

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2004

PRESENT: Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Doug Foglio Sr., Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Clint Andrews, Charlie Brown and Owens McCulloch of Sebago Tech., Paul Kussman, Denise & Dean Waterhouse, Chauncey Gerry, Frank Allen, Paul Verrell, Sr., Kevin Nelson, Dwayne Woodsome, Diane Herrle and Dale Witman.

Selectman Lord declared the meeting open at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a Public Hearing regarding the York County Budget to be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse in Alfred-- second floor.

APPOINTMENTS:

Paul Kussman stated that the Transfer Station Committee met with Sebago Tech. last Wednesday to review the cost estimates. The written report was not the same as the verbal report and the cost estimates came in much greater than expected. They can reduce the cost by scaling back on some of the amenities and are meeting tomorrow evening to do this. Reported that this needs to go out to bid by the end of this month. Charlie Brown reported that he presented the committee with a cost estimate on the conceptual plan. As of January 14th had nothing in writing giving them direction. Owens became involved making recommendations as he has done numerous solid waste projects. Owens stated that both options have their merits. He feels that the drive by provides many long term solutions and understands that the cost estimate is higher than what's available. They did include his opinion but it is ultimately up to the town. Willis stated that the second option costed out wasn't the building they were asked to cost out. Owens stated that they were asked to cost out two options, felt from an operational standpoint that the drive by would be more efficient. Paul stated that the drive through offers more storage space and provided more management and over-sight. Charlie stated that a majority of what was in the written report was from Brian Yerations notes as he had worked on it for three months. Eric stated that he read the report and found no recommendations. Also stated that the committee made the decision for a drive through building some time ago so the people have already made the decision. Doug stated that the people have not made their decision only a group of people and also felt that they are a long way from making a decision. Eric questioned their projections ten years out and Owens explained that was the reason for recommending three lanes for traffic instead of two. They were trying for maximum flexibility in the future. Discussed traffic flow. Doug expressed concern that all the costs have not been figured in. Paul stated his exception to this statement because the committee has worked very hard and considered these things. They are still in the process of finalizing everything. Doug also stated that he is not convinced that this form of recycling is going to save a lot of money. Paul expressed concern that the board is divisive and that's a serious problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussed a citizen throwing hot ashes into the container at the Transfer Station which then caught on fire. Had to have the fire dept. come out and the facility was shut down for two hours. Clint explained that you can put these in the burn pit for no cost. Eric stated that if it happens again and they can prove who did it they will be charged for the fire call.
2. Discussed moving Selectmen's Meeting because of Eric's new schedule. Doug suggested alternating night and day meetings. Eric stated that they can discuss further on the 24th. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to hold a meeting a meeting on Monday, Feb. 23rd at 9 a.m. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Willis reported that Hazel Stevens will take \$24,500 for the equipment and containers but wants to get out of the hauling. Reviewed costs over a six-month period. Eric reported that Clint projects a savings of \$27,000 but he feels we should offer a new contract to Mrs. Stevens as he is not convinced there will be a huge cost savings only more problems. Doug stated that he feels they

should buy out Steven's and take total control of our Transfer Station. Discussed transportation costs. Frank stated that we will pay for the service, if you want them available to haul on Saturdays they will do it but we will pay for that. Clint stated that had it been up to him they would have bought the equipment a long time ago. Clint reported that the biggest cost savings will be in hauling. Frank stated that the hauling should be put out to bid for comparable service. Feels that Doug has enough experience in hauling to write up the specs. Clint to work with Nancy to prepare this. Eric stated that this should have gone through the Transfer Station Committee.

2. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to sign End of Life Contract. Voted. Passed.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

1. Announced the Democratic Caucus to be held at the town hall on Sunday, February 8th at 2 p.m.
2. Dale Witman reported on the proposed York County Budget. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th at 7 p.m. at the courthouse. The Commissioners recommendations amounted to a 9 1/2% increase and the budget committee's recommending a 2 3/4% increase. Reported that the Sheriff's Dept. and Communications will be present at the hearing to plead for a reduction in the cuts to their budgets. Also stated that his term expires in September and would like to see some new blood in this position.

OTHER

1. Willis read an announcement of a meeting to be held on Thursday, February 5th at 6 p.m. at RWS. He will be attending.
2. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to accept the minutes of 1/27/04 as read. Voted. Passed.
3. Reported that the new Web page will be up later this week. They will be coming in from Virtual Town Hall on Thursday to train the staff on updating the pages.
4. Doug read reminders.
5. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to go into Executive Session to review the Employee Review Format at 8:45 p.m. Voted. Passed.
6. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9 p.m.
7. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to use the folder as presented on all evaluations. Voted. Passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills & Payroll

1. End of Life Contract

APPROVED:

Date _____
