

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2004

PRESENT: Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Douglas Foglio, Sr., Pam Witman, Clint Andrews, Chauncey Gerry, Mike DeAngelis, Bob Gobeil, Russ Lowell, Wendy Carter, Jack Seery, Brigit McCallum, Dale Witman and David Woodsome.

Selectman Lord opened the meeting at 7 pm. Read the Dog Notice informing citizens of the increase in fines. Reported that currently there are 400 dogs not registered this year that were last year. The 10 Town Group met last night and discussed the Polasky plan. Alfred has a formula, which showed that if this passes they would have only \$10,500 left after their school payment to run the municipality. Will work out using this formula for Waterboro but deeply concerned that we will not have even enough to pay the school payment.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mike DeAngelis reported that he has received bids from A1 as well as G & F. The service with A1 has been fine but as the price is within \$5.00 would prefer to use someone locally. The contract with A1 has expired. After Memorial Day he will have 5 portables located throughout town. Reported that the bids are for two years. Doug suggested a failure to fund clause in the contract where it is a multi-year contract. Mike to ad to the contract and will come back next week. Discussed the Watershed Steering Committee and reported that they need one more person to participate. They will be redoing the survey done back in 1997. This process will help to get grant money. They will be meeting again on May 15th. Discussed a recent mil-foil summit. He has the cost share application and will be submitting this week. Hope to acquire a grant for \$2,000 to help cover the cost of the inspections at the boat launch.

Wendy Carter addressed the board proposing a five member board by way of a charter adjustment. Suggested that this would enable the board to hold regularly scheduled meetings. Stated that it is unfair to the citizens to continuously change the meetings because of conflicts with schedules of members of the board. Doug felt that perhaps they should form a new Charter Commission to review but felt that less than one year into it is a bit t soon. Eric stated that he has felt that it should have been five members from the beginning but also agreed that perhaps it is to soon. Didn't believe that the board can change the charter and feels that there are more than this one issue that needs to be addressed. Doug felt this should be discussed in a workshop in the very near future.

Dale Witman addressed the board regarding an illegal meeting held a couple of months ago. Stated that in a recent meeting the board denied it was an illegal meeting and Selectman Herrle had stated that there was no such law. Dale presented the board with excerpts from the Maine Municipal Officers Manual and also encouraged them to attend the workshops offered by MMA. The excerpts are from Chapter 6 which covers the Right To Know Law. He reviewed what constitutes a meeting as well as the required documentation of such meetings. Did request an admission that this did occur. Selectman Herrle stated that it did and he personally will never do it again and that he did appreciate Dale providing the documentation as was requested in that previous meeting. Stated that after that meeting he had himself done some research and found the Dale was correct. Dale stated that his only reason for coming back was that he feels that it needs to be admitted that it was an illegal meeting and can then be put behind them. Selectman Lord stated that there was no town business done at that meeting. Dale stated that the Transfer Station Committee was present and they are a town committee. When doing town business it needs to be done in the open. Selectman Herrle stated that he did not intend to do anything illegal and that Dale is 100% correct. Dale stated that he agrees that everyone makes mistakes as long as you learn from it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed the fee structure at the Transfer Station. Selectman Herrle felt that if you are going to have a fee structure it should cover the towns cost. Discussed at length the stump dump. Clint stated that the fee does cover the cost of what's brought in through the gate but not what other town depts. bring in.

Reviewed the new stickers and rates. Doug suggested discussing this in a workshop and bringing back next week.

2. Willis read a new request from a social service, UCB for \$400. They are located in Bangor and no one has any information on the organization. This needs a unanimous vote of the board to place on the warrant as it is past the deadline. Willis suggested that they wait until next year at this point. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to send to the Finance Comm. Vote 3-0.
3. Discussed the town report dedication. Discussed dedicating it to the towns oldest citizen. Discussed the silver bowl which used to be given to the oldest citizen. Doug didn't feel it should be something that they have to return when the citizen passes on. Discussed coming up with another tribute which would stay with the family. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to dedicate the town report to the oldest living resident in Waterboro and present them with a tribute. Will decide in the workshop what the tribute will be.
4. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to appoint Nancy Brandt as acting Town Administrator for a period not to exceed 180 days or until a new Town Administrator is seated. Voted. Passed.
5. Motion by Willis to appoint Frank Allen as Library Trustee. Motion seconded by Eric. Doug felt they should advertise. Brigit explained that they were in the process of changing their by-laws to reduce the number of members to 7. This appointment would give them 8 members which they could work with but would want to reduce to 7 when someone left the board. Will be difficult to operate with an even number of members. Discussed checking with Frank to see if he would be willing to serve on the building committee instead. Withdrew the motion and second. Will address the change in the by-laws at the next meeting.
6. Scheduled a workshop with dept. heads and the treasurer to discuss the billing process at 10 am on Tuesday, March 23rd at 10 am. Will meet at 9 am and hold a workshop to discuss other business first.
7. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to hold Candidates Night on Tuesday, April 6th. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed scheduling Selectmen's Meetings. Will meet on Tuesday, March 23rd and April 6th. Will schedule public hearings at 6:30 pm on April 6th but will have no agenda and the Selectmen's Meeting will be Candidates Night beginning at 7 pm. Will hold a workshop on Monday, Mar. 29th at 9 am and no Selectmen's Meeting that week. Will formulate a long term schedule for Selectmen's Meetings during the workshop on March 29th.
2. Scheduled workshop during discussion earlier in the meeting.
3. Discussed the request to purchase a town owned lot in Lake Arrowhead. Requested to find out if Lake Arrowhead is interested in the lot for any reason and if not will bring it back and send them a counter offer of \$1,000.
4. Discussed the bid request for hauling from the Transfer Station. Discussed removing Sunday hauling for the bid specs. as well as the weight clause. Doug felt it would be a grave error to remove the weight clause. Clint felt it should be removed only for the recycling materials but needs to be left in for the Transfer Station portion. Doug stated that they can always reject the bids and rewrite the specs if we feel it necessary. Will state that it can be any suitable vehicle to haul the other things. Eric agreed that you should put it out to bid as is and see where it goes from there. Doug felt the specs should include all destinations and all waste. Motion by Doug and seconded by Willis to put out to bid as discussed. Vote 2-0-1 with Eric abstaining as he was not present at the last meeting where it was voted on.

OTHER

1. Dale questioned if there will be an article on the warrant to wire the Town Hall for a generator. Explained that it is currently on the warrant to do one building and hope to get a grant to do the other building. Want to do both the Town Hall and Fire Station but the fire station is the priority.
2. Doug reported on the vault door and stated that we need a brand new one as it has to be ADA compliant. They will have to cut the wall which will cost approximately \$600. Total cost with installation will be approximately \$6,100. They can have the door in 5-6 weeks.

3. Discussed a walk through inspection of the Custom Transfer equipment. Eric didn't feel we should take it over on April 1st if we don't have the time to get everything done. Doug stated that the intent is only so we are aware of what we're buying. Will post that on Fri. and Sat. the Board of Selectmen and Transfer Station Committee members will be doing their inspection. Discussed the Transfer Station Stickers.
4. Motion by Doug and seconded by Willis to accept the minutes of 3/2/04 as written. Voted. Passed.
5. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to accept the minutes of 3/8/04 as written. Voted. Passed.
6. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to sign off on the Rescue Billing write offs. Voted. Passed.
7. Eric read reminders.

ADJOURNMENT:

Doug made the motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Eric seconded, voted-passed.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for Bills & Payroll
2. Minutes of 3/2/04
3. Lien Release Deeds
4. Rescue Billing write-offs

APPROVED:

Date _____
