

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2002

PRESENT: Douglas Foglio, Sr., Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Ralph Bowley, Teresa Lowell, Bob Fay, Wendy Carter, Bob Gobeil, Larry Jacobsen, Paul Verrell, Sr., Paul Kussman, Frank Allen, and Dave Benton.

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 p.m. – Opened Public Hearing for Liquor License Renewal for China City. No comment other than Pam L'Heureux stated that she is in there on a regular basis and has never seen any sign of alcohol abuse in their establishment. Motion by Willis and seconded by Eric to sign the renewal forms for China City. Voted. Passed. Motion by Willis and seconded by Eric to end the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

7:15 p.m. – Opened a Public Hearing on the General Assistance Maximums for 10/1/02-10/1/03. Wendy explained at Appendix A is the housing maximums, Appendix B is food values and Appendix C is housing assistance for heated and unheated homes. Explained that if they adopt these state maximums that she can not exceed these values. The town can modify them but would need to send these to DHS to be kept on record. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to approve the overall maximums for 10/1/02-10/1/03. Voted. Passed. Motion by Willis and seconded by Eric to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Voted. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Explained that they have been presented with a petition to hold a special town meeting to accept East Shore Road as a town road. Eric questioned if the petition is worded legally to require a special or if it can be postponed until the next annual and be done by referendum. Willis stated that in order for that road to be accepted it has to meet the standards and have a legal right of way. Teresa Lowell questioned if you can vote on something that's contrary to an existing ordinance. Discussed the number of non-town roads that could potentially be brought to a town meeting for acceptance and the cost to bring them up to standard. Discussed getting a legal opinion prior to setting a date. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to set the date next week after seeking a legal opinion. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the need for workshops. Motion by Eric to try alternating weeks with workshops and Selectmen's Meetings until the first meeting in January when they will review how it's working with next week being a regular Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Willis. Voted. Passed.
2. Read the recommendations from the Road Commissioner and the Road Review Committee regarding the request from Mr. Garnett to post Middle Road with a weight limit of 3 tons. Motion by Willis and seconded by Eric to deny the request from Mr. Garnett to place a load limit on Middle Road per the recommendations of the Road Commissioner and the Road Review Committee. Voted. Passed. The assistant to send a letter to Mr. Garnett.

OTHER

1. Discussed the meeting held Thursday evening regarding the milfoil problem in Lake Arrowhead.
2. Discussed the intersection of Route 5/Townhouse Road/Old Alfred Road. Willis stated that he has spoken with MDOT and the project has been funded and scheduled for late next fall but they are trying to move it up on the schedule.
3. Motion by Willis and seconded by Eric to accept the minutes of 10/15/02 as written. Voted. Passed.
4. Agreed to start live broadcast of meetings on November 12th and will do a test run tomorrow evening for candidates night.
5. Willis read the reminders for the upcoming week.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 10/15/02
2. Tax Commitment
3. Dixie Office Products Service Contract

APPROVED

Date: 10/29/02

Stephen C. Fogelberg
Willis G. Lord
R. E. Hendon