

Also has heard that Pauline Nadeau of Lyman may also not be returning. We need rural representation and things in County Government are going to change dramatically and not in favor of the rural communities such as Waterboro. The budget increased \$12.6 million last year and the requests this year add up to \$16.3 million. The committee had the increase down to 28.5% then received \$406,000 in additional requests. This is \$265,000 for the septic system at the current jail, \$40,000 to pump it until the work is complete and \$101,000 from the increase in the contracts. Currently the tentative increase is 33% over last year. The proposed budget for the coming year is \$14,556,710. Did explain that if you removed the new jail and it's related costs from the budget you would only have seen a 3% increase for the past two years which is a normal increase. Stated that there will be a public hearing on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Alfred Court House and the final vote will be conducted immediately following the hearing. Explained that there will be another big increase next year. Discussed uses for the old jail facility once the new facility opens. Discussed redistricting and the charter attempt.

**Old Home Days:** Reported that the parade is going well and will start at the Lions Club this year. Dates are July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Constable/Animal Control:** Report attached

**SAD 57 Director:** Reported that they are working on the budget. Have a lot of openings for coaching staff particularly. There is a Policy Committee meeting tomorrow at 8 p.m. and will be proposing two changes, one regarding drug offenders and the other regarding referrals for special education. No prediction on the budget.

**Road Commissioner:** Reported that he used a lot less salt and sand than anticipated this year. Currently doing cold patching and spring brush cutting. Just received the new hangers for the street signs so will be putting those up this week.

**Water District:** Reported that the new car wash is coming into town and extending the line 100' onto Hamilton Road. The well is averaging 10' lower than normal but the supply is still very good right now.

**Road Review Committee:** Reported that they have been discussing some danger points on the roads. There are places on Townhouse Road that are already breaking up. Requested a meeting with the Selectmen. Also discussing plowing one section of the sidewalk and repairing and extending of other sections.

**E911:** Reported that she gave out the last number today. This will not be handled by the Code Enforcement Office. Bob thanked Pam for all her hard work. Discussed the need for \$28,000 to update maps.

**EMA:** Things are very quiet right now.

**Library Board of Trustees:** Reported that the Constable got back \$100 worth of overdue books for the Library.

**Recycling Committee:** Recycling for January was 7.58%. Currently are waiting for the Selectmen to announce the winners of the banner contest and they will then have the new banner made. Reported that they can now co-mingle cardboard and paperboard. Working on Old Home Days, and

will be tabling pay-per-bag for another year. Discussed a recommendation to receive only clear bags as a warrant article.

**Conservation Committee:** Bob reported that the Selectmen have ok'd the restart of cutting on Ossipee Mtn. Will begin cutting again as soon as dryer weather arrives.

**Ossipee Lake Association:** Reported that they have closed the gate to raise the lake level. Should see the level come up  $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" a day. Discussed the fishing derby. Fred Fay stated that there was a lot of debris left on the lake by the fishing derby. Mike has spoken with a contact person and had been assured that they would be cleaning up.

**Fire Dept. /EMS:** Reported 22 fire calls for the month of February making a year to date total of 43. EMS had 42 calls in the month of February bringing their year to date total to 77. Served 140 at their last bean supper and the next one is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**Lake Arrowhead Committee:** Next meeting will be held on 3/14 at the new Fire Station.

**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting tomorrow evening and working on revenue projections.

**Charter Commission:** Reported that they have added one member, Paul Verrell, Sr. Next meeting will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and they will be discussing Selectmen.

**Comprehensive Plan Update Committee:** Will be holding a visioning session on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 a.m. to Noon. This session is to plan for the town for the next 10 years.

**Primary/Conditional Use Committee:** Have a hearing scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Council Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.