

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2004

ATTENDING: Douglas Foglio, Sr., Robert Fay, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Willis Lord, Patti Berry, Wendy Carter, Chauncey Gerry, David Woodsome, Gary Fecteau, David Benton, Richard Pinette, Larry Jacobsen, Earl Heathcock, Jerry Daigle, David Chauvette, Clint Andrews, Don Boilard, Mike McAlevy, John & Donna Mahoney and residents of Ricker Lane neighborhood

Selectman Foglio called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Selectmen Foglio opened the public hearing on the Charter Amendment Referendum Questions. Willis explained why he requested the charter change for a 5 member Board of Selectmen. Discussed districts. Selectman Fay explained that both he and Selectman Foglio are opposed to a 5 member board but want to allow the citizens the opportunity to make this decision. Regarding Question # 2 to have newly elected Selectmen take office immediately, Selectman Foglio explained that he and Selectman Fay put this on. They hope to eliminate the lame duck issue. Explained that question #3 increases the Road Commissioners term to 3 years instead of 2 and changes the term expiration for all elected officials to expire at the first regular Selectmen's Meeting following the election. Public Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

Jerry Daigle, Assessor's Agent, explained the Homestead Exemption and Circuit Breaker Act. Explained that the Homestead Exemption is a reduction in the individuals tax bill and only has to be applied for one time providing they don't move. If the Palesky Tax Cap passes this may be eliminated. Reported that two-thirds of Waterboro residents do have this exemption. Explained that the Circuit Breaker is based on income and comes directly to the individual. This is available to anyone including renters and does not have to go towards the person's tax bill. If Palesky passes this will probably be expanded. Person's can qualify for both programs. The deadline for the Circuit Breaker Program is January 3, 2005 and you receive your refund within 4-6 weeks if you qualify.

John and Donna Mahoney, representing the residents of Ricker Lane addressed the board requesting No Parking signs on Ricker Lane. Stated that it is too narrow for vehicles to be parked on both sides or even one side. Read from the Zoning Ordinance with regard to parking on roadways and required parking areas for businesses. Requested that the signs be installed on the residential end of the road only. David Benton, Road Commissioner, stated that he has measured the road and it is 19' 6" which is only 6" less than any other road in town. Stated that parking on the side is not a problem at all during the summer and in winter if no oncoming traffic would not be a problem for the snow plows. Sheriff's Dept. reported the same findings. Selectman Foglio stated that the town does have a parking ordinance which would have to be changed. The only way to change an ordinance is by holding a public hearing first. Stated that even if they installed these signs, without a change in the ordinance it would be unenforceable. Suggested sending to the Road Review Committee for their opinion then could schedule a public hearing. Dependent upon the outcome of the Public Hearing, the Selectmen could then vote in the change. Explained that regarding the speed limit there is also an ordinance which is 35 MPH on all town roads. Explained that in order to change the speed limit requires an engineer to review and make a recommendation. The state will not honor a change without an engineer therefore making it unenforceable. Mr. Mahoney expressed concern over visibility exiting onto West Road and requested no parking between 3 and 4 p.m. on West Road for buses to unload. Selectman Foglio explained that after next week there will not be another Selectmen's Meeting until the second Tuesday in October. Will notify the Road Review Committee to review these requests. Jane Harriman, Sullies Pub & Grille explained that she has petitioned the state for a second entrance into her parking lot off West Road to help alleviate this problem. Discussed installing Slow Children Playing signs as well as signs indicating a town plow turnaround so that people might use that instead of individual driveways. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to install two Slow Children Playing signs and a public turnaround sign and to also raise the dead end sign. Voted. Passed.

David Benton, Road Commissioner reported that he received one bid for the Crushing from Foglio, Inc. for \$4.25 per cu. Yd. Road Commissioner accepted this bid.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Nancy Brandt, Town Administrator reported that the vault doors are due in this week. Also that the 2005 increase in valuation will be \$68,950,000. Selectman Foglio explained the Palesky Tax Cap and it's effects on Waterboro. Also discussed the schools impact on Waterboro taxes. Will be putting information on the web site to educate the public on Palesky.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Foglio to accept the resignation of Doug Blackwell from the Saco River Corridor Commission with regret. Voted. Passed. Thanked him for his service on the commission as well as all his work in Lake Arrowhead with the water testing.
2. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Foglio to appoint Steve Harlow to the Saco River Corridor Commission to complete the term of Doug Blackwell. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Foglio to appoint Amy Beth Brandt-Lucarelli and Anthony Lucarelli to the Conservation Commission. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Foglio to appoint Richard Pinette to the Assessing Board of Review. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by selectman Foglio to appoint Willis Lord as the RWS Representative. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Foglio to appoint Larry Jacobsen and David Woodsome to the Assessing Board of Review. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Foglio to dissolve the town report committee. Selectman Fay stated that they would welcome any contributions. Reported that they should have the audit by December 23rd to give to the Finance Committee along with the budget requests.

OTHER

1. Selectman Fay reported that Willis Lord has been elected to the York County Budget Committee.
2. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to accept the minutes of 9/14/04 as written. Voted. Passed.
3. Selectman Fay read the reminders of upcoming meetings and events.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Voted. Passed.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 9/14/04
2. Appointment papers

APPROVED:

Date _____
