

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2004

PRESENT: Douglas Foglio, Sr., Robert Fay, Nancy Brandt, Wendy Carter, David Benton, David Woodsome, Paul Kussmann, Teresa Lowell, Earl Heathcock, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Willis Lord, Don Boilard, Clint Andrews

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 Failed to show

7:15 Clint indicated that RWS is raising the cost of removing town household waste from \$9361.83 per month to \$16,394.02 per month. This reflects an additional \$7032.19 per month for the removal of household waste and does not include the costs of trucking. This equates to \$196,728.24 per annum. Clint stated that the town will be significantly over budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Bob and seconded by Doug to appoint Nancy Brandt as Town Administrator. Discussion followed with questions from Paul Kussmann. Doug declared the line of questions out of order. The original motion was voted upon and passed.
2. Motion by Bob and seconded by Doug to appoint Patti Berry as acting Town Administrator in the absence of Nancy Brandt. Voted on the motion. Passed.
3. The Purchase Order Policy has been delayed until the next Selectmen's meeting.
4. Motion by Bob and seconded by Doug to appoint Frank Birkemose as Fire chief for a term of one year. Voted. Passed.
5. Motion by Bob and seconded by Doug to appoint Patti Berry as Code Enforcement Officer and Butch Gannett as alternate CEO. Voted. Passed.
6. Motion by Doug and seconded by Bob to set the mil rate at the Selectmen's meeting on August 3, 2004. Voted. Passed.
7. Motion by Doug and seconded by Bob to accept the Water District Contract. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. No committee appointments. The Planning Board interviews will be completed on Wednesday evening, July 21, 2004

OTHER

1. Doug reviewed the meeting of the "10 Town" Selectmen who met here on Monday evening. An attorney spoke to the group regarding increasing fees in order to meet the needs of towns should the Palesky bill pass in the November election. All fees need to be adopted before November 2, 2004. Should the Palesky bill fail to pass the town fee increases can be revoked. Dave Benton questioned the reconvening of the Impact Fee Committee. Bob Fay indicated that this is not necessary at this time but that Southern Maine Regional Planning may be consulted to explore this fee situation. He did conclude that

there are a variety of fees that could be put into place. It was further mentioned that the citizens are upset about taxes and that increasing fees is not the answer to fund town expenditures. Bob stated that the Charter allows the Selectmen to set fees and is not necessary to place this as a vote before the people. Doug indicated that the school budget increases yearly and does not know whether the schools are also bound by the controls in spending that the municipalities will need to meet. The August 12th agenda will allow for a discussion on the division of funds. The exact date of the implementation of the Paleski issue is in dispute. Even though some services may need to be cut back there are still essential services that will need to be funded in some fashion. There will be a Public Hearing in 2 weeks dedicated to a discussion on the reduction of the mil rate for citizens and businesses. This information will be put on the website. Bob added that at the next "10 Town" meeting, August 18th, Selectmen will meet with school officials to discuss the possibilities and eventualities of the passage of this article. Doug said that the Selectmen will report to the public as decisions are being made and issues are discussed. Clint suggested that department heads submit questions that can be discussed at the meeting with the other Selectmen and attorneys when they meet in August.

2. Doug indicated that when the Selectmen go into Executive Session the outcome will be reported at the start of the **next week's** Selectmen's meeting.
3. Motion by Bob to accept the minutes of July 15. Voted. Passed.
4. Bob read the reminders.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Immediately following the close of the business of the public Selectmen's meeting at 7:55p.m. the Selectmen heard two cases for request for tax abatement.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Session closed at 8:10 p.m. and the motion by Bob to adjourn the Selectmen's meeting was seconded, voted and passed.

SIGNED:

1. Minutes of July 15, 2004

APPROVED:

Date _____
