

COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2004

PRESENT: Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Doug Foglio, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Fred Fay, Richard Pinette, Bob Fay, Mike McAlevey, Paul Kussman, Frank Birkemose, Jr., Paul Verrell, Sr., Don and Darthea Drew, Bob Gobeil, Tom Cyr, Brigit McCallum, Jack Seery, Clint Andrews, Kevin Nelson, Mike DeAngelis, Russ Lowell, Patti McIntyre, Dave Benton, Jerry Daigle, Elaine Pellerin, Sue Dunlap, Wendy Warren, Sue Ellen Chamberlain, Sheryl Harmon, Paul Gilson, Dwayne Woodsome and Cindy Gilmore.

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

Selectmen's Report: Discussed recent power outages and connecting the Fire Dept. and Town Hall to auxiliary power and a policy on handling such incidents. Eric noted that the school is the primary shelter. Eric stated that according to the charter they must review the charge of each committee. Also stated that he would like to see the Council Meetings be more than just a state of the state address but more of committees interacting with other committees. If a committee has things they want to share with other committees, this is the forum.

Assessor's Report:

Motor Vehicle Agent: Report attached. Paul Verrell requested year to date totals on Excise Tax. Discussed the computer crash. Doug stated that the system was backing up every day, every month and yearly but on the hard drive and not being done onto DVD.

Town Clerk: Reported that nomination papers will be available January 29th for the positions of Selectman, SAD 57 Director and Water District Trustee. Election will be held on April 23rd and Town Meeting April 24th.

Treasurer: Sue Ellen reported that the problem with the computer was actually an implosion. Lost six months worth of data. Requested reports will not be available until the W2's are completed and the 1099's.

Tax Collector: No specific numbers but have collected approximately \$250,000 less than should have by this point.

Planning Board: Reported that SAD 57 has not applied yet. Over the past 1 – 1 ½ years have worked a lot with Road Review, Water District and Fire Dept. Stated that they don't have to adopt the recommendations of other committees but do appreciate the input and welcomes it. Still working on a few articles for town meeting such as a possible water processing plant moratorium, to modify the growth ordinance possibly changing the number of permits allowed in LAC, potable water which would require that they test water prior to occupancy permit for drinkable water. Discussed the success of the growth ordinance which does have to be reviewed every 3 years.

Parks & Recreation: Listed upcoming programs and some seminars. Just finished basketball and currently have travel teams. The Ice Fishing Tournament will be held on February 15th. The Parks & Rec. will be providing childcare for Town Meeting. Mike McAlevey expressed his objection to them promoting gambling with their trip to Foxwoods.

Old Home Days: Reported that they need more help.

Constable/Animal Control: Expressed concerns about pets being outside in this cold weather. Animals need to be inside. There will be a chemical capture course on Feb. 6 & 7 for \$89.00. Dog licenses are coming in fast but concerned about after Jan. 31st with the late fee going up. Explained that the late fee is mandated by the state but the town keeps the funds. Mrs. Pellerin complained again about Bryant's dogs being out on the lake.

RWS Representative: Reported that they are discussing ash fill expansion, financial analysis of current and future, and restructuring of RWS prior to completion of the analysis to reduce tipping fees. Willis noted that they went up \$3,500 this month. Discussed extending the inter-local agreements and allowing for communities to get out with a penalty. Even if we bought out we would still need to haul household trash to RWS until the end of the original contract. Discussed the possibility of ash to glass process.

Road Commissioner: Reported that it has been an unusual winter and there are lots of frost heaves. Also reminded that you can not plow out of a driveway across the road. The Sheriff's and State Police will levy fines. Discussed the sand pile at the Transfer Station, requested citizens not to come into the Public Works area looking for sand as it is very dangerous.

Water District Trustees: Reported that they have taken on Dunkin Donuts. Have put out bids for an evaluation of the system and how to enlarge and expand. Have received no requests from the school.

Transfer Station Committee: Reported that they need to work with the RWS Rep. and Finance Committee. Recycling Building project is on target and Sebago Tech. is currently costing the project out.

Transfer Station Manager: Report Attached.

Road Review Committee:

Conservation Committee: Reported that regarding the Gilbert Thompson Preserve, McCoy has agreed to land for a parking area. Have talked with the developer of the Carthage Lumber Land once but not been able to set up other meetings with regard to open space etc.

Library Board of Trustees: Reported that they are working toward a new library. Are working with the Selectmen and town officials to set up a building committee.

Fire Dept./EMS: Chief Birkemose reported that want to actively seek pricing for electrical hookups for generators. Has funds in the capital improvement fund to cover this and would need to do both Central and South Station. Fire Station is a shelter site. Will have figures for next week. Also reminded citizens that they have to get their house numbers up, check your chimney if burning wood, have furnace cleaned and change batteries in your detectors. Also requested that if at all possible shovel walkways and driveways. Makes it much easier for them if they have to respond to an emergency. Reported that street signs are still disappearing and it makes it hard if they get a call for service. He is working with the CEO, Road Commissioner and Water District in a Site Plan Meeting held regularly. Discussed a recent fire at the high school. Chief Birkemose agreed to write a report on the incident and submit to the school board and Selectmen. Eric recommended sending the Fire Chief to the next school board meeting and address this issue with them. Mike McAlevey questioned seeking legal action against the school officials for not reporting.

Saco River Community Television Corp.: Reported that they are going along normally. Passed a budget \$3,000-\$4,000 more than last year.

Cable TV Committee: Reported that they are dormant until another franchise agreement is due.

METV Committee: Reported that they have formed an advisory committee and hired someone part-time to record the meetings.

Finance Committee: Reported that they have reelected Dave Fedrizzi as chairman. Will be meeting tomorrow to begin reviewing budgets.

Fair Hearing Committee: Mike reported that he is acting chair and they have not met this year.

Public Safety Committee: Reported that they would like to see agendas for all committees in one spot on the new web site. Mike McAlevey elected as Chairman with Paul Verrell as Vice Chair. Reviewed their charge and signed off. Looked at a request to purchase a vehicle. Approved this request to go to referendum but recommend this be for the ACO only. Stated that they have some concerns and suggested running Motor Vehicle and criminal checks on all part-time and full-time employees. Will be meeting the second Monday of every month.

General Discussion: Willis reported that they have formed a committee of 10 towns and are meeting once a month. Have a sub-committee looking into trash disposal. Questioned the status of a lawsuit challenging the growth ordinance and was reported that nothing has been received from the attorney yet.

Council Meeting adjourned.