

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2004

PRESENT: Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Douglas Foglio, Sr., Pam Witman, David Benton, Tom Cyr, Bob Gobeil, Chauncey Gerry, Pam L'Heureux, Teresa Lowell, Jason L'Heureux, Bob Fay, David Woodsome, Paul Kussman, Patti McIntyre, and Dwayne 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. Reported that the Transfer Station will be holding an informational meeting regarding the proposed Recycling Building on Thursday, March 25th in the Town Hall Annex at 7 pm.

APPOINTMENTS:

Peter Archambault was not present for his appointment with the Board of Selectmen.

Dave Benton addressed the board with his resignation from the Transfer Station Committee. Thanked the members of the committee for all their hard work and support while he was Chairman. Thanked Paul Kussman for the job he has been doing since taking over as Chairman. Stated that the town does need to head in this direction but is resigning because he does not agree with the building chosen and can not support it. Feels the committee was misinformed and that the public is being misinformed. No motion was made to accept the resignation.

Patti McIntyre, CEO, addressed the board regarding the proposed Shoreland Zoning change. Stated that this change only applies to the General Purpose Zone. Planning Board has recommended a 100' setback, DEP is recommending 75' and the requirement is only 25'. Teresa stated that the Planning Board felt that commercial use would be a higher impact therefore wanting to remain consistent with the 100' setback requirement. Willis stated that this is way over DEP requirements. Dwayne questioned if there will be a public hearing. Motion by Eric to hold a public hearing to discuss the general development district changes in the Shoreland Zoning within the limited residential district of the General Purpose zone. Motion seconded by Willis. Vote 2-0-1 with Doug abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reported that the last meeting of the Library Board of Trustees they voted to reduce the number of members from 9 to 7. Eric reported that Frank Allen withdrew his application for membership. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to reduce the number of members of the Library Board of Trustees from 9 to 7. Voted. Passed.
2. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to allow the acting Town Administrator to decide on the printing of the Town Report. Voted. Passed.
3. Discussed whether to close town buildings the day of Town Meeting, April 24th. Agreed that Town Hall will be open on the last Saturday of the month. Bob Fay questioned why every citizen doesn't have the opportunity to attend town meeting. Doug stated that a very small number of people attend anyway.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Postponed the vote on the Transfer Station recommendations on fees, stickers, etc. until they hold a workshop to discuss. Will vote at their next Selectmen's Meeting.
2. Agreed to make a counteroffer to the persons requesting to purchase the abutting lot in Lake Arrowhead for \$1,000. Will send out a letter.
3. Discussed wages for a part-time equipment operator. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to pay operator \$12.00 per hour with the rate to take effect on April 15th. Voted. Passed. Will advertise for an operator.

OTHER

1. Discussed the petition submitted by citizens requesting that the Board of Selectmen reconsider their decision to remove Town Administrator, Nancy Brandt from her position. Eric stated that per the town attorney you can't do referendum questions for personnel issues but appreciated the feelings. Dwayne requested that they read the letter from the attorney and post it on the towns web-site. Eric read the letter. Also discussed the web-site.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Paul Kussman questioned the status of the lake level. Dave Benton stated that it is regulated by a town meeting vote from 1969 which states after ice out. Doug stated that you can't raise the water with all that ice on the lake, it would do a tremendous amount of damage. Recommended closing the gates as soon as the ice is at an acceptable level.

Pam L'Heureux reported that she needs a workshop to add a terrorism annex to her emergency plan but will wait until after town meeting

Dwayne Woodsome questioned if the signatures have been verified on the petition. Eric stated that if it is not a valid petition there would be no reason to waste the towns money paying someone to verify the signatures. Dwayne also requested that a date be set for the hearing on the zoning change.

Eric read reminders.

Reported that they will set the date for the hearing in their workshop on Monday when they schedule the Selectmen's Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Doug made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Eric seconded, voted-passed.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for Bills & Payroll
2. Minutes of 3/8/04
3. Concealed weapon applications

APPROVED:

Date _____
